

Sacred Harp Singsings

2002 & 2003

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Dear Singers and Friends of Sacred Harp,

We Sacred Harp people have again been blessed with a wonderful year of singing, fellowship, and friendship! We have gained new singers, and we have remembered in memorial lessons loved ones and friends whom we have had the privilege to know for years.

This “Directory and Minutes Book” is provided again this year with the help, cooperation, and support of so many. The secretaries who diligently record the proceedings of their singings, prepare their minutes, and promptly submit them are key contributors. We also appreciate the efforts and expertise of Chris Thorman and Carolyn Deacy in the key areas of production and printing. Also, each year a team of helpers works to pack boxes with the books that are then distributed to all of the singings throughout the country, and we thank each of them.

We have recorded information on the deaths of Sacred Harp singers since the 1996 publication. We have been urged by several to undertake the task of collecting and recording historical information on the deaths of Sacred Harp people who passed away before this time. A new example page is added in this year’s book on page 264 that we hope will serve to stimulate this project. We ask that you submit this historical information (name, date of birth, date of death, and burial location) on deceased Sacred Harp people to minutes@fasola.org.

We encourage secretaries to carefully review the instructions on the following two pages before submitting your minutes. When possible, please submit your minutes electronically. Also, please submit your minutes in the same month as your singing. Please note that the price for minutes that are shipped has increased this year to \$40 per day. The price for minutes that you pick up has not changed.

Again, thank you for your encouragement and help. We pray that you will continue to support Sacred Harp with your gifts, talents, and works. We appreciate the contributions of all of you who support Sacred Harp singing in so many ways.

May God Bless,
Shelbie Sheppard
Jeff Sheppard
David Ivey

HOW TO SUBMIT MINUTES

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

- **Name/Location/Date/Time** Please start the minutes with exactly three lines showing: 1) the name of the singing, 2) the location, and 3) the calendar date(s) on which it was held.
- **Breaks** Please indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized and on a line by themselves.
- **Two-Day Singings** Indicate the start of a second or third day of singing with the day and date spelled out on a line by itself.
- **Names** Please try to verify the spellings of all names. Do not put state names or abbreviations after singers' names. Do not insert commas between the name and the first song number.
- **Song Numbers** Please list songs only by number. List the name of a song only if the song does not appear in *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. If two songs begin on the same page, be sure to add "t" for top or "b" for bottom to the page number. For example: 31t or 49b. If a particular song is the only song beginning on its page, a "t" or "b" should not be used. For example: 306 (not 306b).
- **Memorial Lesson** When listing those memorialized, please indicate the state of origin and year of death if known. If convenient, list those from the same state together.
- **Officers** Please list the new officers at the end of the minutes, ending with the name of the secretary who is submitting the minutes.
- **Payment** Each singing must pay a fee to appear in the minutes. The fee entitles the singing to receive 10 copies of the minutes book per singing day. Minutes received without payment will not appear in the book.
- **Fees** \$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
617 Ayers Drive
Anniston, AL 36207
(256) 237-1240

COMPUTER INSTRUCTIONS

If possible, please use a computer to prepare your minutes and send them to us by e-mail at minutes@fasola.org.

- **Before You Start** First read *How to Submit Minutes* on page 3, and follow the instructions. If your minutes are not formatted correctly, we may have to re-type them.
- **No Formatting** Do not use bold, italics, underline, or other special formatting. Do not center the title. Do not type the title in upper case. We will add these formatting elements later.
- **Hard Returns** Never insert returns in the middle of a paragraph—instead, allow paragraphs to wrap to the full column width. Include hard returns (also called ¶ marks or line breaks) only at the end of paragraphs and single lines. Don't use two returns in a row to separate any paragraphs or single lines.
- **File Format** When done editing, please save the file in “Text Only” format (this will intentionally remove any special formatting you may have used, such as bold or italic). If your word processor offers a choice between Text Only and Text Only With Line Breaks—be sure to choose Text Only because Text Only With Line Breaks will insert unwanted hard returns into the file.
- **File Name** Save the file with the name of your singing. Add the extension “.txt”, indicating that it is a text file. For example: LibertyHomecoming.txt. Do not simply name it “minutes.txt”.
- **E-Mail Format** Send minutes to:. If you are certain that your e-mail program will not add unwanted hard returns, you can paste the minutes directly into the body of the e-mail. If you are unsure, please send the file as an attachment instead.
- **Always Send a Printout** Please 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.
- **Please Send Other Updates** In the same e-mail as the minutes, please send updates to your singing's directory entry, any local singing information, names & addresses, birthdays, etc.
- **Web Help** A web page with helpful hints, tools, and examples has been prepared for your reference at: <http://fasola.org/minutes/>
- **Questions** Please send any questions to minutes@fasola.org

SACRED HARP SINGINGS 2003 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

Note: Fifth Sunday singings are included here by their dates, and in addition are listed in a separate section starting on page 27, with explanations of the formulas for determining their dates.

January

First Sunday and Saturday before

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

Wed., 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 or daly@rff.org or <http://www.fsgw.org>

Sat., 4th—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. (1st Sat.)

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

Sun., 5th—Shady Grove Annual Singing—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs—Hwy. 195.

Sun., 5th—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., 11th, p.m.—Memorial Singing for Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church—Bordo Community (Walker County), Alabama—6 miles east of Jasper, Hwy. 69—Follow Hwy. 69 to Bordo—The church is on the right, next to the fire station. Always held each year on Saturday night before second Sunday in January.

Sun., 12th—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., 12th—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., 18th & Sun., 19th—All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Place to be announced—San Francisco Bay Area, San Francisco, California—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., both days—

Info: Laura Boyd Russell (310) 450-3516 russell_richard@smc.edu

Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th—Keystone Singing Convention—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Area—Place to be announced—

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

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Cowden Hall—Fort Worth (Tarrant County), Texas—Dutch Treat—9:30 a.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Info: David Music (817) 923-1921, ext. 6420—

Always the last Saturday in January.

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Baldwin County Cooper Book Singing—Bay Minette Church of Christ Fellowship Hall—Pine and First Street—Bay Minette, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Bill Hogan (334) 342-4137

Sun., 26th—Friendship Church—Winston County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—8 miles southeast of Haleyville—Off Hwy. 195 between mile markers #35 and 36—Turn west at church sign onto County Road 23—Go 1.1 miles and turn left—Go 1.8 miles and church is on left—Info: Parnell Berry (205) 486-5853

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Rotunda Singing—Alabama State Capitol—Bainbridge Street at Dexter Avenue—Montgomery, Alabama—Dutch Treat—Please bring a sack lunch—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Four books used: The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Cooper Revision/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp—

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

Sat., 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 Amoco service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun., 2nd—Uncle Bob Burnham Memorial—Recreation Center—Ladiga Street and Church Avenue—Jacksonville (Calhoun County), Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Driving north on Hwy. 21, Ladiga is the first street forming the city square—Turn right—Pass alley—Center is on the left at the corner of Ladiga and Church Avenue—Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch—Desserts are provided by the Burnham family—

Info: Ruth Brown (256) 831-2227

Sun., 2nd—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., 2nd—Lincoln's Birthday Singing—University of Chicago—Ida Noyes Hall—Chicago, Illinois—1:00 p.m.—(Note: this singing is in connection with Folk Festival and will alternate with first, second, or third Sunday)—

Info: Ted Mercer (773) 486-7400

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th—Memorial for Oralee Burns—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church—On Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—
Held on Saturday before the second Sunday in February each year.

Sat., 8th—Union University Singing—1050 Union University Dr., Jackson, Tennessee—Always on the second Saturday in February—
Info: Dr. Michael Penny (901) 661-5230—mpenny@buster.uu.edu

Sun., 9th—Roy Avery's Memorial (Birthday) Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Tallapoosa County, Alabama—3 miles southwest of Daviston—Hwy. 22 to Daviston—Take County Road 79 south to crossroads—Church on right—From Alexander City—Hwy. 22 east to Germany Ferrys Road—Take right—Church on left.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th—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

Fri., 14th, Sat., 15th & Sun., 16th—Ohio State Convention—Fourth Avenue Christian Church—296 W. 4th Ave.—Columbus, Ohio—7:30 p.m., Friday—10:00 a.m., Saturday—9:30 a.m., Sunday—Columbus Alternative High School—2632 McGuffey Rd., Columbus—Always held on the third Sunday and Saturday before in February—

Info: Laura Russell (614) 297-2360—lrussell@ohiohistory.org—
Web: <http://www.math.ohio-state.edu/~econrad/ohio2003.html>

Sat., 15th & Sun., 16th—Pacific Northwest Convention—Washington—Sunset Hill Community Center—Ballard (neighborhood of Seattle), Washington—Singing school on Saturday, and all day singing on Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Info: David Hough (425) 452-0109—Karen Willard (360) 897-9545

Sun., 16th—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., 22nd—Cambridgeshire Sacred Harp Singing Day—Upwood, near Huntingdon—United Kingdom—
Info: Ian West—(44) 116 270 9702 emsacred_harp@hotmail.com

Sat., 22nd—New York State Regional (Utica Area)—Grace Episcopal Church—Waterville, New York—

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

Sat., 22nd—LSU Campus—St. Albans Chapel Parrish Hall—Corner of Darymple and Highland Street—Baton Rouge, Louisiana—9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—
Info: Wallace McKenzie (225) 924-0321—Brad Pope (225) 344-9648

Sat., 22nd—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—1965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—J.L. White/Eclectic Harmony/new music/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Just west of Columbia

Dr.—Approximately 1 mile west of I-285 at exit 44—

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

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Texas State Convention—College Station Conference Center—1300 George Bush Drive—College Station (Brazos County), Texas—Saturday—10:00 a.m.—Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Dutch Treat—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080

Sun., 23rd—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, Botanical Gardens—Athens (Clarke County), Georgia—Turn right at intersection of Highway 129 and 441 (Milledge Avenue Extension)—Go 1 mile to Botanical Garden sign—Turn right—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/ Social Harp books used—
Info: John Garst (706) 548-3910

March

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Pauline Creel Childers Birthday Singing—St. Mary Catholic Church—34530 Michigan Avenue—Wayne, Michigan—9:30 a.m. EST—Turn north off I-94 at Wayne Road (Exit 196)—Go 4 miles north on Wayne Road, one block past Michigan Avenue West to Sims—Turn right (east) on Sims—Church parking lot is 2-1/2 blocks on the right—

Info: Henry Schuman (734) 434-2030 or hcschuman@att.net

Sat., 1st—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—
Saturday—Amity United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill
Sunday—Page Walker Hotel, Cary—

Info: Lynda Hamburger—nhsslh@gwgate.bas.ncsu.edu

Sun., 2nd—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial—Ephesus School Auditorium—Ephesus (Heard County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—
On Georgia Hwy. 100.

Sun., 2nd—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., 8th—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh McGraw—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at Amoco service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—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., 8th & Sun., 9th—Smith County Convention—New Harmony Community Center—Smith County, Texas—Northwest of Tyler on Farmers Market Road 724 in the New Harmony community—Between State Hwy. 64 and 110—Saturday—10:00 a.m.—Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Cooper Revision—
Info: Myrl Jones (903) 593-0955—Myra Palmer (903) 882-5023

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—Place to be announced—Northampton, Massachusetts—
Info: Catherine Oss (413) 529-7160—wmshc@aol.com

Sun., 9th—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., 15th—Hoboken Annual Singing—Hoboken Elementary School Auditorium—Church Street—Hoboken (Brantley County), Georgia—9:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision—From U.S. 82 eastbound, turn north on Kelly (at the flashing caution light)—Cross railroad tracks—Turn left on Chicago and enter the parking lot of the school on the right—Info: David Lee (912) 458-2493

Sat., 15th, 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., 16th—Pilgrims Rest Primitive Baptist Church—Centerville (Houston County), Georgia—On Hwy. 96—Exit off I-75 at Houser's Mill exit—Go east on Hwy. 96 for 4 miles—Church on right—Please bring covered dish.

Sun., 16th—Garrison Memorial—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—Cooper Revision—From Hwy. 9 in Alpharetta, turn left (west) on Academy (aka Milton) for a block—Turn right on Canton—Follow Canton as it becomes Hopewell Road for about 5 miles to the four-way stop—Turn left to continue on Hopewell Road—Turn left on Birmingham Road—Church is about 2 miles from the intersection on the right.

Sun., 16th—Etowah County Sacred Harp 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)—Info: Bud Oliver (256) 523-3303

Sun., 16th—The Godsey Sisters Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—Shady Grove Church—Double Springs (Winston County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—3 miles north of Double Springs—On Hwy. 195.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Georgia State Convention—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Alpharetta, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Go GA 400 north to Exit #10 (Old Milton Parkway)—Turn right (going east)—Go 2.7 miles—Go past Chick Fil-A, which will be on your right—Turn left at red light on East Highway 120—Go 0.2 miles to the second left. This is actually the church driveway—Old Milton Parkway is approximately 12.5 miles from I-285.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th—Vermont State Singing—All Saints Church—Burlington, Vermont—Note: Singing is on Saturday before the last Sunday in March, unless it's Easter, when it's a week earlier—

Info: Dan Hertzler (802) 74-6963 danhertzler@valley.net

Sat., 29th—Higher Ground Singing—United Ministry Center—321 N. 7th Street—Terre Haute, Indiana—10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—

Info: Janet Fraembs (217) 345-6873—Marlen Rust (812) 336-2792

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Southwest Texas Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—McMahan (Caldwell County), Texas—Cooper Revision—On

Farmers Market Road 713—Between Bastrop and Luling—East of Lockhart—First fifth Sunday in the Spring (March or later)—

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

Sun., 30th—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. 2 miles north of Henagar on Liberty Road—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative—Turn right and go to dead end—Turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Road)—Church is on right, after 1.3 miles—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu

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

Sun., 30th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision
Info: Milton Morris (813) 986-4727

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 4th, Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th—Potomac River Convention—Pohick Church, Washington, D.C. area—

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

Sat., 5th—Fasola Omaha—Grace Lutheran Church—1326 South 26th Street—Omaha, Nebraska—9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—

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

Sat., 5th—Brazos River Convention—Conference Center—Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park—Washington (Brazos County), Texas—Cooper Revision—From Navasota—Take Hwy. 105 south for 7 miles—Turn left onto Farm-to-Market Road 1155 to the Park—Donation and RSVP requested for catered picnic or bring a lunch—Always the Saturday before the first Sunday in April—Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080 or gaylon@flash.net

Sat., 5th—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh McGraw—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at Amoco service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun., 6th—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—Hwy. 9—one mile north of Bruce—The church is on the right.

Sun., 6th—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Six miles east of Heflin—Just off U.S. Hwy. 78.

Sun., 6th—Old Enon Church—Winston County, Alabama—North of Lynn—9:30 a.m.—From U.S. 278 in Natural Bridge—Take Hwy. 5 towards Lynn—Turn left on County Road 25—Go approximately 1 mile—Turn right at the sign for Old Enon Church—If singing date falls on Easter Sunday, the singing will not be held that year.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 11th p.m.—6:30 p.m. ET—Antioch Baptist Church—Birthday Singing—Haralson County, Georgia—South of Tallapoosa—On Old 100 Hwy.—From I-20 take exit #5 for Georgia Hwy. 100 and go south—Turn right on Carlton Johnson Road (at J&J/Don's Shoppette) to Old Hwy. 100—Turn left—The church is on the left—Friday night before the second Sunday in April.

Sat., 12th—State Line Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:00 a.m. CT—From west to east—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to the Georgia State Line—*immediately* turn around and come back to first road to the right—Go to the next road which will be dirt (County Road #207) and turn right—Go approximately 500 yards and church will be on left—If you are coming from the east—Go to Georgia State Line and follow the same directions.

Sat., 12th—William Walker Memorial Singing—Burwell Building—Wofford College—North Church Street—Spartanburg, South Carolina—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Christian Harmony—Voted to have singing on Saturday before second Sunday in April—Info: John Bullard (803) 582-8589

Sat., 12th—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

Sun., 13th—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., 13th—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.

Sun., 13th—Palm Sunday Singing—Finstock Village Hall—United Kingdom—Info: Bernard Collard—BernardCollard@lineone.net

Third Sunday and Saturday before (Easter Weekend)

Sat., 19th—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., 19th—New York Regional - Rochester Area—Fairport, New York—St Luke's Episcopal Church—

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

Sun., 20th—Easter Sunday

Sun., 20th—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., 20th—Old Harmony—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30

a.m.—Approximately 10 miles east of Heflin—Take Exit 210

(Ranburne/Muscadine, exit-formerly Abernathy exit) off I-20—Take first road on right (County Road 60)—Go 1 mile—Church on right.

Sun., 20th—Pine Grove Church—Lookout Mountain—Near

Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Take I-59 and turn east on Hwy. 68 (exit 205)—Follow signs to U.S. 11—Go south on U.S. 11—Look for sign to church between mile markers 210 and 211 (turn is almost directly in line with mile marker 211)—Info: Bud Oliver (256) 523-3303

Sun., 20th—Smyrna Homecoming—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., 26th—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., 26th—Tyler County Singing—Cherokee Church, Heritage Village Museum—Woodville, Texas—2 miles west of U.S. 190/U.S. 69 intersection on U.S. 190—Cooper Revision—Dutch Treat—
Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080

Sat., 26th—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., 26th—Friends Meeting House—Whiteman and President Street—Yellow Springs, Ohio—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—U.S. 68 to Yellow Springs, 4 blocks south of downtown—East on Whiteman to “T”—See building to right—Singing is on a set date, first Saturday after Easter—Info: John Bealle (513) 861-1137
Web: <http://www.math.ohio-state.edu/~econrad/fasola.html>

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Harrod’s Creek Shape Note Singing Convention—Harrod’s Creek Baptist Church—Brownsboro, Kentucky—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Held on the weekend before the first Saturday in May (because of Derby weekend)

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

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

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

Info: Robert Meek (502) 893-2190

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention—Village Hall—Kegworth, Leicestershire—United Kingdom—0.5 miles SE of M1 junction 24—5 minutes from East Midlands Airport and 45 minutes from Birmingham International Airport—For directions, travel, and accommodation details, contact Helen Brown 44 1332 768274 or em_sacredharp@hotmail.com

Sun., 27th—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., 27th—Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church—Near Snead—Blount County, Alabama—From the junction of U.S. 278 and Hwy. 75 in Snead—Drive south 4.7 miles, passing mile marker #39—Turn left, east, on Wilson’s Chapel Road (Glass Grocery is on the right)—Church is 0.3 miles on the right.

Sun., 27th—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., 27th—Pine Grove Church Singing—Henderson, Texas—Off Farm to Market Road 2867 on County Road 364, southeast of Henderson—(Cooper Revision)—Info: John or Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

Sun., 27th—Shiloh Museum of Ozark History—118 West Johnson Avenue—Springdale, Arkansas—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Info: Susan Young (501) 750-8165—syoung@springdaleark.org

Sun., 27th—The Big Singing—Benton, Kentucky—William Walker's—Southern Harmony

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—Burritt On The Mountain—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—ivey@asc.edu—<http://community.al.com/cc/hsvfasola>

Sat., 3rd—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh McGraw—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at Amoco service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun., 4th—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Take Hwy. 27 south through Carrollton—Go 2 miles and turn right on Oak Grove Church Road—Go to cross roads (or 1st street) and turn left.

Sun., 4th—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun County), Mississippi—Hwy. 341—South of Reid.

Sun., 4th—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., 4th—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

Sun., 4th—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., 10th—Furman University Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony Singing—Herring Pavillon, Furman Campus—Greenville, South Carolina.

Sat., 10th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church—Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington.

Sun., 11th—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles south of Nauvoo, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—West of Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—There is a sign for the church on Hwy. 11—

Info: Jimmie Gilmore (205) 221-4251

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 16th p.m. & Sat., 17th—Garden State Singing Convention—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Upper Montclair, New Jersey—Friday night singing school precedes convention—

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

Sat., 17th—Los Angeles Regional Singing—San Pedro, California—

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

Sat., 17th—Mattox Memorial—City Administration Building—Lawrenceburg, Tennessee—10:00 a.m.—Info: Clayton Ezell (931) 762-8267

Sat., 17th—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.

Sun., 18th—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—3.5 miles east of Heflin on U.S. Hwy. 78.

Sun., 18th—Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—On Highway 36—Approximately 5 miles west of I-75—Take either High Falls Exit or Barnesville/Jackson Exit #102 and go west toward Barnesville—Please bring a covered dish to share.

Sun., 18th—Concord Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—10:00 a.m.—West of Hwy. 32 at Ellard—In Ellard—Take County Road 23 west to church.

Sun., 18th—Sardis Church—Lynn Park, Alabama—Turn off Hwy. 78 between Jasper and Sumiton onto River Road—Go 0.2 miles—You will see the church to your left on the banks of Black Warrior River.

Sun. 18th—Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Off Hwy. 75—Turn right at Blount County line and follow signs.

Sun., 18th—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., 24th—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.

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Midwest Convention—Place to be announced—Chicago, Illinois—9:15 a.m.—

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

Sun., 25th—Gum Pond Decoration Day Singing—Gum Pond Church (Morgan County), Alabama—18 miles northeast of Cullman—On Gum Pond Road near Eva—Drive south on Hwy. 67 from Pence through Florette—Watch for Gum Pond Road on the right—There is a sign for the church there—Turn right—The church is on the left in Gum Pond.

Sun., 25th—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., 25th—Doss Memorial—Sardis Baptist Church—Morris (Jefferson County), Alabama—3 miles west of Hwy. 31 at Morris on Old Sardis Road.
Mon., 26th—Memorial Day—Jack C. Smith Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Oakhurst Baptist Church—222 East Lake Drive—Decatur, Georgia—Morning session, The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, evening session from different hymn books that will be provided (let host know if you will be staying for evening session so he can make arrangements to have enough books)—Info: John Plunkett (404) 371-1057

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., May 31st—Northern Shenandoah Valley—Berryville, Virginia—Set date of Saturday before first Sunday in June—

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

Sat., May 31st—Brattleboro All Day Singing—First United Methodist Church—Brattleboro, Vermont—Saturday before the first Sunday in June.

Sat., May 31st & Sun., June 1st—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at Amoco service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun., 1st—Liberty Decoration Day Singing—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—10:00 a.m.—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to the Farmer Telephone Cooperative—Turn right and go to dead end—Turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church onto Liberty Road—Church on right, after 1.3 miles—

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

Sun., 1st—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church—Yalobusha County, Mississippi—Hwy. 32—10 miles west of Bruce.

Sun., 1st—Fellowship Church—Memorial Singing—Cullman County, Alabama—8 to 10 miles west of Cullman just off Hwy. 278.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—New York State Regional—Altamont—Altamont Masonic Hall—138 Maple Avenue (Route 146)—Altamont, New York—10:00 a.m.-4:00

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

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—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., 8th—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., 8th—Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church—Cullman County, Alabama—13 miles northeast of Cullman—On Hwy. 69—Cullman to Arab—The church is on the south side of the highway.

Sun., 8th—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—3 miles north of Derma.

Sun., 8th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—On Hwy. 44—Old Fayette Road.

Sun., 8th—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Carroll County, Georgia—1 mile east of Villa Rica, off Hwy. 78—Take exit #26 off of I-20 and go north—Turn left on Hwy. 78 for 0.5 miles—Turn right on Conners Road—Cross railroad tracks—Church is on right.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 12th, Fri., 13th & Sat., 14th—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Trinity United Methodist Church—1400 Oxmoor Road—Birmingham, Alabama—Homewood area, I-65 and Hwy. 31—1.5 miles east of I-65—From I-65—Take Exit 256-B (Oxmoor Road) East—Cross major intersection and Palisades Mall (on left), then get in far right lane as Oxmoor angles off to the right—Follow through several traffic lights—Trinity Church is on the left past Dawson Memorial Baptist.

Sat., 14th—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., 14th—Exeter All Day Singing—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse—Exeter Township—Berks County, Pennsylvania—U.S. 422 to Baumstown—Follow signs to Daniel Boone Homestead—Continue past homestead 1 mile to Meetinghouse Road—Left on Meetinghouse Road 0.2 miles to Meetinghouse on right—Set date of the second Saturday in June—Info: Ted Stokes (610) 689-4083

Sun., 15th—Zion Hill Homecoming Singing—Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church—Brachfield (Rusk County), Texas—10:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision—About 12 miles southeast of Henderson—Take Farm to Market Road 840 to Brachfield from Henderson—Turn right at the Welch Cemetery on Farm to Market Road 1798 (aka County Road 368)—Church is on the left—Info: John or Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

Sun., 15th—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., 15th—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., 15th—Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church—Oaky Hollow Road—Near Empire—Walker County, Alabama—From Sumiton—Take Empire Road north. The road becomes Oaky Hollow Road at the turn to Empire—Continue straight for 2 more miles—Church is on right.

Sun., 15th—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., 21st—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., 21st—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—Seacourt Hall—Botley, Oxford, England—Edwin/Sheila Macadam shelwin@lineone.net

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195.

Sun., 22nd—DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing—Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church—Intersection of Roberts Road and Spalding Drive—Dunwoody (DeKalb County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—From I-285, go Georgia 400 north for 5 miles—Exit at Northridge (Exit #6)—At stop sign, go straight across onto Roberts Drive—Church is approximately 1 mile at the corner of Roberts Drive and Spalding Drive—Motels are at exit #7.

Sun., 22nd—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., 22nd—Mt. Lebanon Church—Fayette County, Alabama—8 miles northwest of Fayette—Take State Highway 18 west from Fayette—Turn right, north, on State Highway 107—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn right on Mt. Lebanon Road (you will have passed Ballinger Road about midway)—There should be a sign—Church is on the left.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th & Sun. 29th—Maquoketa River Convention—Maquoketa River Watershed area, Northeaster, Iowa—Location TBA—

Info: Annie Grieshop grieshop@n-connect.net

Sun., 29th—Mount Pisgah—Sylvester (Worth County), Georgia—10 miles southwest of Sylvester—From I-75—Take Hwy. 112 to Ashburn and through Sylvester—Turn left on Evergreen/Doerun Road—Go 5.5 miles—Church on right—Always the second fifth Sunday each year.

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

July

First Sunday and Saturday before

Wed., July 2nd—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.

Friday, July 4th—Independence Day

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

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

Sat., 5th—Pioneer Valley Singing—Chapel of the First Congregational Church—Sunderland, Massachusetts—10:00 a.m. —Always held on Saturday before the first Sunday in July—Contact: Laura Timmerman (413) 773-8325—laurat@crocker.com

Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th—Henagar Union Convention—Liberty Church—Two miles north of Henagar—DeKalb County, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to Farmer Telephone Cooperative and turn right—Go to dead end, turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church onto Liberty Road—Go 1.3 miles—Church is on right—
Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu

Sun., 6th—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., 6th—Dutton, Green, and Jackson Memorial—New Flatwoods Church—Near Nauvoo—Walker County, Alabama—3 miles south of Nauvoo, and east of Hwy. 1—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri. p.m., 11th & Sat., 12th—Quebec Convention—Lennoxville, Quebec, Canada—Info: Victor Maltby.

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

Sun., 13th—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—Singing from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., preaching 11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon—Singing after lunch—J.L. White Book.

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

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

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 17th—Capitol City Shape Note Singing—Old Alabama Town, Grange Hall—310 North Hull Street—Montgomery, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—Bring a sack lunch for the noon lunch break—Sponsored by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture—Info: (334) 242-3601. Always the 3rd Thursday in July.

Sat., 19th—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., 19th—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., 19th p.m.—Elder Bernard Moon Memorial—Dorsey Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Bremen, Alabama—Cooper Book—Hwy. 69.

Sat., 19th—Michiana Regional—New Testament Baptist Church—Goshen, Indiana—Take State Road 15 south out of Goshen about 1 mile—Turn right (west) onto County Road 38—Church is approximately 3 miles on right
Info: Samuel Sommers (574) 294-6180 scmws@yahoo.com

Sat., 19th—Gwehelog, Nr Usk, Monmouthshire, Wales—
Info: Ken Baddley ken.baddley@ntlworld.com

Sun., 20th—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., 20th—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., 20th— Hillabee Convention—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston (Tallapoosa County), Alabama—3 miles southwest of Daviston—Hwy. 22 to Daviston—Take County Road 79 south to crossroads—Church on right—From Alexander City—Hwy. 22 east to Germany Ferrys Road—Take right—Church on left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 26th—Cotaco Convention—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Gum Pond (Morgan County), Alabama—18 miles northeast of Cullman on Gum Pond Road near Eva—Drive south on Hwy. 67 from Pence, through Florette—Watch for Gum Pond Road on the right—There is a sign for the church there—Turn right—The church is on the left (east) side of the road, in Gum Pond.

Sat., 26th—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., 26th & Sun., 27th—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., 27th—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.

Sun., 27th—Cherry Tree Singing—James Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Itawamba County, Mississippi—4 miles south of Hwy. 78 on State Line Road—East of Tremont.

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—Warrior River/Clear Creek Sacred Harp Convention—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Blount County, Alabama—6 miles east of Oneonta—1 mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I-59—Take Hwy. 231 north—Go beyond mile marker 249—Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church—Go to dead end—Turn right—Church is on left. 9:30 a.m.—*Saturday only.*

Sat., 2nd—Eugene Singing—Eugene, Oregon area—9:30 a.m.—
Info: Jim Brock (511) 345-9652—jbrock@pacinfo.com
First Saturday in August.

Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd—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., 3rd—Fayette County Convention—Kirkland Community Center—9 miles NW of Fayette, Alabama—Take State highway 18 west from Fayette—Turn right (north) on state highway 107—Go approximately 5 miles (about 1 mile north of the road leading to Mt. Lebanon Church Road), and the Center will be on the right on highway 107.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th—Calhoun County Musical Association—Mt. Herman Primitive Baptist Church—New Liberty Community, Mississippi—North on Hwy. 8—3 miles west of Vardaman—Between Derma and Vardaman.

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Community Center—South High Street—Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—Cooper Revision—Info: John/Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510
Sun., 10th—Friendship Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—8 miles southeast of Haleyville—Off Hwy. 195, turn south at church sign—Go 2 to 3 miles, church is on left. A new singing that was formerly held at Macedonia on this date.

Wednesday after second Sunday

Wed., 13th—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., 16th—Chattanooga Sacred Harp Singing—Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church—811 Runyan Drive—Chattanooga, Tennessee—9:30 a.m.—

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

Sat., 16th—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., 17th—Santa Cruz Regional—Santa Cruz, California—

Senior Citizens Opportunities—222 Market Street—

9:00 a.m., both days—Info: Kathleen Marie Pouls (831) 475-8885

Sun., 17th—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., 17th—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., 17th—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.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd—Bear Creek Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195.

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Mississippi State Convention—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church—North of Forest, Mississippi—7 miles north of Forest—On Hwy 21—Between Forest and Sebastopol—

Info: Mark Davis (601) 919-0209

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Lookout Mountain Convention—Pine Grove Church—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Take I-59—Turn east on Alabama Highway 68 (exit 205)—Follow signs to U.S. 11—Go south on U.S. 11—Look for sign to church between mile markers 210 and 211 (turn is almost in line with mile marker 211)—Info: Bud Oliver (256) 523-3303

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 30th—Young People's Singing Convention—Held at different locations—Fuller Cemetery—Ider, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Just off AL Hwy. 117—1 mile north from intersection of Alabama Hwys. 117 and 75—Church is

just west of AL Hwy. 117—Follow sign—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th.

Sat., 30th—Maiden Creek 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., 30th & Sun., 31st—Southwest Texas Convention—University Performing Arts and Conference Center, Southwest Texas State University—San Marcos, Texas—Fall Session—Cooper Revision—First fifth Sunday and Saturday of the fall (August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving—

Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080—Morris Nelms (512) 395-8397

Sun., 31st—Moon and Guthrie Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Near Sumiton—Jefferson County, Alabama—2.5 miles southeast of Sumiton—North of new Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78—Third fifth Sunday each year.

Sun., 31st—Lacy Memorial Singing—Fuller Cemetery—Ider, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Just off AL Hwy. 117—1 mile north from intersection of Alabama Hwys. 117 and 75—Church is just west of AL Hwy. 117—Follow sign—

Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—First fifth Sunday after July 4th.

Sun., 31st—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—Info: Milton Morris (813) 986-4727

Sun., 31st—Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing—Island Park—Geneva, Illinois—11:30 a.m.—Always the Sunday before Labor Day.

September

Labor Day, Monday, September 1

Mon., 1st (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.

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th—Mulberry River Convention—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton—North of New Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78

Sat., 6th—Oberlin Sacred Harp Singing—Christ Episcopal Church—162 South Main Street—Oberlin, Ohio—Held on Saturday after Labor Day—

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

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

Sun., 7th—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., 7th—Clear Creek Convention West—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—On Hwy. 44, Old Fayette Road.

Sun., 7th—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.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Off Hwy. 75—Turn right at Blount County line and follow signs. Info: Susan Harcrow (256) 632-3388

Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—UK Sacred Harp Convention—Place to be announced—Oxford, United Kingdom.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st—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.

Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st—Illinois State Convention—Charleston, Illinois—Location to be announced—This date will now be a fixed date...always the third Sunday and Saturday before.

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

Sun., 21st—B.F. White Sacred Harp Singing—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—J.L. White Book.

Sun., 21st—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., 21st—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., 27th—Mountain Heritage Day Singing—Administration Building—Western Carolina University—Cullowhee (Jackson County), North Carolina—10:30 a.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Christian Harmony—Info: Ed Smith (706) 695-0843 for free parking passes.

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Minnesota State Convention—Saturday—Place to be announced—Sunday—Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota—9:30 a.m.—Info: Steven Schmidgall (763) 593-1965—Keith/Jenny Willard (651) 699-2040.

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Rocky Mountain Convention—Grange Hall—Niwot, near Boulder, Colorado—Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico—Info: McPherson@sulphurcanyon.com

Sun., 28th—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Morgan County, Alabama—18 miles northeast of Cullman on Gum Pond Road near Eva—Drive south on Hwy. 67 from Pence, through Florette—Watch for Gum Pond Road on the right—There is a sign for the church there—Turn right—The church is on the left, east, side of the road in Gum Pond.

Sun., 28th—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles north of Double Springs, Alabama—On Hwy. 195.

Sun., 28th—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Thomaston (Upson County), Georgia—From square in Thomaston—Turn west on Georgia Alternate

Highway 74—Go 0.7 miles and turn right on Hannah Mill Road—Cross railroad tracks and immediately turn left on Emmaus Church Road—At the stop sign, go left—Church is on the right.

Sun., 28th—Loosascoona Primitive Baptist Church—Air Mount (Yalobusha County), Mississippi—North of Hwy. 330—11 miles west of Bruce.

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 3rd, p.m. & Sat., 4th—New England Convention—Connecticut area—Place to be announced—

Info: Bill Holt (617) 923-6044—or Bob Parr (781) 648-1009

Sat., 4th—Cooper Book Singing—Old Shady Grove Baptist Church—Between Dutton and Section—Jackson County, Alabama—Just off the west side of Hwy. 71—Turn at church sign.

Sat., 4th—Smyrna Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing—Rusk County, Texas—Cooper Revision—Church is on Farm to Market Road 2496—5 miles west of Mount Enterprise—Info: Robert Vaughn (903) 863-5379

Sat., 4th—Louisiana State—Place to be announced—

Info: Nancy Van Den Akker (504) 286-3845

Sat., 4th—Santa Barbara Regional Singing—Goleta, California—

Info: Tom/Victoria Ostwald (805) 965-4707

Sun., 5th—Sandy Creek Church—Near Flovilla—Butts County, Georgia—1 mile south of Flovilla—From intersection of Georgia Hwys. 42 and 87—Follow Hwy. 87 south approximately 2.7 miles to Darnell Road—Turn left—Church is on right.

Sun., 5th—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., 5th—Tom Harper Memorial—Old Sardis Church Number 1—Near Lynn—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Lynn on County Road 17—From U.S. 278 turn south onto County Road 17 at the church sign.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Friends Meeting House—Whiteman and President Street—Yellow Springs, Ohio—Semi-Annual Singing—

Info: John Bealle (513) 861-1137—jbealle@spssp.net—

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

Sat., 11th, p.m. & Sun., 12th—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., 12th—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., 12th—Chestnut Grove Church—Near Ider—DeKalb County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—3 miles south of Ider—Off Hwy. 117.

Sun., 12th—Taylor United Methodist Church—Taylor (Lafayette County), Mississippi—8 miles south of Oxford—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision.

Sun., 12th—Harper Memorial Singing—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—3 miles south of Nauvoo, west of County Road 11—There's a sign for the church on Hwy. 11—Info: Jimmie Gilmore (205) 221-4251

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 17th & Sat. 18th—New York State Convention—Ithaca, New York—Info: Jennifer Cook (607) 273-7076—jc27@cornell.edu—Eric Bean—gebean@aol.com

Sat., 18th—McWhorter Memorial—Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Mars Hill (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn onto County Road 35—Go to County Road 49 and continue to County Road 65—Turn right onto County Road 65—Go 5 miles—Church is on left. *Beginning in 2000, this singing will be held on a permanent basis on Saturday before the third Sunday in October. Please note the change.*

Sat., 18th—Georgia, Alabama, Florida (GAF) Singing Convention—Place to be announced—Hoboken, Georgia—9:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision—Info: David Lee (912) 458-249 or Joe Nall (850) 892-0687

Sat., 18th—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., 18th & Sun., 19th—Pacific Northwest Convention—Oregon—Sellwood Community Center—1436 SE Spokane Street—Portland, Oregon—9:30 a.m., both days—Saturday a.m. devoted to singing school, normal singing Saturday afternoon and all day singing on Sunday.

Sun., 19th—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., 19th—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., 25th—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing—Embry Hills United Methodist Church—3304 Henderson Mill Road—Atlanta, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—From I-285—Exit 34, Chamblee/Tucker Road—Go east on Chamblee/Tucker—Turn right onto Henderson Mill Road—Church is on the right—Info: Kelly Morris (404) 378-0595—Bryan Black (770) 938-0661 (days) 867-2253 (evenings).

Sat., 25th—Coy Putnam Memorial—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Near Arab—Marshall County, Alabama—3 miles east of Arab—on Hwy. 69—Arab to Guntersville.

Sat., 25th—Mississippi State Cooper Book Convention—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church—Scott County, Mississippi—3.2 miles south of Exit 77, Highway 13, from I-20 at Morton.

Sun., 26th—Jordan's Chapel—Newell (Randolph County), Alabama—U.S. Hwy. 431 to County Road 82—Go across County Road 431 (Old U.S. 431) at Morrison's Cross Roads—Go 0.25 miles, left at fork, left at next fork—Church is approximately two miles on right.

Sun., 26th—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers/W.A. Parker Memorial Singing—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama—12 miles northeast of Jasper—1 mile south of Hwy. 69 on Sipsey Road.

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Ebenezer Mennonite Church Schoolhouse Singing—Bluffton, Ohio—Info: Kathryn Knecht (419) 634-4916—k-knecht@onu.edu—Kay Huener (419) 382-0183—khuener@buckeye-express.com
Web: <http://www.math.ohio-state.edu/~econrad/fasola.html>

Sat., 1st—Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Near Huntington—Angelina County, Texas—Cooper Revision—4 miles on Farm to Market Road 1669 out of Huntington—Info: Burl Russell (936) 624-2173

Sat., 1st—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., 1st—Velton Chafin Birthday Singing—Old Sardis Church—Lynn, Alabama—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition used in the morning, and the Cooper Book used in the afternoon.

Sat., 1st—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: Everette Denney (770) 854-4221 (This singing was formerly held in Heard County)

Sat., 1st—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: (773) 276-HARP—shapenote@listhost.uchicago.edu

Sun., 2nd—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at Amoco service station—Turn left—Go to dead end—Turn left—Go to dead end, church on left.

Sun., 2nd—Mt. Ebron Church Memorial Singing—Mt. Ebron Missionary Baptist Church—Near Double Springs—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles west of Double Springs on Hwy. 25—Double Springs to Lynn.

Sun., 2nd—South Georgia Singing Convention—Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church—Crisp County, Georgia—9 miles south of Cordele—Exit I-75 at exit 97—From Atlanta, turn right—Cross over Hwy. 41 and go to the dead end—Turn left on Hwy. 33—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn right onto Antioch Road (this is a "sand road")—Go straight at the stop sign—Church is on left behind Zion Hope Cemetery—Bring covered dish.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Boulevard—Nashville, Tennessee—Between Harding Road, U.S. 70, and Harding Place.

Sat., 8th—Southern Wisconsin—Info: Jim Page (608) 255-6861

Sat., 8th—Dallas County Singing—First Primitive Baptist Church—1920 Gross Road—Dallas, Texas—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Info: Bruce/Beverly Coates (972) 227-7976 or Gary/Vivian Rogan (817) 220-5147

Sat., 8th—Tuesday Occasionals' Birthday Singing Day—St. Luke's Church—Stapleford, Nottingham—United Kingdom—Contact Ruth and Dave Cooper 44 115 939 9730 or em_sacredharp@hotmail.com

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—This singing is always the second Sunday and Saturday before in November—Info: Stephen McMaster (804) 288-1503—Simdar19@idt.net
Blake Morris (804) 288-8206—Blake.Morris2@gte.net

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

Sun., 9th—Carey Springs Baptist Church—Randolph (Pontotoc County), Mississippi.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th—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., 16th—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Harmony Church Road—Calhoun (Gordon County), Georgia—Take I-75 North—Exit right at exit #315 (Red Bud Road exit)—Turn right onto Hwy. 156 east—Go about 200 yards—Turn right onto Harmony Church Road—Go about 100 yards—Church on left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church—North of Birmingham, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Take I-65 North to Fultondale Exit # 266—Turn right onto Hwy. 31 south—Go 100 yards—Turn left to 57th Avenue—Go 0.25 mile, look for signs.

Sun., 23rd—Ganus and Wilford Wakefield Memorial—King's School House (Mt. Vernon)—Near Lynn—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles east of Natural Bridge, just off U.S. Hwy. 278

Thursday, November 27th—Thanksgiving Day

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—From Hwy. 9 in Alpharetta, turn left (west) on Academy (aka Milton) for a block—Turn right on Canton—Follow Canton as it becomes Hopewell Road for about 5 miles to the four-way stop—Turn left to continue on Hopewell Road—Turn left on Birmingham Road—Church is about 2 miles from the intersection on the right—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, after Labor Day.

Sun., 30th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—Info: Milton Morris (813) 986-4727

December

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th & Sun., 7th—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Holiday Inn—2001 Cove Boulevard—Panama City, Florida—Cooper Revision—For reservations call—(850) 769-0000

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—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., 20th—No listings

Sun., 21st—No listings

Wed., 24th—Christmas Eve

Thurs., 25th—Christmas Day

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 27th—No listings

Sun., 28th—No listings

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

FIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY SINGINGS

First Fifth Weekend Saturday, March 29
 Sunday, March 30

Second Fifth Weekend Saturday, June 28
 Sunday, June 29

Third Fifth Weekend Saturday, August 30
 Sunday, August 31

Fourth Fifth Weekend Saturday, November 29
 Sunday, November 30

First Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

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

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

Second Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

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

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

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

Fourth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

LOCAL SINGINGS

Alabama

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

Carbon Hill: Saturday night before the second Sunday in each month—Shady Grove (Keetons), Walker County—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—Info: Travis Keeton (205) 697-5268

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

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

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

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

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

Huntsville: First Friday Night—February 7, April 4, August 1, November 7—7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Burritt On The Mountain—3101 Burritt Drive, on Monte Sano Mountain—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn onto Burritt Drive—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu—<http://community.al.com/cc/hsvfasola> Linton Ballinger (256) 830-5301.

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

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

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

Alaska

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

Arkansas

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

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

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

California

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Santa Barbara: First Saturday of each month—7:30-10:00 p.m. —808 California Street—Call in advance to confirm—Info: Tom/Victoria Ostwald (805) 965-4707

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

Colorado

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

Denver: Sunday after the fourth Friday—

Info: Elaine Cullor (303) 860-0662—John Schaffer (303) 234-1729

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

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

Connecticut

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

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

District of Columbia

Metropolitan area: Fourth Sunday, 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 or 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 Pettis (770) 889-1703

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

Info: Lee Rogers —(706)795-5472 jleerog@negia.net

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

Info: Liz Bryant (404) 378-5424—atlantashapenote@yahoo.com

Hoboken: Saturday before the third Sunday in each month—Hoboken Elementary School—7:00 p.m.—Take 82 East to Hoboken to the second caution light—Turn left on Kelly—Cross R.R. tracks—Take second paved street to the left—Go to the end of the block—The school and parking are on the right—Info: David/Kathy Lee (912) 458-2493—

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

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

Illinois

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

Charleston: Thursday evenings—Various sites—

Info: Janet Fraembs (217) 345-6873—Don Bardsley (217) 348-8295

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

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

Indiana

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

Info: Marlen Rust (812) 336-2792

Goshen: First Sunday in each month—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Location moves—Info: Samuel Sommers (574) 294-6180 scmws@yahoo.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

Kansas

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

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

Kentucky

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

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

Info: Mary Brinkman (606) 272-3895—mlbrin00@pop.uky.edu—
Keith MacAdam, (606) 268-0998 (home) or (606) 257-3344 (work)—phy156@ukcc.uky.edu

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

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

Michelle Cull (502) 587-7510

Maine

Belfast: Second Monday each month—7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church—Spring Street entrance, first floor, Fellowship Hall—

Info: Bobbie Goodell (207) 342-2324—rgoodell@acadia.net

Damariscotta: Fourth Sunday—1:00-4:00 p.m.—Great Salt Bay Elementary School—Business Rte. 1—Info: Edith Berger (207) 832-6561 or berger@gwi.net
Ellsworth, etc: Usually monthly—Near middle of the month—Travels around state—Waterville, Ellsworth, New Sharon, Pittsfield, among other places—Info: Joe Kucera, (207) 285-7358

Maryland

Baltimore: Second Sunday—4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—September through June—Locations varies by month.
Info: Elizabeth Cusick (410) 235-6627 or 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 eliza@valinet.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michigan

Ann Arbor: Most Second Sundays—2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—The Ark Coffeehouse—316 S. Main—

Info: Charlotte Wolfe (734) 663-0262—CAWolfe@umich.edu—

The Ark (734) 761-1800—Pat Forsberg-Smith (734) 747-9644

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

Minnesota

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

Info: Kim Bahmer—kimbahmer@hotmail.com

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

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

Mississippi

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

Info: Bill Hogan—hoganbil@ametro.net

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

Info: Warren Steel—mudws@sunset.backbone.olemiss.edu—
Mark Davis—Horn4@aol.com—Hugh Bill McGuire (662) 983-2376
Houston: First Sundays—December through March—1:00 p.m.–3:00
p.m.—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—
Info: Elder Charles Porter (601) 456-3879

Morton: Saturday night before the first Sunday of each month—6:00 p.m.–9:00
p.m.—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church—3.2 miles south of Exit 77 off I-20
on Hwy. 13—Info: Mark Davis (601) 919-00209—Horn4@aol.com—
Lydia Hamby (601) 939-1626—Regina Foster (601) 269-3635
lashous@teleclipse.net

Missouri

Columbia: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.—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: Frances Mendenhall, (402) 554-0617

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

New Jersey

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

Info: Ginny Landgraf—virginia.landgraf@ptsem.edu—609.394.5170
Gerry Hoffman—ghoffman@tcnj.edu—609.671.9287

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

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

New Mexico

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

New York

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

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

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

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

Info: Vince Kuntz (716) 884-7807—allemand@buffnet.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

Juanita Heyerman—jdh23@cornell.edu

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

Info: Jim Ulrich (914) 657-8314—ulrich@ulster.net

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

Street—South Brooklyn, New York—2:00 p.m.—Except July, August, December—Potluck after singing, usually about 6:00 p.m.—

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

Rochester: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Sampler Records Music Hall—Info: Chris Haller (716) 387-9570—chrish@moose.netacc.net—Nancy

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

(work)—Nancy.Crawford@usa.xerox.com

North Carolina

Chapel Hill: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Person Hall on University of North Carolina campus—Info: Matt Cartmill (919) 493-8519—Becky Hart

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

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

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

Raleigh: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Usually in Mordecai Historic Park Chapel—Info: Lynda Hambourger—(919) 781-3596—Becky Hart (see Chapel Hill above).

Winston-Salem: Most third Sundays—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—In singers' homes—Info: Betty McGurk or Gene Anderson (910) 374-5943—Cleve Callison (910) 760-2822

Ohio

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

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

Oklahoma

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

Oregon

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

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

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

Pennsylvania

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

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

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

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

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

Rhode Island

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

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

South Carolina

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

Tennessee

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

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

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

Texas

Austin (Travis Co.): Friday night before second and fourth Sundays—Except when there is a singing 3-8 hours drive away that Saturday or a holiday weekend—7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.—practice singings—Time split between Cooper Book/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Littlevine Primitive Baptist

Church—915 East 52nd Street—Between IH 35 and Airport Boulevard—
Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080—B.E. Matthews (512) 898-5110

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

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

Utah

Provo: Second Wednesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. Mary's Episcopal Church—50 West 200 North—Info: Stan and Jenny Sterne Jensen (801) 229-2274 or jennyjensen@msn.com or <http://groups.msn.com/utahsacredharp>

Salt Lake City: First and Third Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Pine Valley Chapel—This is the Place Heritage Park—2601 E. Sunnyside Ave.—
Info: Stan and Jenny Sterne Jensen (801) 229-2274 or jennyjensen@msn.com or <http://groups.msn.com/utahsacredharp>

Salt Lake City: (Cooper Book) —Fourth Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—at the home of Lynn and Pam Carson—1480 East Edison

Vermont

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

Burlington Area: Monthly—Third Sunday—(summer is ad hoc)—5:00 p.m.—Some fifth Sundays—Info: Susan Miller-Coulter (802) 658-5713—smilcoul335@cs.com or Bill Fellingner wfellin@together.net

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

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

Springfield: Second and fourth Fridays—7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.—Fifth Fridays - Potluck

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

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

Washington

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wisconsin

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

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

Singsings Outside the United States

Canada

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

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

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

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

About the Minutes

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

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

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

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

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

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2002 MINUTES

WOOTTEN FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Antioch Baptist Church, Ider Alabama

December 31, 2001-January 1, 2002

The fortieth session of the Wootten Family New Year's Eve Singing was called to order by Chairman Marty Wootten leading songs on pages 82t and 47t. Billy Ray Killian offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Marty Wootten 99; Jeffrey Wootten and Kennedy Wootten 542; Aaron Wootten 270; Phillip Wootten 312b, 106; Nate Green and Norma Green 102, 95; Max Berueffy 229; Louis Hughes 135; Betty Wright 84; Jeff Sheppard 35, 149 (by request); Shelbie Sheppard 440; Kevin Holcomb 108t; Jenny Willard 349; Reba Windom 196; Milton Oliver 155; Shane Wootten 394; Linda Thomas 282; Keith Willard 144; Jackson Harcrow 48t; Thomas Willard 36b; Allison Dodson 145b; Scott Ivey 186; Hunter Townson 59; Jamey Wootten, Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Kennedy Wootten 45t; Jackson Harcrow, Thomas Willard, Allison Dodson, Scott Ivey, Hunter Townson, Jamey Wootten, Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Kennedy Wootten "Oh How I Love Jesus"; Dewayne Wootten 283; Donna Wootten 274t; Don Bowen 336 (CB), 38t (CB).

RECESS

Marty Wootten brought the class to order leading song on page 176t.

Tony Ivey led song on page 143 for the following deceased: Lawrence Underwood, Lydia Baswell, and Freeman Wootten.

Leaders: Jerry Wootten, Jeremy Wootten, and Christina Wootten 235; Rodney Ivey 182; Bill Stewart 480; Brenda Carroll 299; David Carlton and Henry Cobb 332; Olivia Allen and Brenda Carroll 163t; John Plunkett 295; Claudine Townson and Phillip Wootten 277; Aaron Little 441, 560; Amber Springfield 192; Elene Stovall and Rodney Ivey 222 (for Coy Ivey); Sandie Scott 203; Boyd Scott 358; Joan Aldridge 198; Max Berueffy 344 (CB).

REFRESHMENTS

Terry Wootten brought the class back to order leading song on page 30b. Leaders: Jenny Mann 40, 559 (CB); Judy Mincey 475; Jewel Wootten, Gene Wootten, and Virginia Dale Glass 501 (CB); Levon Wootten 234; Susan Harcrow 530 (for Sheila Wootten); Syble Adams 505 (CB); Hobert Ivey and Lorrie Wootten 511b (CB), 486t (WB); Tony Shrader 68b; Britt Mann 101t; Jeff Sheppard and Terry Wootten 448t; Jenny Willard "God Bless America" (requested by Sheila Wootten); Jeffrey Wootten, Phillip Wootten, Tony Ivey, and Billy Ray Killian (all ministers) 484 (CB); Jackson Harcrow, Thomas Willard, Allison Dodson, Scott Ivey, Hunter Townson, Jamey Wootten, Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Kennedy Wootten 354b, 551; Louis Hughes 496; Don Bowen, Rodney Ivey, and Max Berueffy 137....HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Announcements were made. Marty Wootten led song on page 162 as the closing song. Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Marty Wootten; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard.

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING
Walnut Hills Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
Tuesday, January 1, 2002

The eleventh annual Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing was held at Walnut Hills Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Eloise Clark called the class to order leading songs on pages 45t and 34b. Linda Coppock offered the opening prayer.

Visitors from Louisville brought a carton of "Cooper Books", so we were able to sing several selections new to the Cincinnati singers.

The class organized with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Rich Overturf; John Bealle—Arranging Committee; Secretary—Sheryl Pockrose.

Leaders: Sheryl Pockrose 27, 146; Christine Cox 147t, 341; John Bealle 186, 212; Jim Coppock 142, 198; Dee Kersell 178; Marlen Rust 66, 52; Rick Arnest 159, 314.

RECESS

Rich Overturf called the class to order leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Joyce Brown 495, 68b; Debbie Hall 86, 362; Linda Coppock 377, 542; Michael Hieber 37b, 148; Karen Arnett 40, 535; Bob Meek 571 (CB), 38t (CB); David Rust 200, 168; Rich Overturf 38t, 107; Bob Meek 393b (CB), 563 (CB). Bob Meek offered a prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Rich Overturf called the class back to order leading song on page 143. Leaders: Lois Hurt 81b; Bruce Kokernot 183; Nada Huron 59, 63; Rick Arnest 314 (CB), 254; Sheryl Pockrose 564, 565; Eloise Clark 144, 434; Marlen Rust 114, 203; Lois Hurt 323b, 470; Wendy Gilchrist 569, 313b.

RECESS

Rich Overturf called the class back to order leading song on page 294. Leaders: Joyce Brown 496, 488b (CB); Bob Meek 505 (CB), 408 (CB); David Rust 112, 480; Michael Hieber 378t, 276; Wendy Gilchrist 503, 300; Bruce Kokernot 209, 524; Debbie Hall 335, 189; Karen Arnett 299, 268; Rich Overturf 57b, 236; Dee Kersell 118, 455; Bob Meek 500 (CB); Rich Overturf 515b.

After announcements were made, Bob Meek offered a closing prayer, and the class concluded with song on page 347.

Chairman—Ruth Overturf; Secretary—Sheryl Pockrose.

COVINGTON COUNTY NEW YEAR'S SINGING
(COOPER BOOK)

First Baptist Church, Collins, Mississippi
January 5, 2002

The fifth annual New Year's singing in Covington County, Mississippi (formerly held at the Pine Ridge Dunkard Brethren Church) convened in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church, Collins, Mississippi at 10:00 a.m. with Chairman Andrew Albers leading songs on pages 508 and 84. Rev. John Sapp offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held with the following officers selected:

Chairman—Andrew Albers; Vice Chairman—Bill Hogan; Secretary—Jean Gray; Chaplain—Rev. John Sapp.

Leaders: Andrew Albers 35; Bill Hogan 171, 72; Jean Gray 45t, 297; Tim Cook 49t, 133; J.A. Mosley 174, 282; Junie McNeil 572, 573; Velton Chafin 38b, 138b; Rev. John Sapp 138t, 303; John Lee Van Horn 38t, 106.

RECESS

Bill Hogan brought the class together leading song on page 107. Leaders: Tim Gray 40, 559; Petie Mosley 343, 484b; Bobby Caldwell 82, 553b; Andrew Albers 162 (for

Emmett Harvey); Mark Davis 497, 522. Andrew Albers led song on page 369, and Rev. John Sapp asked the blessing on the food for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Andrew Albers brought the class together for the afternoon session leading song on page 449. Rev. John Sapp offered the afternoon prayer. Leaders: John Merritt 539, 358; Bill Hogan 348t (by request); J.A. Mosley 491; Tim Cook 488b; Bobby Caldwell 54t; John Lee Van Horn 478; Junie McNeil 344; Petie Mosley 574; Velton Chafin 225t; Tim Gray 222; Mark Davis 373; Opal Sapp 31b; Andrew Albers 323 (by request); John Merritt "Confederate Memorial Lesson" (words by John Merritt), 392 (by request); John Lee Van Horn 378t (by request); Rev. John Sapp 72.

RECESS

Andrew Albers brought the class together leading song on page 225b. A Location Committee was appointed: Rev. John Sapp and Nelda Mitchell.

Leaders: Tim Gray 501 (by request); Andrew Albers 543 (by request); Bill Hogan 408 (by request), 148; John Merritt 143 (by request); Andrew Albers 57 (by request), 42.

The Location Committee reported that the singing will be held next year at this same location on the first Saturday in January.

Announcements were made. Chairman Andrew Albers led song on page 496t as the closing song, and Rev. John Sapp led the closing prayer.

Chairman—Andrew Albers; Vice Chairman—Bill Hogan; Chaplain—Rev. John Sapp; Secretary—Jean Gray.

SHADY GROVE ANNUAL SINGING

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama January 6, 2002

The Shady Grove Annual Singing was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County, Alabama on the first Sunday in January. Kermit Adams called the class to order leading song on page 39t. Lavaughn Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Dawson Adams; Arranging Committee—John Hyde; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 39b; Margaret Keeton 321, 282; Chris Rice 299, 384; Roma Rice 460, 475, 297; Lisa Geist 120, 274b, 350; Wilton Donaldson 565, 348b, 317; Earl Ballinger 331, 313t; Ivalene Donaldson 335, 343; Faye Donaldson 176b, 40, 124; Gravis Ballinger 144, 410t, 101t.

RECESS

Dawson Adams called the class back to order leading songs on pages 77t, 68b, and 56t. Leaders: Lena Keeton 283 (in memory of her father, Benny Keeton), 369, 143 (in memory of Pete Keeton); Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 401, 358; Larry Ballinger 50b, 70t; Travis Keeton 81t, 285t, 284; Josie Hyde 566, 66, 104.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 99.

Leaders: John Hyde 275b, 73t; Lisa Geist 497; Margaret Keeton 273; Chris Rice 276; Earl Ballinger 270; Faye Donaldson 430; Lavaughn Ballinger 84; Ivalene Donaldson 145b; Roma Rice 235; Wilton Donaldson 503; Lena Keeton 373; Dawson Adams 75; Gravis Ballinger 34b; Travis Keeton 319; Larry Ballinger 33b; Josie Hyde 123t; John Hyde 61; Larry Ballinger 527.

Kermit Adams led song on page 426t as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

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

STATE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA
Education Center, Carrollton, Georgia
January 6, 2002

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at the State University of West Georgia was held on the first Sunday in January. Due to remodeling in the Food Services Building, the singing was held in the Education Center.

Myron House called the class to order with songs on pages 60 and 59. The morning prayer was led by B.J. Harris. Myron House led song on page 63, and was followed by Felton Denney 50b, 73t; and Charlene Wallace 171, 177.

The business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Mary Florence Smith; Memorial Committee—Jan House and Josephine Denney.

Leaders: Philip Denney 430, 120; Reba Norton 176b, 208; B.J. Harris 503, 225t; Glenda Collins 354b, 282; Aaron Girard 39t, 299; Jan House 117, 105; Dennis George 378t, 57; Rodney Ivey 101t, 217.

RECESS

The class was called together by Philip Denney leading song on page 164. Leaders: Bobby Jackson 100, 270; Henry Johnson 535, 566; Kiri Miller 442, 445; John Plunkett 540, 209; Lonnie Rogers 222, 405; Tommy McGraw 475, 33b; Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; Charles Woods 223, 102; Eunice Webb 460, 480; Teenie Moody 300, 410t.

LUNCH

Myron House called the class together with song on page 139. Leaders: Karen Rollins 143, 489; Hugh McGraw 227.

The memorial lesson was held. Felton Denney led song on page 147t in memory of the following deceased: Reba Edwards, Cecil Edwards, Oakie Austin, Freeman Wootten, and Lawrence Underwood.

Everette Denney led song on page 490 for all the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were: Vivian Rogers, Alice Edwards, Revy Williamson, Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, Fannie Ray Lawrence, Polly Moore, Betty Wright, Susan Harcrow, Wilford Denney, Roy Nelson family, Marie Ivey, Coy Ivey, Jeff Sheppard, Shelby Sheppard, and Pearl Williamson. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Louise Holland 35, 323b; Oscar McGuire 371, 441; Jimmie Denney 145t, 145b; Josephine Denney 75, 45t; Earlis McGraw 213, 284; Laura Akerman 390, 532; John Plunkett, Will Witherington, and Sara Witherington 297, 354; Rodney Ivey and Lonnie Rogers 546; Kiri Miller 455; Aaron Girard 74b; Henry Johnson 539; Dennis George 274t; Oscar McGuire 276; Philip Denney and Gayle Denney 340; Charles Woods 378b; Eunice Webb and Reba Norton 436.

After announcements, Myron House and Philip Denney led song on page 323t as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers led the closing prayer.

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

LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY MEMORIAL
Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama
Saturday Night, January 12, 2002

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

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 317. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 498; Henry Guthery 511; Julianna Jett 88t; Willodean Barton 290; Elene Stovall 172; Larry Ballinger 123t; John Hyde 61; Amber Springfield 155; Ozella Blackmon 152; Doris Talley 120; Chris Green 170; Margaret Keeton 143; Elsie Moon 494; Josie Hyde 302; David Roberson 146; Earl Ballinger 177; Betty Kitchens 89; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 376, 75; Sherry Guthery 64; Max Berueffy 336; Lucy Heidorn 186; Edith Tate 35; Edis Guthrie 99; Randy Moon 147t.

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

Harrison Creel brought the class to order leading song on page 512. Leaders: Chip Ward 112; John Merritt 294; Cindy Tanner and Cassie Franklin 216; Wilton Donaldson 348b; Glenn Keeton 178; Jetty Lawson 358; Danny Creel 269; Eldagene Roberson 399b; Travis Keeton 480 (in memory of Bernice McGough and A.C. McGough); Dorothy Evans 454; Flarce Creel 56t; Ann Jett 327; Velton Chafin 104; Fay Narramore 517 (WB); Ivalene Donaldson 274t; Pam Green and John Dillard 45t; Jackie Tanner 299; Marie Guthrie 192; Margaret Gowen 30b; Brenda Merritt 503; Elvin Guthrie 495; Wanda Capps 144; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 390; Cassie Franklin 312t, 33b; Ann Jett 25 (JB); Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, Danny Creel, Cindy Tanner, Eldagene Roberson, Elvin Guthrie, and Edis Guthrie (grandchildren of Lillian Calvert) 77.

Harrison Creel led song on page 378b as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Randy Moon.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Wanda Capps.

JACK KERR AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL
Camp Ground Methodist Church, North of Fruithurst,
Cleburne County, Alabama
January 13, 2002

The annual memorial singing for Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr was held on the second Sunday in January at Camp Ground Methodist Church. The class was called to order by Chairman Henry Johnson leading song on page 59. Everette Denney offered the morning prayer. Henry Johnson led song on page 138b; Vice Chairman Evelyn Harris 87, 89; Mary Florence Smith 63, 145b.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Evelyn Harris; Secretary—Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee—Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 441, 155; Lois Owens 168, 212; Jimmie Denney 143, 101t; Charlene Wallace 276, 283; Earlis McGraw 34t, 544; Eunice Webb 196, 390; Felton Denney 399b, 489; Elene Stovall 217, 208; Tommy McGraw 365, 176b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Henry Johnson leading song on page 138t. Leaders: Reba Norton 373, 186; Everette Denney 46, 335; Carlene Griffin 117; Shelbie Sheppard 284 (in memory of Reba Edwards and Cecil Edwards); Max Berueffy 313t,

314; David Yeager 267, 27; Judith Green 384; Amber Springfield 76b, 340; Jeff Sheppard 301; Andy Morse 107, 28t; Teenie Moody 222.

Lois Bowman and several other descendants of Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr welcomed everyone who came, and led song on page 45t in memory of all the deceased members of the Kerr family.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman Evelyn Harris opened the afternoon session leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Bud Oliver 39b, 145t; Hugh McGraw 449; LaRue Allen 203; Lonnie Rogers 225t; John Plunkett 151; Judy Mincey 475; Rodney Ivey 142; Milton Oliver 270; Floy Wilder 227; Mark Fuller 72b; Cecil Roberts 36b; Nancy Yeager 84, 348b; B.J. Harris 303; Ruth Brown 73b (for Alice Edwards); Ruth Brown and Max Berueffy 68b; Tommy McGraw 112; Jeff Sheppard 528; Amber Springfield 391; Charlene Wallace 362; Henry Johnson 137; Elene Stovall 436; John Plunkett 564; Bud Oliver 358.

Announcements were made. Chairman Henry Johnson led song on page 48t as the closing song. Felton Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

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

CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING **Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago Illinois** **January 13, 2002**

The all-day singing in celebration of the eighteenth anniversary of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers was convened at 10:00 a.m. at the Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago, Illinois. Chairman Dean Slayton called the class to order leading song on page 46. Herb Schroeder led the class in the morning prayer. Leaders: Randy Neufield and Susan Geil 171; Jim Swanson 370; Rachel Adelstein 112; Megan Jennings 196; Samuel Sommers 386; Jim Helke 546; Kathy Kaiser 29t; Jeff Gauthier 460; Eloise Clark 313b; Steve Warner 86.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairs—Randy Neufield and Susan Geil; Secretary—Cathryn Baker; Arranging Committee—Doug Stapleton and Ted Mercer; Chaplain—Herb Schroeder; Memorial Committee—John Bayer, Lisa Grayson, and Julie Vea; Finance Committee—Ann Heider, Sue Kessel, and Steve Warner; Resolutions Committee—Jerry Enright and Karen Freund.

The class resumed singing with Gary Gronau leading song on page 192. Leaders: Suzanne Flandreau 105; John Bealle 522; Ariel Weinberger 142; John Bayer 379; Karen Freund 224 (for Reba Dell Windom); Aaron Girard 385; Anne Heider 532; Greg Howard 569.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Randy Neufield and Susan Geil leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Brad Oglesby 565; Natalia Cecire 538; Walter Matherty 268; Jan Ketelle 368; Herb Schroeder 28b; Marjorie Benwitz 273; Bruce Holmes 146; Rebecca Brown 362 (for Charlie Derleth); Ted Johnson 89; Julie Vea 280; Ted Mercer 174; Lorraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 117; Jerry Enright 383; Dick Dunagan 159; Connie Karduck 528.

The memorial lesson was held. Lisa Grayson gave a eulogy for Jerilyn Schumacher, reminding us of Jerilyn's great love for all around her and how her character shone in all she did, most of it without being asked and without announcing what she had done.

Julie Vea spoke of the continuation of other's presence through our fellowship here, and read the list of the deceased. Julie Vea then led song on page 564 for those

deceased. Those remembered were: Jerilyn Schumacher, Miriam Pasqual, Susan Kimmelman, Hollis Sigler, and Dick Rosewell—Illinois; Fleta Jonassen Cowherd—Indiana; John Flandreau—New York; Nancy Keith—Kansas; Allan Fox, Matthew Ettinger, Lane Albritton, and Aaron Miller—Florida; Edwin Karn, Tracey Niederhuber, and Mary Evelyn Sybeldon—Wisconsin; Lawrence Underwood and Freeman Wootten—Alabama; Sally Owen Murphy and Avery Schreiber—California; John Morris—Maryland.

John Bayer reminded us that while those who are now dead are beyond our direct contact, there are many more who will benefit from the care we show them in the form of telephone calls, notes, and visits. He also said that part of the power of the square comes from the care we give each other when apart, and then read the list of the sick and shut-ins and led song on page 354t. Those remembered were: Frances Beasley Lee, Randy Wells, John Helpner, and Blossom Miller—Florida; Phyllis Flandreau, Beatrice Rich, and David Herrman—New York; Stephanie Rubin and Barbara Slaton—Illinois; Bill Starke—Ohio; Kelly Beard—Texas; I.V.

McWhorter—Georgia; Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Lula Underwood, and Cassie Franklin—Alabama; Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin; Philip Page, Jr.—New Jersey; Marjorie Ketelle—Tennessee; Linda McDonald and Tara Barber—Michigan; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Madeleine Steel—Mississippi; Dan Brittain's son and Helen Hall (relative of Gary Smith and Sarah Beasley Smith). Herb Schroeder offered a prayer, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Doug Stapleton and Cathryn Baker brought the class back to order leading song on page 63. Leaders: Lorie Grolier 536; Melanie Hauff 218; Hugh Thomas 99; Richard DeLong 411; Lisa Grayson 419; Lela Crowder 215; James Page 216; Mike Castleberry 401; Marcia Johnson 547; Kelly Brest Van Kempen 85 (for Dick Rosewald); Wendy Wahn 269; Bill Beverly 515; Kiri Miller 181; Judy Holst 72b; Regina Bayer 377; Sue Kessell 501.

RECESS

Co-Chair Susan Geil called the class back to order leading song on page 81t. Leaders: Judy Hauff 434; Martha Beverly 473; Jim Crawford 523; Val Dunagan 344; Jim Laurie 250; Carol Crawford 510; David Stech 45t; Al Frank 163b; Shaffiq Welji 455; Mary Bachmann 400; Doug Stapleton 294 (for Charlene Collins in memory of Hervin).

A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing reports.

The Finance Committee reported that the goal had been met for the expense of the singing.

The Resolutions Committee presented their resolutions.

A Founder's Lesson was held in which founding members of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers recounted their awkward beginnings and their great growth through the years, and then led song on page 189. Standing members were Ted Mercer, Marcia Johnson, Ted Johnson, Judy Hauff, Herb Schroeder, and Wendy Wahn.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Kelly Brest Van Kempen leading song on page 480. Leaders: Nick Pasqual 116; Bob Dworken 95; Rebecca Brown 299; Orwin Younquist 36b; John Greven 178; Aaron Girard and Kiri Miller 542; Lela Crowder 385b; Cathryn Baker 384; Richard DeLong 448t; Ted Mercer 278b.

Announcements were made. Susan Geil and Randy Neufield led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the parting hand was exchanged. Herb Schroeder led the class in prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairs—Susan Geil and Randy Neufield; Vice Chair—Kelly Brest Van Kempen; Secretary: Cathryn Baker.

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California
January 19-20, 2002
Saturday, January 19

The fourteenth annual All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the third Sunday and Saturday before in January at Angels Gate Cultural Center in San Pedro, California. Janice Hecksel called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 63. Steve Lazicki, who is pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pasadena, California, led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Rick Russell 52t; Janice Hecksel 106; Jerry Schreiber 350; Mary Rose O'Leary 203; John Rand 347; Pat Keating 142; Betty Herman 430; Ron Huss 474; Judith Black 107; Barbara Pavey 38t; Sara Eidem 159; Patricia Lazicki 29t; Duncan MacLeod 89; Steve Lazicki 148; Carla Smith 410b; Janet Herman 433; Catherine Horne 37t.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rick Russell; Vice Chairman—Chris Thorman; Secretary—Larry Arnstein; Treasurer—Duncan MacLeod; Locating Committee—Chris Thorman; Arranging Committee—Marilyn Murata, MaryLynn Bergstrom, and Beth Webb; Food—Karen and Ron Huss; Resolutions—Norman Gholson and Laura Boyd Russell; Memorial Committee—Mary Rose O'Leary, Richard DeLong, and Ted Mercer; Chaplains—Steve Lazicki and Jim Friedrich.

Leaders: Rick Russell 401; Chris Thorman 99; Larry Arnstein 198.

RECESS

Chris Thorman called the class back to order leading song on page 28b. Leaders: Karen Huss 236; Marilyn Murata 247t; Norma Ruptier 84; Chris Thorman 448t; Laurie Fox 178; Jacob Affolter 34b; Tom Ostwald 277; Mark Miller 217; Midge Harder 73t; Carroll Lunsford 75; Leon Ballinger 269; John Schaffer 313b; Jim Friedrich 117.

Gaylon Powell offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mary Rose O'Leary brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 480. Leaders: Tom Payne 567; Henry Schuman 280; Ted Mercer 300; Natalie Hall 133; Gaylon Powell 442; Daniel Davis 481; David Rust 102; Marlen Rust 85; Jeanne Schaffer 66; Chloe Webb 146; Rachel Adelstein 218; Karen Stingle 385b; John Plunkett 492; Lela Crowder 224; Richard DeLong 475; Stephen O'Leary 340; Susan Turpin 371; Laura Boyd Russell 76b; Norman Gholson 470.

RECESS

Larry Arnstein called the class back to order leading song on page 299. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 120; Judy Nahman-Stouffer 155; Norma Ruptier 276; Pat Keating 542; Janet Herman 30b; Neal Morgan 40; Betty Herman 464; David Robinson 32t; Midge Harder 197; Marcia Tucker 504; Carroll Lunsford 153; Chon Duc 333; Mary Rose O'Leary 536.

RECESS

Jerry Schreiber brought the class to order by leading song on page 225t. Leaders: Jeff Vanderwilt 377; David Rust 528; Jean Olson 87; Jeff O'Toole 68b; Karen Huss 151; Ron Huss 486; John Rand 404; Rachel Adelstein 196; John Plunkett 354t; John Leicester 45t; Karen Stingle 254; Jacob Affolter 485; David Cowell 311.

Rick Russell led song on page 46 as the closing song, and Steve Lazicki gave the closing prayer.

Sunday, January 20

Rick Russell brought the first Sunday session to order leading song on page 31b. Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Duncan MacLeod 168; Norman Gholson; Marilyn Murata 384; Bruce Hayes 180; Steve Warner 171; Chris Thorman 313b; Mimi Wright 312b; Jack Herbig 146; Robert Turk 294; Marion Black 53; Katherine Herbig 143; Laura Boyd Russell 202; Jeff O'Toole 63; Jeff Vanderwilt 47b; David Fetcho 547; Ted Mercer 302.

RECESS

Daniel Davis brought the class to order leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Larry Arnstein 327; Tom Ostwald 128; Ann Heider 192; Susan Fetcho 147t; Dan Vosnick 147b; Carol Selleck 207; John Schaffer 515; Jim Friedrich 56b; Tom Payne 58; Susan Turpin 328; Stephen O'Leary 512; Henry Schuman 318; Daniel Davis 344; Jeanne Schaffer 569b; Chloe Webb 288; Lela Crowder 498; Carla Smith 475; Mark Miller 29t; Jerry Schreiber 550; Richard DeLong 411. Henry Schuman shared these last few songs with Pauline Childers in Michigan via cell phone.

Susan Turpin and Mary Rose O'Leary held the memorial lesson. Susan Turpin spoke on behalf of the deceased, and Mary Rose O'Leary for the sick and shut-ins; they both spoke movingly, with simple eloquence.

Richard DeLong gave a special remembrance for those whose lives were lost on 9-11, including the mother of a singer in Los Angeles, California, and several family members of a singer in Denver, Colorado. He remembered speakers from Sacred Harp conventions he attended when he was a boy who said they felt "small" or "unworthy" to give the memorial lesson, and he wondered what they meant, but now he felt the same way, as he confronted the task of speaking about the 9-11 tragedy. He said that Sacred Harp had changed his life, and that he felt it could provide comfort.

The following deceased were remembered: Jerilyn Schumacher—Illinois; Howard Stingle—Ohio; Lane Albritton—Florida; Jack Corley—Georgia; Nancy Keith—Kansas; Mildred Edmonds—Texas; Ned Shank—Arkansas; Donna Lin Tunison—Oregon; Rachel Webb—Virginia; Eleazer Rand—Washington, D.C.; Helen Lewis—Pennsylvania; Kells Minchin—British Columbia; Genine Melzer, John Lee, Erma Teachout, Gerald Teachout, Barbara Keating, Daniel Melnik, Jimbo Garcia, Carl Olsen, and Elsie Froeberger—California. Bill and Janis Falkenberg of Denver, Colorado lost their son, his wife, and two grandchildren in the Pentagon crash. Susan Turpin led song on page 122 for the deceased, and Richard DeLong led song on page 339 for the deceased of September 11.

The following sick or shut-ins were remembered: Loraine Lenzier, Carolyn Deacy, Catherine Callahan, Bob Brown, and Marcia Harris—California; Verna Powell—Texas; Hope Parson—Maine; Dr. Jerry Smith—Colorado; and Pauline Childers—Michigan.

Mary Rose O'Leary led song on page 31t to honor the sick and shut-ins. Ted Mercer noted that this was the first California Convention that Carolyn Deacy had been unable to attend, and spoke of her essential role in bringing Sacred Harp singing to California and in organizing the first California Convention. Ted Mercer, Mary Rose O'Leary, and Stephen O'Leary led song on page 501 in her honor. The memorial was closed.

LUNCH

Beth Webb brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 178. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 490; Karen Stingle 216; Gaylon Powell 316; John Plunkett 295; Janet Herman 345b; Ann Heider 362; Steve Warner 99; Richard DeLong 419;

Jon Giles 298; Susan Turpin 424; Beth Webb 203; Pat Keating 86; Mary Rose O'Leary 270; Mimi Wright 39t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jim Friedrich leading song on page 81.

Leaders: Ron Huss 534; Stan Jensen 48t; Karen Huss 535b; Henry Schuman 532; John Schaffer 441; Marcia Tucker 497; David Rust 70b; Jenny Jensen 353; John Rand 385t; Judith Black 455; Polly Henninger 415; Midge Harder 159; Rachel Adelstein 107; Jack Herbig 504; Jon Giles 546; Jacob Affolter 368; Natalie Hall 383. A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from the different committees.

Treasurer Duncan MacLeod reported that the expenses of the convention had been met.

Chris Thorman of the Locating Committee reported that the 2003 Convention will be held in the San Francisco Bay area, and that the Convention would continue to rotate between Los Angeles, the Bay Area, and San Diego. A suggestion that the convention include two full days of singing was spontaneously and enthusiastically received and approved by the class.

Secretary Larry Arnstein reported that 100 registration cards had been filled out; 161 songs had been called with 77 different singers leading during the two days. The following states were represented: California, Washington, Illinois, Indiana, Colorado, Georgia, New York, Texas, Oregon, Michigan, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah.

Norma Gholson and Laura Boyd Russell gave the Resolutions Committee Report. In lieu of thanking the many individuals who contributed to the convention we would like to report on the ten biggest Sacred Harp myths:

- Good conventions “just happen.” Officers are a tradition, but have no work to speak of. Thanks to all of the Convention’s officers.
- Dinner coordinators aren’t necessary—why not just let things happen spontaneously? Thanks to Karen and Ron Huss.
- Anyone can pitch. Just find a note that sounds good to you and let others adjust. Thanks to Gaylon Powell, Richard DeLong, and Laura Boyd Russell.
- It’s best to cook just enough not to have anything left over—people don’t mind if the food runs out before the end of the line. Thanks to all who brought food.
- Anyone can do the arranging; it’s easy—just shuffle the cards or better yet throw them in the air and call at random. Thanks to the Arranging Committee: Marilyn Murata, Beth Webb and MaryLynn Bergstrom.
- Location and acoustics are irrelevant—Sacred Harp is so wonderful it sounds good anywhere. Thanks to Angels Gate Cultural Center.
- It’s easy and cheap to travel long distances to sing, plus it takes very little planning. Thanks to our out-of-town and out-of-state singers.
- A hundred singers sound alike no matter which hundred you pick.
- Going to regular singing groups is the best way to enjoy Sacred Harp. There’s more time to talk between songs.
- Rooms come ready to use—nothing to do to set them up but come in, sit down, and start singing. Thanks to all who helped set up and clean up for the convention.
- Finally: there’s no hurry going south to sing with traditional singers—they will all be around forever. Thanks to all the traditional singers who have shown us the power and beauty of Sacred Harp singing.

All reports were approved as given, and the business session was closed.

Announcements of upcoming singings were made. Rick Russell led song on page 276 as the closing song while the class took the parting hand. Jim Friedrich dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Rick Russell; Vice Chairman—Chris Thorman; Secretary—Larry Arnstein.

CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE
Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina
Thursday, January 24, 2002

The Church Music Conference at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, met for a Sacred Harp singing on Thursday evening, January 24, 2002. Harry Eskew opened the conference leading song on page 49t. Bill Peacock offered the evening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Harry Eskew; Secretary—Willie Israel.

Leaders: Harry Eskew 128; Willie Israel 178; Dan Huger 146; Susan Posey 268; Nathan Garris 63; Pat Avery 45t; Steven James 159; Richard Mauney 85; Mary McKinney 40; Bill Thomas 155; Dougkeun Paul Kim 31b; David Carnell 117; Bing Vick 540.

Harry Eskew led song on page 62 as the closing song. Jim Parnell led the closing prayer.

Chairman—Harry Eskew; Secretary—Willie Israel.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Fort Worth, Texas
Saturday, January 26, 2002

The eighteenth annual Sacred Harp singing was held in Cowden Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. This is the eleventh year that “The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision” has been used, and it was an excellent singing with 106 in attendance.

Dr. David Music called the morning session to order at 9:33 a.m. and led song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Dr. William Reynolds. After a welcome to all singers and opening comments, Dr. Music recognized Dr. Timothy Studstill as chairman of the Arranging Committee and Theresa Cunningham as Secretary.

Leaders: Leon Ballinger 299; Gaylon Powell 300; Beverly Coates 432; Dr. Bill Reynolds 159; Reed Coates 48t; Father Ronald Baker 45b; Cheryl Foreman 475; John Morris 56t; H.P. O’Mary 61; Billy Huckaby 318; Avon Miller 538; Dan Brittain 296; Liz Owen 273; Bruce Coates 276; Jeb Owen 440; Syd Caldwell 556; Tim Reynolds 45t (dedicated to Frank Sills); Sarah Coates 503; Baron Powers 268; Esther Huckaby 460; Bill Caldwell 344; Myra Palmer 441; Michelle Rogan 178; Scott Curran 196; Terre Schill 301; Myrl Jones 142; Josie Rogan 198. Dr. David Music acknowledged the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary students in attendance.

RECESS

Dr. Timothy Studstill opened the second session by leading song on page 354b. Dr. David Music introduced the reporters from Fort Worth Focus. Sacred Harp will air each evening next week at 6:30 p.m.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 78; Beverly Coates 546; Leon Ballinger 137; Father Ronald Baker 117; Myrl Jones 189; Sarah Coates 421; H.P. O’Mary 278b; Reed Coates 182; Dan Brittain 472; Avon Miller 562; Liz Owen 455; Dr. Bill Reynolds 128; Myra

Palmer 208; Bruce Coates 163b; Jeb Owen 34t. Dr. David Music dismissed the class for lunch.

LUNCH

After several impromptu songs were sung, Dr. David Music opened the afternoon session at 1:30 p.m. Leaders: Ryan Ross 120; Cheryl Foreman 328; Tommy Sandifer 145; Veronica Rodriguez 349; Syd Caldwell 40; Esther Huckaby 270; Baron Powers 85; Tim Reynolds 547; Bill Caldwell 350; Michelle Rogan 215; Scott Curran 203; Billy Huckaby 47b; Dr. Bill Reynolds 155; Ryan Ross 297; Syd Caldwell 516 (in honor of Hugh McGraw and Kelly Beard); Terre Schill 375; Gaylon Powell 311; Father Ronald Baker 148; Beverly Coates 352; Myrl Jones 302; Dan Brittain 481; Leon Ballinger 217; Dr. David Music 334.

Dr. Timothy Studstill then asked for requests from those not leading, and the following song leaders were called: Esther Huchaby 358; Dan Brittain 437; Syd Caldwell 143; Jeb Owens 282; Dan Brittain 313b; Beverly Coates 150; Myra Palmer 436; Bruce Coates 569b; Dan Brittain 49b (giving thanks to his first composition teacher, Jack Dean); Tim Studstill 127; Gaylon Powell 47t; Josh Rogan 454.

Dr. David Music gave the benediction, and Dr. Bill Reynolds was asked to close with 45t, "Amazing Grace."

Chairman—Dr. David Music; Secretary—Theresa Cunningham.

KEYSTONE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Arch Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** **January 26-27, 2002**

Saturday, January 26

The fourth annual session of the Keystone Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January at the Arch Street Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Beginning in 2003, the Convention will move to the third Sunday in January and Saturday before. Chairman Doron Henkin called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 48t. The Rev. Clayton Ames offered the opening prayer. Doron Henkin welcomed everyone and led song on page 49b.

Leaders: Gabriel Kastle 33t; Laura Densmore 155; Marian McKenzie 184; Ted Stokes 53; Ginny Landgraf 162; Hal Kunkel 492; Molly Sayvetz 66; Walter Smith 192; Susan Munch 278b; Thom Metzger 101b; Donna Abrahams 200; John Brode 375; Barbara Swetman 335; John Redman 475; Sandra Hack Polaski 84; Roland Hutchinson 254.

RECESS

Paula McGray brought the class to order by leading song on page 47t. Leaders: John delRe 157; Liz Cusick 178; Guy Bankes 68b; Ellie Soler 277; Eileen Metzger 102; Don Polaski 112; Gina Balestracci 29b; Paula McGray 187; Donna Abrahams and Cynthia Swick 65; Adrian Mariano 27; Diane Mennella 270; Joni Seidenstein 551; Nancy Yeager 45t; David Yeager 32b.

RECESS

Barbara Swetman called the class back to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Doron Henkin 358; Hal Kunkel 348b.

Paula McGray led the memorial lesson and song on page 52b for the sick and shut-ins. She remarked that times of sickness could sometimes help us acknowledge our own mortality. This acknowledgement can lead to a more perfect trust and reliance in our Maker and in those around us. Those sick and shut-ins remembered were: Coy Ivey—Alabama; Marilyn Darch—California; Dot Garber—Connecticut; Martha Lang—Massachusetts; Betty Kelsky—New Jersey; Kyra Bean, Nancy Crawford, and

Louis Rosenberg—New York; Grace Jeschke, Charles Rhyne, Howard Johnson, and Eric Matthews—Pennsylvania.

Gina Balestracci led the memorial lesson and song on page 38b for the deceased. She spoke on the events of 9-11-01, and how her life and the lives of those around her who witnessed the events changed that day. She told us of singing Sacred Harp with the Manhattan group soon afterwards, and how helpful that singing had been to console those gathered there. Sacred Harp songs do not hesitate to face death straight on, and they minister to us in these dark and trying times. Those remembered were: Freeman Wootten—Alabama; Mary Kay Friday—District of Columbia; Richard Hooke—Massachusetts; Juan Infante, Linda Smart, Don DiFranco, Bertram Coplon, and Henry Barrow—New York; Doris Johnson—Texas; John Hall, Bob Todd, Barbara Smith, and Joanna Sorlien—Pennsylvania. Rev. Clayton Ames closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 528; Thom Metzger 99; Ginny Landgraf 397; John Brode 312t. Ginny Landgraf offered the blessing for the noonday meal.

LUNCH

Susan Munch called the afternoon session to order by leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Michael Kaye 455; Walter Smith 497; Molly Sayvetz 299; Ted Stokes 298; Sandra Hack Polaski 268; Marian McKenzie 428; Roland Hutchinson 543; Gabriel Kastle 365; Don Polaski 362; Gina Balestracci 137; Duran Perkins 107; Ellie Soler 143; Donna Abrahams 212; John Redman 361; Paula McGray 150.

RECESS

Doron Henkin called the class to order leading song on page 56b. Leaders: John delRe 369; Barbara Swetman 383; Nancy Chester 479; Guy Banks 276; Eileen Metzger 168; David Yeager 448; Joni Seidenstein 142; Cynthia Swick and Gina Balestracci 131b; Adrian Mariano 198; Diane Mennella 542; Hal Kunkel 193; Laura Densmore 201; Thom Metzger 216; John Brode 122; Michael Kaye 163b (in memory of Don DiFranco who lost his life on the top floor of the World Trade Center).

Chairman Doron Henkin called for announcements of upcoming singings, and the regular portion of the Saturday session was closed at 3:30 p.m.

After a short recess, a singing featuring tunes not found in “The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition” was held. Many songs from the “Cooper Book” and a number of “new compositions” songs were sung. The singing adjourned for the day at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 27

Adrian Mariano called the class to order leading song on page 148. The morning prayer was offered by Rev. Clayton Ames. Chairman Doron Henkin welcomed the class and made announcements.

Leaders: Thom Metzger 274t; Laura Densmore 49b; Hal Kunkel 133; Doron Henkin 113; Donna Abrahams 318; John Redman 454; Paula McGray 157; Barbara Swetman 127; Guy Banks 556; David Yeager 515; Debbie Barford 472; Joni Seidenstein 144; Michael Kaye 68b; John delRe 129; Adrian Mariano 203; Molly Sayvetz 501; Eileen Metzger 217.

RECESS

John delRe called the class to order by leading song on page 39t.

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 189; Nancy Yeager 448b; Gabriel Kastle 70b; John delRe and Clayton Ames 268; Susan Munch 117; Hal Kunkel and Jessie Bennett 101t; Thom Metzger with some friends of David and Nancy Yeager from Georgia 155; Laura Densmore 83t; Hal Kunkel 392; Doron Henkin 573; John Redman 442; Paula McGray 183; Barbara Swetman 145t; Eileen Metzger 504; Guy Banks 269; David Yeager 267.

RECESS

Debbie Barford called the class to order leading song on page 120. Leaders: Nancy Yeager 565; Joni Seidenstein 195; Michael Kaye 569; John delRe 207; Debbie Barford 547; Adrian Mariano 29t; Molly Sayvetz 159; Ginny Landgraf 344; Gabriel Kastle 179; Gabriel Kastle and Clayton Ames 186; Susan Munch 95; Laura Densmore 542; Hal Kunkel 36b; Doron Henkin 228; John Redman 236; Paula McGray 300; Barbara Swetman 260; Guy Bankes 444; David Yeager 47t; Nancy Yeager 313b; Joni Seidenstein 312b; Michael Kaye 147t; Debbie Barford 112; Adrian Mariano 430; Ginny Landgraf 485; Gabriel Kastle 200.

Chairman Doron Henkin called for any additional announcements. Secretary Hal Kunkel acknowledged and thanked the following officers and volunteers: Chairman—Doron Henkin; Housing and Volunteer Coordinator—Gabriel Kastle; Publicity—Molly Sayvetz and Doron Henkin; Treasurer—Guy Bankes; Assistant Secretary—Ginny Landgraf; Memorial Committee—Paula McGray and Gina Balestracci; Chaplains—Rev. Clayton Ames and Ginny Landgraf; Arranging Committee—Laura Densmore, Barbara Swetman, Diane Mennella, and John delRe; Set-up/Childcare—Laura Densmore and Ina Henkin; Registration—Gabriel Kastle, Laura Densmore, Ted Stokes, Molly Sayvetz, Eileen Metzger, and John Redman; Food Preparation—Chris Densmore and Mary McCaffrey. Doron Henkin led song on page 62 as the closing song. Rev. Clayton Ames dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Doron Henkin; Secretary—Hal Kunkel.

**BALDWIN COUNTY SACRED HARP
SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)**

Bay Minette Church of Christ Fellowship Hall,

Bay Minette, Alabama

January 26-27, 2002

Saturday, January 26

Chairman Bill Hogan brought the class to order leading song on page 32. Aubrey Barfield offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Bill Hogan 36b; Vice Chairman J.A. Mosley 182; Secretary Alice Mosley 484; Laura Clawson 186; Rodney Ivey 172; Reba Windom 505; Bud Oliver 370; Voncille Graus 492; Aubrey Barfield 200; Hershell King 572; Harrison Creel 54t; Wilburn Ellison 451b; Flarce Creel and Ann Jett 571; Milton Oliver 404; Wanda Fay Schumack and Bula Purvis 411; Bill Aplin 166; Ann Jett 516; Ernest Cockroft 422.

RECESS

John Etheridge brought the class to order leading song on page 133. Leaders: Frank Hataway 32b; Elene Stovall 142; Michael Jones 384; Joe Nall 428; Thurman Nall 292; Tommie Spurlock 574; Betty Wright 410; Stanley Smith 98; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Bill Green 283; Morgan Bunch 383; Agnes Farris 101b; Paulette Chavers 447; Ed Bass 309.

RECESS

Bill Farris brought the class to order leading song on page 401. Leaders: Beau Patrick 401, 450; Sue Bunch 128; Shane Wootten 478; Wilburn Ellison 126; John Merritt 383; Milton Thrash 83; Willodean Thrash 387; Laura Clawson 416b; Rodney Ivey 39; Reba Windom 500.

LUNCH

Myleto Stewart brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 28 and 497. Leaders: Jeff Corbitt 50t; Richard Graham 573; Ashley McKatley 427; Henry Wright and John Etheridge 554; Bud Oliver 559; Voncille Graus 507; Aubrey

Barfield 110; Hershell King 395; Harrison Creel 381, 355; Wilburn Ellison 283b; Flarce Creel 275b; Milton Oliver 515; Thurman Nall 358, 38t; J.A. Mosley 43; Wanda Faye Schumack and Bula Purvis 410; Bill Aplin 385.

RECESS

Christine Gandy brought the class to order leading song on page 319. Leaders: Genny Whitworth 132; Ernest Cockroft 264.

Chairman Bill Hogan led song on page 331 as the closing song, and Aubrey Barfield offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Sunday, January 27

Chairman Bill Hogan opened the Sunday morning session leading song on page 99. Aubrey Barfield, serving as Chaplain, offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chairman J.A. Mosley 49; Secretary Alice Mosley 343; Aubrey Barfield 163, 168; Ann Jett 515, 141; Elene Stovall 183, 478; Thurman Nall 336t; Tommie Spurlock 217, 298; Nate Green and Norma Green 518, 353b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bill Farris leading songs on pages 559 and 393b.

Leaders: Shane Wooten 574, 300; Laura Clawson 274t, 216; Rodney Ivey 137, 224; Reba Windom 222, 76b; Bud Oliver 145t, 563; Hershell King 101t, 535t; Harrison Creel 89.

Bill Hogan gave the memorial lesson; a lesson that was very meaningful and spiritual, and a lesson to carry with us; and then led song on page 32t.

The list of the deceased remembered were: Ida Merrill Nall, Curtis Carter, Gladys (Mrs. J.E.) Harden, Marie Dean, Pearl Patillo, Ruby Wilks, and Winston Jones.

The list of sick and shut-ins remembered were: Emma Mosley, Betty Jerkins, Kelly Beard, J.C. Harden, Arvin Nall, Beulah Nall, James Slaughter, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Doris Vickery, Eldora Moody, Leola Smith, and Mattie Townsel. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Milton Oliver 503; Flarce Creel and Ann Jett 58; Wilburn Ellison 507, 447.

RECESS

J.A. Mosley brought the class to order leading song on page 61. Leaders: Vickie Aplin 277, 421; Margaret Spurlock 112, 108; Betty Wright 408; Stanley Smith 241; John Merritt 392, 358; Beau Patrick 387. The class was dismissed for lunch with the singing of song on page 369 and prayer, which was offered by Aubrey Barfield.

LUNCH

Bill Hogan brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 42. Leaders: Wayne Jones 54t, 225t; Tim Jones 285, 139; Sue Bunch 511b, 488; Amber Springfield 276, 142; Morgan Bunch 77t, 335; Christine Gandy 143, 145b; Genny Whitworth 131, 136; Murray Simmons 373, 146; Dana Merritt 492, 486; Bill Aplin 68.

Announcements were made. Bill Hogan led song on page 516 as the closing song. Aubrey Barfield offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Haleyville, Winston County, Alabama
January 27, 2002

The fifth session of this Sacred Harp singing was held on the fourth Sunday in January at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church.

Chairman Travis Keeton called the class together with song on page 48t. Jim Ballinger led the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 73t for John Hyde who was sick.

The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Parnell Berry; Secretary—Ivalene Donaldson; Arranging Committee—Wilton Donaldson.

Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 129, 146; Parnell Berry 283, 99; Wilton Donaldson 503, 566; Vernice Phillips 168, 112; Chris Bell 384, 143; Eugene Forbes 340, 36; Corene White 314, 379; Sherry Guthery 49, 58; Linton Ballinger 457; Jayne Fulmer 454; Tim Cook 52t, 531; Lomax Ballinger 144, 335.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading song on page 321. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 119, 71; Kermit Adams 78, 446; Robert Dupree 117, 40; Willodean Barton 391, 122; Ida Lee Starnes 111b; David Roberson 196, 388; Max Berueffy 436 (for Elene Stovall who could not be here), 546; Roma Rice 172, 273; S.T. Reed 278t, 278b; David Ballinger 300, 299; Margaret Keeton 422 (for Josie Hyde); Henry Guthery 465, 527.

LUNCH

The class was called to order for the afternoon session by Parnell Berry leading song on page 298. Leaders: Lena Keeton 200; Lisa Geist 151, 182; Cecil Wakefield 268, 159; Jim Ballinger 282, 405; Eldagene Roberson 81t, 399b; Teresa Ballinger 46, 460; Edith Tate 93, 389; Julie Poston 61; Beatrice Brewer 137, 373; Julietta Haynes 209, 216; Beth O'Dell 371, 142; Marie Guthrie 374, 220; Gravis Ballinger 475, 155; Earl Ballinger 176t, 276; L.E. Hannah and Latrive Bailey 544, 310; Josie Hyde 507; Tim Cook 186, 189, 187; Robert Dupree 350; S.T. Reed 409; Max Berueffy and Edith Tate 532; Max Berueffy 297.

Travis Keeton and Parnell Berry led song on page 285t for the closing song. Chris Bell dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Parnell Berry; Secretary—Ivalene Donaldson.

ROTUNDA SINGING **State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama** **Saturday, February 2, 2002**

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

Chairman Jim Carnes brought the class to order leading songs on pages 49b and 32t. H.J. Jackson offered the morning prayer.

The first session was from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision" with Edith Tate acting as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Chita Blakeley 176t; Judy Caudle 198; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 348b; Amber Springfield 151; Leon Ballinger 137; Corene White and Jim Carnes 171; Max Berueffy 189; Gavin Blakeley 135; Myra Goss 236; Uel Freeman 64; Elene Stovall 436; Karen Clark 501; Danny Creel 269.

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

Leaders: H.J. Jackson 4; Bernice Harvey 65; Kenneth Smith 18; Barney Robinson 19; Estell Moultry and Barney Robinson 24; H.J. Jackson 9.

RECESS

The third session was held from the "Cooper Revision Book" with Tommie Spurlock acting as Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Joey Brackner and Jim Carnes 63; John Etheridge 444; Bill Aplin 567; Stanley Smith 433; Don Clark 186; Vickie Aplin 337; Andrew Albers 267b; Frank Hataway 138t; Bobby Jackson 522; Bill Hogan 478.

The fourth session was held from the “Christian Harmony” with Wanda Capps acting as Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Wanda Capps 121t (in memory of George Cox), 264; Flarce Creel 281b; John Plunkett 299; Cassie Franklin 54; Edith Tate 82; Don Clark 19; Danny Creel 131.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Jim Carnes leading song on page 142.

The first session was held from “The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision” with Edith Tate acting as Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Edith Tate and Max Berueffy 532; Amber Springfield 192; Amanda Denson 224; Danny Creel 383; Earl Ballinger 306; Ivalene Donaldson and Max Berueffy 270; Jonathan Blakeley 81t; Flarce Creel and Jean Ballinger 475; Stormy Britton 143; Jim Carnes 87; Steve Lambert 196.

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

Leaders: H.J. Jackson 12; Steve Grauberger 62; H.J. Jackson 87; Bernice Harvey “Give Me Just A Little More Time.”

RECESS

Bobby Jackson and Grace Harry led song on page 290 from “The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision” as a special request.

The third session of the afternoon was held from the “Cooper Revision Book” with Tommie Spurlock acting as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Tommie Spurlock 140; Kenneth Smith 239; John Etheridge 98; Edith Tate 404; Karen Clark 571; Frank Hataway 507; Myra Goss 229; Andrew Albers 225t.

The last session of the day was held from the “Christian Harmony”.

Leaders: Bill Hogan 245; Cassie Franklin 64; John Plunkett 50; John Etheridge 110; Jonathan Blakeley 287.

Announcements were made. Jim Carnes, Joey Brackner, Elene Stovall, Tommie Spurlock, and Edith Tate led song on page 146 as the closing song. Joey Brackner dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jim Carnes; Vice Chairman—Joey Brackner; Secretary—Elene Stovall.

BOB BURNHAM MEMORIAL SINGING **Jacksonville, Alabama** **February 3, 2002**

The thirty-fifth session of the Bob Burnham Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in February and was called to order by Chairman Ruth Brown leading songs on pages 59 and 63. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer. Pearl Guier led songs on pages 49t and 127; Margie Smith 101t, 313t; Shelbie Sheppard 142, 186.

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

Chairman—Ruth Brown; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard.

Leaders: Pam Nunn 222, 269; Judy Mincey 510, 475; Mel Kersey 47b, 565; Karen Ivey 217, 208; B.M. Smith 273, 284; Jewel Wootten 171 (in memory of Freeman Wootten), 317 (in memory of Roie Alexander); Louis Hughes 408; Nate Green and Norma Green 105, 207.

RECESS

Pam Nunn reassembled the class with song on page 480. Leaders: Terry Hullett 37b, 48t; Sarah Harcrow 99, 350; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Karen Freund 421, 56b; Richard DeLong 173, 472; Jeannette DePoy 55 (for David Slade and John Slade); Jimmy Cates 112, 137; Teenie Moody 384, 192; Milton Oliver 403; Willie Mae Moon 283, 385t; David Ivey 380; Amber Springfield 318, 454; Lonnie Rogers 389, 45t; Aaron Wootten 270, 282; Daphne Causey 426b, 436; Jerry Enright 383, 77t; Harvey Austin 566 (in memory of Oakie Austin); Evelyn Harris 47t; Tommy McGraw 138t, 477. Felton Denney asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Ruth Brown and Pam Nunn leading song on page 303 for Jeff Sheppard. Leaders: Bud Oliver 42; Hayden Wootten, Jared Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 128; Alex Makris 166; Stuart Ivey 189; Jackson Harcrow 290; Donna Wootten 274t; Richard Ivey 182; Charlene Wallace 218 (for Carlene Griffin); S.T. Reed 545; Eunice Webb 392; Dennis George 542; Elene Stovall 430; Earlis McGraw 213t (for firemen and policemen who lost their lives on 9-11-2001); Mattie Townsel 68b; Philip Denney 442; Allison Ivey 448t; Shane Wootten 29t; Susan Harcrow 300; Joel Jenkins 82t; Laura Clawson 362; Scott DePoy 277; Lela Crowder 215; Max Berueffy 87 (for his son, Coleman); LaRue Allen 220; Bobby Jackson 568; Amanda Denson 160b; John Plunkett 286; Lou Cotney and Rodney Ivey 196; Felton Denney 385b; Louise Holland 35; Jimmie Denney 111t; Buell Cobb 330t; Sherrell Cleino 335; Henry Johnson 88t; B.J. Harris 225t; Rodney Ivey 358; Homer Benefield 56t; Eugene Forbes 460.

Announcements were made. Ruth Brown, Pearl Guier, Floy Driskill, and Gene Burnham led song on page 46 as the closing song. Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

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

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING **University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois** **February 3, 2002**

The tenth annual Lincoln's Birthday Singing was held in Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the first Sunday in February. In the absence of last year's Chair, Cathryn Baker, Natalia Cecire brought the class to order leading song on page 312b. Jim Swanson led the opening prayer. Natalia Cecire welcomed the many visitors attending the University of Chicago Folk Festival.

Leaders: Jim Helke 162; Rachel Adelstein 128; Al Frank 146; Nicholas Pasqual 565; Susan Geil 276; Jeff Gauthier 448b; David Barford 196; Sue Kessel 217; Doug Stapleton 163b; Shaffiq Welji 547; Steve Warner 148; Marcia Johnson 216 (in remembrance of ailing friends); John Greven 269; Judy Holst 114; Robert Dworkin 87; Melanie Hauff 215; Randy Neufeld 99; Anne Heider 192; Ted Johnson 142.

RECESS

Ariel Weinberg called the class together leading song on page 117. Leaders: Suzanne Flandreau 384 (for Cathryn Baker); Jim Swanson 300; Megan Jennings 288; David Stech 86; Beverly Enright 532; John Seaton 47t; Dan Boyle 32b; Ted Mercer 299; Marcia Johnson 340; Doug Stapleton 159; Al Frank 362; Sue Kessel 236; Lisa Grayson 218 (for Julie Vea, whose father passed away recently); Melanie Hauff 277; Judy Holst 499; Ted Johnson 385t; Randy Neufeld 84; Beverly Enright 126; John Seaton 147t; Ted Mercer 208.

Announcements were made. Natalia Cecire led song on page 347 for the closing song as the class took the parting hand. Jim Swanson led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

The Lincoln's Birthday Singing is always scheduled during the University of Chicago Folk Festival, held in early February each year. Contact the University of Chicago Shape Note Singers Association for information about next year's singing. Chair—Natalia Cecire; Vice Chair/Arranging Committee—Ariel Weinberg; Secretary—Suzanne Flandreau.

J.D. STARNES MEMORIAL **Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Northeast of Sipsey, Alabama** **February 3, 2002**

The J.D. Starnes Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Hope Baptist Church on the first Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 33b. The morning prayer was led by Brother Phillip Starnes. Velton Chafin led song on page 35.

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

Leaders: Velton Chafin 225t (for Cecil Sanders who was unable to attend); Willodean Barton 460, 456; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 84; Ida Lee Starnes 31b, 317; Beth O'Dell 270, 384; Ann Jett 448b, 141; Wilton Donaldson 503, 565; Flarce Creel 389, 454; Larry Ballinger 224, 222; Edith Tate 73t, 137.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class back to order leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Ozella Blackmon 167; Ivalene Donaldson 204, 328; Lisa Geist 327, 171; Elvin Guthrie 410b, 482; Henry Guthery 135, 149; Margaret Keeton 181, 126; Marie Guthrie 220, 280; Glenn Keeton 294, 358 (in memory of Mrs. Merritt); Josie Hyde and Margaret Keeton 189, 193; Eldagene Roberson 385, 457; Billy Williams 147t, 288; Travis Keeton 297 (for John Hyde), 480; Harrison Creel 498, 512.

The pastor of the church, Brother Phillip Starnes, welcomed everyone, read verses of scripture from Corinthians, and offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 102. Leaders: Willodean Barton 145t; Flarce Creel 475; Ann Jett 269; Ida Lee Starnes 426t; Lavaughn Ballinger 401; Beth O'Dell 186; Edith Tate 138; Eldagene Roberson 29t; Ivalene Donaldson 166; Marie Guthrie 434; Lisa Geist 335; Elvin Guthrie 320; Larry Ballinger 50b; Glenn Keeton 278t; Josie Hyde 572; Margaret Keeton 213b; Henry Guthery 573; Travis Keeton 499, 235; Harrison Creel 342, 530; Lisa Geist 566, 546 (for John Hyde); Velton Chafin 517 (WB) (by request). Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 45t as the closing song. Brother Phillip Starnes dismissed the class with prayer. We wish to thank Ida Lee Starnes for paying for the minutes.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

**MINNESOTA STATE MIDWINTER SINGING
(COOPER BOOK)**

**St. Sahag's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
February 9, 2002**

Chairman Denise Kania called the morning session to order leading song on page 171. John Bailey offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Matt Wells 82; Darlene Dalton 488b; Steve Schmidgall 488t; Cathy Lutz 416t; Cindy Kissee 186; Scott Schroeder 508; Midge Olsen 478; Hans Guttmann 505; Carol Buche 564; Gordon Olsen 38; Keith Willard 140; Jeanette Nelson 98.

RECESS

Matt Wells brought the class back to order leading song on page 45. Leaders: Michael Moore leading "Holy Armies" (own composition); Todd Mitchell 131; Kathy Wallace 53; Tollie Lee "the major scale", 84; Laura Densmore 137; John Bailey 500; Eleanor Haase 575; Tim Eriksen 243b; Kristin Irving 393t; Dave Richardson 528b; Kit Pfau 411; Charlie Obert 217; Cheryl Foreman 410.

RECESS

Steve Schmidgall brought the class back together leading song on page 391.

Charlie Obert made a special presentation of a hand knit shawl to Elouise Jerome, who has been a longstanding and generous supporter of singing in Minnesota. The Minnesota singers are grateful for their association with her.

Leaders: Claudia Egelhoff 299; Guy Bankes 574; Martha Henderson 199; Mike Shewmaker 40; Ramona Lee 32t; Steve Levine 229. Gordon Olsen said grace before the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Charlie Obert began the afternoon session leading song on page 47. Leaders: Paul Wyatt 571; Janet Crosby and Annie Asch 573; Jeff Bell 176; Gene Hauptmann 293b; Christine Stevens 544; Sonja Lee Kinney and Lindsey Kinney 49b; Minja Lausevic 263; Johnny Lee 511t; Val Eng 280; Jenny Willard 367; Jim Pfau 552; Darlene Dalton and Laura Blom 511b; Cathy Lutz with students 218; Midge Olsen with students 159; Gordon Olsen with students 559; Tollie Lee with students 336t, 155.

RECESS

Jim Pfau brought the class back to order leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Charlie Obert 183; Matt Wells and Doug Donley 196; Dave Richardson 515; Tim Eriksen 203; Laura Densmore 83t; Steve Schmidgall 485; Kristin Irving 122; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 563; Cheryl Foreman 132; Minja Lausevic 274; Shelley Robbins and Isabel Maria 142; Johnny Lee 527.

Announcements were made. Chairman Denise Kania led song on page 516 as the closing song. Tollie Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Denise Kania; Secretary—Paul Wyatt.

MOUNTAIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Stone Mountain, Georgia

February 10, 2002

A special singing was held at Mountain Park United Methodist Church located in Stone Mountain, Georgia on the second Sunday in February, and was called to order by Eric Tweedy leading song on page 59. The Rev. Larry Rarry offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Eric Tweedy 510, 163b; Chris Tweedy 225t, 354b; Liz Bryant 542, 142; David Yeager 31t, 267; Bob Goodman 68b, 34b; Andy Anderson 31b, 107; Hermon Wilkinson 155, 159; Helen Bryson 112, 49b; Andy Morse 99, 313b; Nancy Yeager 503, 143; John Plunkett 308, 569t, 569b; Laura Akerman 254, 556.

RECESS

Alice West brought the class back to order by leading song on page 448b. Leaders: Alice West 72b, 401; Eric Tweedy 200; Laura Akerman 61; Liz Bryant 475; David Yeager 146; Bob Goodman 117; Andy Anderson 39t; Alice West 39b; Nancy Yeager 551; Hermon Wilkinson 47b; Helen Bryson 410t; Andy Morse 189; John Plunkett 89; Andy Anderson 178; David Yeager 86.

Eric Tweedy led song on page 56t as the closing song, and John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Eric Tweedy; Secretary—Andy Anderson.

ROY AVERY MEMORIAL SINGING **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama** **February 10, 2002**

The Elder Roy Avery Memorial Singing was held on the second Sunday in February, and was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading song on page 32t.

The next order of business was to elect officers for the day. Those elected to serve were: Chairman—Ted Price; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Charlotte Bishop.

Chairman Ted Price led song on page 40, and Elder Ben Keeble offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Floy Wilder 63, 110; Mary Jean Payne 339 (for her daughter, Susan), 410t; Annie Lee Price 384, 222; Jenny Acton 25 (JB), 340; Edna Ruth Phillips 569b, 490; Bobby Jackson 535, 290; Jordan Whitehead 111t, 354b; Paula Fagan 73t, 47t; Nellie Estes 145t, 186; Charlene Wallace 61, 101t; Sharon Whitehead 480, 294.

RECESS

Chairman Ted Price called the class back together leading song on page 108b.

Leaders: Myrline Redmon 108t, 147t; Myra Goss 380, 170. Preaching by Elder Steve Stathelson.

LUNCH

Chairman Ted Price brought the afternoon session to order with song on page 496.

Leaders: Audress Gurley 36b, 517 (WB); Isabelle Green 282, 270; Tierza Price 45t, 28t; Diane Avery 312b, 300; Elder Marshall Avery 278b, 74b; Carla Smith 358, 143; Elder Ben Keeble 39b, 47b; Stormy Britton 490, 489; Eugene Forbes 378t, 145t; Ted Price 408, 77b; LaRue Allen 112, 373; Wayne Cotney 68b, 59; Charlotte Bishop 196 (for Christine Keeble), 25 (JB) (by request); Verlie McDaniel and Maxine Marlette 460.

Ted Price dismissed the class with prayer.

We appreciate each and every one that attended and invite you back again next year.

Chairman—Ted Price; Secretary—Charlotte Bishop.

ALABAMA COLLEGIATE SINGING **University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama** **Saturday, February 16, 2002**

The fourth annual session of the Alabama Collegiate Singing was held in the hall of the Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center on the campus of the University of Alabama. Tim Cook called the class to order at 9:30 a.m., taught a brief singing school, and led song on page 49t as the opening song, with notes in unison, then in parts. Lavaughn Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

A short business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Stewart; Vice Chairman—Robert DuPre; Secretary/Treasurer—Tim Cook.

Leaders: Bill Stewart 99; Glenn Keeton 278t, 225t; Donald Smith 313t, 406; Amber Springfield 436, 318; Gravis Ballinger 300, 34b; Cassie Franklin 74t, 328; Ruth Wyers 87, 206; J.L. Hopper 407, 556; Lisa Geist 542, 224; Ivalene Donaldson 335, 343.

RECESS

Tim Cook brought the class to order leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Ola Meadows 400, 37b; Edward Howton 101t, 434; Elene Stovall 196, 216; Clarissa Springfield 445; Clarissa Springfield and Amber Springfield 454; Toney Smith 77b; Larry Ballinger 78, 151; Eileen Metzger 148, 32t; Travis Keeton 270, 496; Max Berueffy 157, 195; Laura Collins and Allison Ivey 45t; Julianna Jett 88t, 108t; Alex Makris 345t, 97. Elder Donald Smith offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

A memorial lesson was presented by Donald Smith, Ruth Wyers, and Luke Smith leading songs on pages 235 and 490. In the intervening year, we were saddened by the deaths of: Jim Barber, Lydia Baswell, George Cox, and Sarah Townsend.

Our beloved on the list of sick and shut-ins were: Cecile Cox, Bill Green, Beufa Green, James Howell, Martha Howell, Elvin Morris, Clara Smith, Leola Smith, and Rupert Yarbrough. Tish Crocker also could not be with us this year as she was caring for her grandmother, Clara Smith, at DCH Hospital down the street.

Leaders: John Merritt and Brian Murphy 358; Nate Green and Norma Green 565, 345b; Charlene Wallace 171; Judy Caudle 276, 182; Earl Ballinger 430; Amanda Denson 273, 36b; Eugene Forbes 208, 317; Warren Steel 352, 355; Wilton Donaldson 285t; Danny Creel 112, 269; Thom Metzger 101b, 198; Vernice Phillips 155, 168; Beth O'dell 384, 546; Wanda Capps 272, 142; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405; Steven Lambert 452, 31t; David Gibson 551, 290; Robert Dupree 117, 40; Edward Howton and Peggy Bergman 32t, 218; Mako Cook 347.

Announcements were made. Amanda Denson announced a scholarship fund of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company to assist college students who sing Sacred Harp. In this year's singing, we were heartened by the modest increase in the number of young people to "seek the old paths and walk therein," and we hope they might benefit from our humble assistance.

Bill Stewart led song on page 68b as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bill Stewart; Vice Chairman—Robert DuPree;
Secretary/Treasurer—Tim Cook.

OHIO STATE CONVENTION

Oak Ridge Lodge, Mount Airy Forest, Cincinnati, Ohio

February 16-17, 2002

Saturday, February 16

Eloise Clark called the class to order leading song on page 37. Beth Todd offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Greg Howard 569; Regina Bayer 148; Rich Overturf 86; John Bealle 200; Debbie Hall 66; Beth Todd 124; Shawn Fenton 38b; Stephanie Taylor 81.

A business meeting was held.

Leaders: Henry Schuman 335; Lois Hurt 178; Joseph Pimentel 344; Laura Russell 74; Greg Creech 47b; Michael Darby 34b; Stephanie Hysmith 324; Jim Herr 171; Fred Todt 168; Kay Huener 40; Cleve Callison 535; Loraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 117; Joseph Todd 179.

RECESS

Laura Russell brought the class to order leading song on page 63. Leaders: Linda Coppock 542; John Plunkett 569t; David Rust 82b; Marion Black 348t; Michelle

Cull 455; Don Bowen 99; Vic Whisman and John Bayer 49b; Steve Duff and John Bayer 30b; Will Reilly 143; Mike Grimes 528; Beth Huener 547; Bob Meek and Scott Moore 480; Janet Conrad 524; Scott Moore 68b; Brad Oglesby 339; Mary Brinkman 84; Aaron Kahn 107; Claire Outten 504; Eloise Clark 475. Beth Huener dismissed the class for lunch with a prayer.

LUNCH

Eric Conrad brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 312. Leaders: Rich Overturf 114; Sylvia Thomas 312; Nada Huron 159; Brenda Waters 147t; Laurel Cornell 149; Marten Rust 29t; Allen Dubeau 268; Allen Moffet 457; John Plunkett 308; Jenny Cameron 551; Dorothy Glanzer 276; Debbie Hall and Doug Mast 189b; Charles Coulston 497; Marion Black 474; Don Bowen 145b; Will Reilly 139; Mary Brinkman 313; David Rust 291.

RECESS

Laura Russell reassembled the class leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Fred Todt 48t; Bob Meek 384; John Bayer 35; Greg Howard 388; Mike Grimes 47; Jim Coppock 288; Bob Cull 515; Claire Outten 112; Michelle Cull and Regina Bayer 269; Henry Schuman 318; Aaron Kahn 183; Shawn Fenton 163b; Stephanie Taylor 452; Jim Herr 383; Janet Conrad 209; Joseph Pimentel 217; Beth Todd 319; Cleve Callison 198; Greg Creech 127; Lois Hurt 49t; Joseph Todd 236.

Eloise Clark led song on page 347 as the closing song. Beth Huener dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, February 17

Eloise Clark called the class to order leading song on page 73b. Beth Todd offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Linda Coppock 203; Rich Overturf 38t; Cleve Callison 186; John Bealle 543; Rick Arnett 126; Beth Huener 454; Greg Creech 32t; Karen Arnett 66; Kathryn Kohn 378b; Will Reilly 566; Marilyn Rust 52t; Kay Huener 234; Lois Hurt 358; Laura Russell 163t.

RECESS

Eloise Clark brought the class to order leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Loraine Bayer and Hans Bayer 278b; Joe Todd and Beth Todd 373; Anna Marie Bullock 515; Michael Darby 142; Debbie Hall 532; Michelle Biery 501; Greg Howard 65; Kathy Knecht 277; Sheryl Pockrose 245; Fred Todt 361; Maria Knecht and Talia Knecht 438; David Rust 101b.

RECESS

Laura Russell brought the class to order leading song on page 46. Leaders: Charles Knecht 102; Michelle Kohn 224; Regina Bayer 168; Joseph Pimentel 122; Beth Todd 436; John Plunkett 522; John Bayer and Hans Bayer 379; Don Bowen 283; Alexander Knecht 49t.

Henry Schuman gave the memorial lesson and led song on page 111b in memory of the following deceased: George Cox and Freeman Wooten—Alabama; Samuel Karam—California; Jane Bingham—North Carolina; Louis Darby—New York; Neil Worley—Tennessee; Ruby Driskell—Kentucky; Sevela Mederer—Ohio.

Debbie Hall led song on page 86 for the sick and shut-ins: Martha Lang—Indiana; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Lorraine Sawyer and Ed Huener—Ohio; Carlene Griffith and Mary Lambert Smith—Georgia; Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard—Alabama; Ed Huener—Ohio; Robert Phillips—Oklahoma; Rose Pimentel—Massachusetts; Ray Driskell and Nellie Miller—Kentucky. Beth Huener closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Henry Schuman 340; Eloise Clark 135; Henry Schuman 137 (in memory of Virgil Phillips); Beth Huener 454.

LUNCH

Eloise Clark brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 34b. Leaders: David Rust 220; Linda Coppock 196; Claire Outten 335; Will Reilly 28t; Don Bowen 503; Lois Hurt 551; Jim Coppock 299; Laura Russell 77t; John Plunkett 466; Michelle Kohn 496; Beth Todd 215; Bill Klein and Debbie Hall 312b; Joe Knecht 106; Kay Huener 95; Mike Hieber 276; Fred Todt 273; Charles Knecht 352; Sheryl Pockrose 564.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Eloise Clark leading song on page 350. Leaders: Kimberly Crawford and Michelle Biery 189; Joseph Pimentel 300; Henry Schuman 280; Rick Arnest 457; Debbie Hall 528; Regina Bayer 475; Greg Howard 569b; Michael Darby, Sally Southard, Cindy Abney, and Elaine Hardesty 306; Rich Overturf 341; Loraine Bayer 348t.

After announcements, the committee members gave their reports. Eloise Clark led song on page 62 as the closing song. Beth Huener dismissed the class with prayer. Chairperson—Eloise Clark; Vice Chairperson—Laura Russell; Secretary—Sheryl Pockrose.

SANDERS MEMORIAL **Sardis Church, Walker County, Alabama** **February 17, 2002**

The class was called to order by Chairman Velton Chafin at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 34b. Clayton Ezell offered the opening prayer. Velton Chafin led song on page 32t.

The class organized and voted to retain the same officers: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Edith Tate; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35; Eileen Metzger 31t; Winell Sanders 569b; Corene White 37b, 403; Gordon Wilkinson 434, 475; Jackie Tanner 101t, 89; Wilton Donaldson 317, 348b; Milton Oliver 318, 314; Clarissa Springfield 343, 445; Ida Lee Starnes 39b, 111b; Ivalene Donaldson 129, 426t; Ottis Sides 378t, 480.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Velton Chafin leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Clayton Ezell 66, 390; Travis Keeton 284, 176b; Linda Sides 81, 285t; Thom Metzger 148, 163; Vernice Phillips 112, 40; Henry Guthery 543, 568; Margaret Keeton 301; Amber Springfield 58, 217; John Beasley 335, 290.

RECESS

Harrison Creel and Cassandra Franklin brought the class to order leading song on page 498. Leaders: Ann Jett 496, 495; Max Berueffy 446, 411; Chip Ward 442; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 358, 294, 406, 499 (in memory of John Merritt's mother).

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 106. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 457, 117; Cynthia Tanner 368, 198; Earl Ballinger 299, 331; Bud Oliver 145b, 73t; Josie Hyde 507; Larry Ballinger 202; Wanda Capps 146; Elene Stovall 142; Lisa Geist 327, 269; Faye Donaldson 371; Margaret Gowan 30b; Beth O'Dell 560, 200; Ozella Blackmon 460; Harrison Creel 512, 378b; Cassandra Franklin 95, 349; Flarce Creel 297; Edith Tate 119, 137; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 376, 42; Willodean Barton 454; Eileen Metzger 29t.

After announcements were made, John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Edith Tate.

J.L. WHITE AND ECLECTIC HARMONY BOOK SINGING
Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
February 23, 2002

The third annual J.L. White and Eclectic Harmony Book Singing was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. John Plunkett called the class to order at 10:30 a.m. by leading song on page 52t (WB). Andy Morse led the class in morning prayer.

The songs used in the first session were from the J.L. White Book. Leaders: John Plunkett 77t; Malinda Snow 177; Henry Johnson 499; Sandra Wilkinson 495; Dennis George 511; Liz Bryant 544; Rodney Ivey 486t; Joan Durdin 148; Andy Morse 546t; Karen Ivey 545; John Hollingsworth 543; Judy Mincey 55t; David Ivey 478; Sharon Kellam 547; Dan Huger 38b; Lee Rogers 490; Laura Akerman 38t.

RECESS

John Plunkett brought the class to order leading song on page 487t (WB).

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Liz Bryant; Secretary—Malinda Snow. The Eclectic Harmony Book was used for the second session. Leaders: Liz Bryant 92; Judy Mincey 103; Andy Morse 90; Sharon Kellam 31; Lee Rogers 76; Sandra Wilkinson 62; Henry Johnson 70; Joan Durdin 49; Dan Huger 3; Martha Ann Stegar 99; Dennis George 50; Laura Akerman 36.

LUNCH

John Plunkett brought the class to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 21b (EH). Leaders: Karen Ivey 54 (EH); Malinda Snow 6 (EH); John Hollingsworth 58 (EH); David Ivey 517 (WB); Bob Goodman 110 (EH); John Plunkett 28 (EH); Liz Bryant 38b (EH); Sandra Wilkinson 496 (WB), 518 (WB); Dennis George 21t (EH); Joan Durdin 106 (EH); Malinda Snow 288 (WB); Henry Johnson 88t (WB); Karen Ivey 490t (WB); Rodney Ivey 491 (WB); Lee Rogers 18 (EH); Sharon Kellam 34 (EH); Andy Morse 12 (EH); Dan Huger 38 (EH), 40 (EH). Announcements were made. John Plunkett led song on page 68 (EH) as the closing song. John Hollingsworth led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Liz Bryant; Secretary—Malinda Snow.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING
Grace Episcopal Church, Waterville, New York
Saturday, February 23, 2002

The first New York State Regional Singing of 2002 was held at Grace Episcopal Church in Waterville, New York on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Barbara Swetman leading song on page 34b. The opening prayer was led by Byron Stuhlman, rector of Grace Episcopal Church. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 59; Juanita Heyerman 114, 287; Kathy Collett 40, 217; Margaret Bornick 474, 86; Thom Metzger 274t, 148; Nicola Collett 455, "Milton Falls" (by Tobias Tenenbaum); Dennis Leipold 150, 107; Eileen Metzger 48t, 383; Charles Collett 228, 31t; Brian Collett 49b, 532.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Ron Bornick leading songs on pages 178 and 454. Leaders: Laura Densmore "Glory Shone Around," 408; Rick Hoyt 117, 163b; Jason Law 66, 122; Thom Metzger 99, 112; Laura Densmore 528, 408; Rick Hoyt 551, 344; Margaret Bornick 503, 504; Barbara Swetman 146, 48b; Dennis Leipold 523, 182.

LUNCH

Singing resumed with Eileen Metzger leading songs on pages 201 and 101b.

Leaders: Brian Collett 269, 497; Juanita Heyerman 65, 457; Jason Law 268, 481;

Ron Bornick 299, 186; Kathy Collett 315, 479; Nicola Collett 198, 84; Thom Metzger 162, 29t; Laura Densmore 270, "Christian's Love"; Rick Hoyt 155, 159.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Margaret Bornick leading song on page 312b and "Ten Thousand Charms" (by Hal Kunkel). Leaders: Molly Chapin 47t; Barbara Swetman 400, 313t; Dennis Leipold 236; Eileen Metzger 58, 448b; Juanita Heyerman 384; Kathy Collett 89; Nicola Collett 347; Thom Metzger 74b; Brian Collett 143; Laura Densmore 76b; Rick Hoyt 273; Margaret Bornick 472; Barbara Swetman 39t; Dennis Leipold 345b; Ron Bornick 276; Eileen Metzger 168; Kathy Collett "Muhaiyadeen" (by Chandler York).

Barbara Swetman led song on page 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Dennis Leipold.

Chairman—Barbara Swetman; Arranging—Ron Bornick; Recording Secretary—Juanita Heyerman.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION - WASHINGTON

Sunset Hill Community Club, Seattle, Washington

February 23-24, 2002

Saturday, February 23

The eleventh annual session of the Washington portion of the Pacific Northwest Convention met at the Sunset Hill Community Club in Seattle, Washington, on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February. The class was called to order by Chairman David Hough at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 37b. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Jordan Singer.

Karen Willard introduced Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard of Anniston, Alabama who presided over a two-part singing school which they opened leading the class in song on page 142. In this morning session of the school the Sheppards told stories of renowned Sacred Harp teachers and leaders they have known who had varying degrees of "crustiness," and of their experiences and profound gratitude they felt for having had the opportunity to learn from them. They also concentrated on helping the class sing in the style sternly imparted in Alabama and Georgia in their youth which included: accenting, speed, watching the leader, beating all of the opening measure including rests, and sounding the chord. The following leaders were given hands-on help with their leading techniques and footwork: Darlene Simpson-Brown 566; David Wright 234; Karen Stingle 335; Jordan Singer 313b; Marie Brandis 319; Susan Helf 448t; James Brock 120; Jinx McGuire 276. Reba Dell Windom demonstrated non-dancing footwork on 196. Students resumed with Martha Johnson 34b; Jack Lofton 532; Jim Friedrich 455; Anne Huckins 272; Shannon McGuire and Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 269 in first her own and then her mother's tempo; Raoul Titus 39t; Elizabeth Riggs 479. Jeff Sheppard closed this portion of the school leading song on page 273 to illustrate a different leading technique. Jordan Singer asked the blessing as the class was dismissed for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was devoted to a regular singing. Chairman David Hough brought the class to order leading song on page 59.

A brief business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—David Hough; Treasurer—Katharine Hough; Secretary—Karen Willard; Arranging Committee—Joanne Hoover, David Wright, Susan Helf, Ken Cofield, Karen Willard, and Kathy Vlach; Chaplains—Jordan Singer and Joanne Hoover; Memorial Committee—Ruth Brown, Katharine Hough, and Susan Helf; Resolutions—David Wright.

Leaders: Kathy Vlach 515; Peter Irvine 340; Karen Willard 456; Katharine Hough 183; Eric Morgan 89; Myrka Hall-Beyer 280; Judy Whiting 171; Ken Cofield 49b; Kathy Lee 421; John Carson 159; Reed Schilbach 61; Alan Weeks 350; Reba Dell Windom 192; Marilyn Murata 274t; Floy Wilder 187; Ros Clements 339; Eric Holt 47t; Audrey Karabinus 82t.

RECESS

David Wright brought the class back to order leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Fran Ross 178; Paul Robinson 260; Shelbie Sheppard 28b (for Bill Windom); David Lee 503; Anna Maria Nygren 77t; David Hough 384; Ginny Currens 148; Jim Van Horn 285t; Barbara Nicol 198; Charles Scudder 288; LaRue Allen 454; Betty Jones 73t; Jenny Jensen 212; Joanne Hoover 72b; Debbie Drummond 27; Jeff Sheppard 316; Martha Applegate 551; Anne Huckins 128; Jim Friedrich 99.

Announcements were made. Chairman David Hough led song on page 147 (WB) as the closing song, and Chaplain Jordan Singer led the closing prayer.

RECESS

The afternoon session of the singing school was brought to order by David Lee leading song on page 146. Shelbie Sheppard led the class through the minute book giving insights into how to use it most effectively and gave guidance to the secretaries of singings in their duties.

A discussion was held, at the request of the local singers, on cooking for dinner-on-the-ground, and how to carry food so it remains hot/cold without the need for kitchen facilities at the singing. She called upon the vast experience of Ruth Brown, Reba Dell Windom, LaRue Allen, and Floy Wilder for additional recipes, tips, and techniques.

The class was given the opportunity to learn the following songs which the local group either did not know or seldom used. Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 426b, 293, 436, and 168; David Lee led song on page 383, and then Shelbie Sheppard and Reba Dell Windom led the song again to demonstrate a different tempo. Eric Morgan led song on page 330t and the class was adjourned.

Sunday, February 24

Chairman David Hough called the class together at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 32t. Chaplain Joanne Hoover led the opening prayer. Leaders: Jinx McGuire 148; Anne Huckins 34b; Jim Brock 350; Marie Brandis 448b; Judy Whiting 318; Darlene Simpson-Brown 290; Jeff Sheppard 550; Gerry Currens 191; Kathy Vlach 474; Karen Willard 362; Stan Jensen 112; Marcia Stedman 180; Reba Dell Windom 224; Alan Weeks 304; Callie Jordan 569b; Jack Lofton 220; Jean Murphy 497.

RECESS

Ken Cofield brought the class back to order leading song on page 71. Leaders: Marilyn Murata 415; Shelbie Sheppard 195; Jenny Jensen 353; Martha Johnson 119; Eric Morgan 70b; Jill Accetta 33b; Kathy Lee 107; Jordan Singer and Richard Singer 480; Ros Clements 496; Floy Wilder 297; Joanne Hoover and Deems Urquhart 477; Susan Helf 66; Karen Stingle 114; David Hough 282; Peter Irvine 229; Raoul Titus 86.

Ruth Brown gave a very moving memorial lesson in which she gave inspirational thoughts derived from songs we sing. She reminded us there is a "Holy City" built by a God of love and concluded with we are "Passing Away." She asked the class to softly hum the tune on page 285t while Susan Helf read the list of the deceased. Those remembered were: Winston Jones, Tommye Denson Mauldin, Gladys Harden, Freeman Wootten, Helen Hall, Lawrence Underwood, Ruby Wilks, Ethel McGough, George Cox—Alabama; Clifford Gene Munce—Idaho; Peter Vea—Wisconsin; Jay Byrne and Harriett Reimer—California; Dan Davis—Nebraska; Jim Lykins—Utah; Richard Hooke—Massachusetts; Elizabeth

Jefferis—North Carolina; Howard Stingle—Virginia; Billy Hickox—Georgia; Carol Elson—Minnesota; Bruce Helton—Tennessee; Lane Albritton—Florida; Sue Turchan, Ruby Mason, and Vivian Cornwell—Oregon; Jerilyn Schumacher—Illinois. Ruth Brown and Susan Helf led song on page 122.

Ruth Brown talked about those who are sick and encouraged us to contact through visits, telephone calls, and encouraging notes and cards, all who were unable to sing with us today. Katharine Hough read their names and then led the class in singing song on page 56b. Those remembered were: Leigh Van Sickle, Melvin Thompson, Jim Lykins, Rick Hull, Melanie Markle, Steve Hough, Kay Smith, Revy Williamson, Reby Stanford, Mozelle Sheppard, Polly Moore, the Roy Nelson family, Gladys McGraw, Vivian Rogers, Betty Wright, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Jane Denker, and Melisa Doss. The class was then asked to sing only the words of 45t, and Chaplain Joanne Hoover closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Karen Willard 137; Reed Schilbach 324. Chaplain Joanne Hoover asked for the blessing upon the food, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Katharine Hough called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 40. Leaders: Kathy Vlach 200; Angie Johnson 64; David Wright 391; Anne Zuckerman and Mya-Li Zuckerman 370; Anna Maria Nygren 37b; LaRue Allen 434; Ros Clements 287; Kathy Lee 146; Shannon McGuire 163; Floy Wilder 430; Paul Robinson 250; Eric Morgan 328; Jan Bridges 178; Marie Brandis 319; Meg Larson 503; Stan Jensen 475; Peter Irvine 217; Reba Dell Windom 76b; Mryka Hall-Beyer 236; Jeff Sheppard 222; Katharine Hough 376.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Joanne Hoover leading song on page 145b.

Leaders: Alan Weeks 151; Jim Van Horn 269; Fran Ross 532; Linda Laing 312b; Judy Whiting 515; Shelbie Sheppard 556; Jim Friedrich 424; Charles Scudder 358; LaRue Allen 426; John Carson 361; David Lee 47b; Jinx McGuire 163b; Jean Murphy 268; Martha Johnson.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports.

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

The Arranging Committee reported attendees from the following states:

Washington—65; Oregon—21; Alabama—7; England—3; Georgia—2; Nebraska—2; Utah—2; California—1; New Mexico—1; Canada—1. There were 105 registered and a few who slipped in just to listen.

David Wright gave the Resolutions Committee report. “We resolve to thank:

- God for gathering us here in song, for all the blessings of this life, and for the promise of an eternal home hereafter;
- All of the singers who traveled from near and far to share in this fellowship;
- Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard for their invaluable singing school instruction, and for all their dedicated service to the Sacred Harp throughout their lives;
- All those who prepared food for our meals;
- To all the convention officers, committee members, and workers;
- And to Jordan and Yoko Singer for the Saturday night social.

Also, be it resolved that we each continue to support our local monthly singings, all-day singings and conventions, as well as travel, if we are able, to support the singings and conventions of others.”

All the reports were approved as read. Chairman David Hough led song on page 62 as the closing song, inviting all that wished, to take the parting hand. Chaplain Joanne Hoover dismissed the class with prayer.

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

TEXAS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Conference Center, College Station, Texas
February 23-24, 2002
Saturday, February 23

The annual Texas State Sacred Harp Convention met at the College Station Conference Center for its tenth annual session. Chairman Sarah Coates welcomed singers at 9:30 a.m., and led song on page 34b.

Chairman Sarah Coates appointed Liz Owen to act as Secretary Pro-tem in the absence of Secretary Vivian Rogan. Jeb Owen offered the invocation.

Leaders: Chairman Sarah Coates 492; Secretary Pro-tem Liz Owen 376; Owen Ross 47t; Leola Perry 58; Cheryl Foreman 77t; Bruce Coates 566; Mike Moseley 220; B.E. Matthews 434; Ryan Ross 27; Don Barker 145b; Amanda Owen 234; Kevin Powell 442; Doris Hanks 384; Donald Ross 438; Amanda Blevins 146; Ophelia Matthews 490; Reed Coates 99; Gaylon Powell 311; Billy Huckaby 112; Eugene Forbes 155; Zach Rogan 268; Olivia Powell 128.

RECESS

Chairman Sarah Coates led song on page 56t to bring the class back together after the morning recess. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 195; Terre Schill 218; Beverly Coates 454; David Moseley 137; Catherine Rogan 84; Tom Owen 477; Jeb Owen 480; Owen Ross 200; Eugene Forbes 378t; Leola Perry 341; Cheryl Foreman 430; Bruce Coates 313b; Mike Moseley 139; B.E. Matthews 512; Ryan Ross 209; Don Barker 354; Amanda Owen 503; Kevin Powell 318; Doris Hanks 34t; Donald Ross 178; Amanda Blevins 168; Ophelia Matthews 39b; Reed Coates 48t; Gaylon Powell 95.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman Gary McDonald led song on page 535 to call the class to order for the afternoon session.

Chairman Sarah Coates appointed the following committees: Nominating—Mike Moseley, Beverly Coates, and Cheryl Foreman; Memorial—Cissy Moseley, Owen Ross, and Amanda Owen.

Leaders: Billy Huckaby 421; Zach Rogan 142; Leon Ballinger 299; Olivia Powell 171; Beverly Coates 377; David Moseley 186; Catherine Rogan 215; Tom Owen 475; Jeb Owen 328; Owen Ross 327; Eugene Forbes 143; Leola Perry 127; Cheryl Foreman 203; Bruce Coates 163b; Mike Moseley 532; B.E. Matthews 420; Don Barker 82t; Amanda Owen 344; Kevin Powell 504.

RECESS

Chairman Sarah Coates brought the class together leading song on page 72b.

Leaders: Doris Hanks 222; Terre Schill 138b; Donald Ross 338; Amanda Blevins 148; Ophelia Matthews 111b; Reed Coates 73t; Gaylon Powell 326; Billy Huckaby 47b; Zach Rogan 282; Leon Ballinger 460; Olivia Powell 236; Beverly Coates 472; David Moseley 198; Catherine Rogan 551; Tom Owen 474; Jeb Owen 542.

Chairman Sarah Coates, Vice Chairman Gary McDonald, and Secretary Pro-tem Liz Owen led song on page 544b as the closing song. Gaylon Powell dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, February 24

Chairman Sarah Coates reconvened the Texas State Sacred Harp Convention at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday by leading song on page 335. Bruce Coates offered the invocation.

Leaders: Chairman Sarah Coates 352; Secretary Vivian Rogan 535; Don Barker 452b; Michele Rogan 110; Mike Moseley 528; Gary Rogan 218; Cissy Moseley 143; Owen Ross 182; Zach Rogan 215; Terre Schill 436; Jeb Owen 208; Leon Ballinger

358; Doris Hanks 448b; Eugene Forbes 546; Josh Rogan 192; Cheryl Foreman 107; Billy Huckaby 217; Bruce Coates 48b; Liz Owen 383; Gaylon Powell 380; Amanda Owen 448t; David Moseley 441; Beverly Coates 283.

RECESS

Chairman Sarah Coates brought the class to order leading song on page 101t.

Leaders: Ryan Ross 216; Tom Owen 345; Bobbie Rainoshek 59; Catherine Rogan 318; Donald Ross 330t; Katie Moseley 99; Reed Coates 86; Felicia Albin 159; James Moseley 300; Pamela Compton 354b; Robert Johnson 146; Eugene Forbes 340.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Cissy Moseley read the names of those who had passed on during the past year and led song on page 145 in their memory.

Those remembered were: Nobie Smith, Pauline Cathy, B.H. Handley, Lanelle Handley, and Erma Holmes. Owen Ross then read and spoke from John 14. Amanda Owen then remembered those sick and shut-ins with song on page 70t. Those names called were: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Verna Powell, Frances Daniels, Ophelia Matthews (got sick last night), Myrl Jones, Myra Palmer, Junior Smith, Lawson Smith, Kelly Beard, Ernestine Pipkin, Monnie Ross, and Sylvia Ross. The memorial lesson was closed, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Chairman Sarah Coates led songs 76b and 183 to call the class to order for the afternoon session.

A business session was held to hear reports. The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers for the 2003 session: Chairman—Gary McDonald; Vice Chairman—Ryan Ross; Secretary/Treasurer—Liz Owen. The slate was approved as presented.

In the Treasurer's report, Vivian Rogan reported on donations received and expenses incurred by the convention. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Vivian Rogan 49t; Michele Rogan 236; Don Barker 274t; Rebecca French 112; Gary Rogan 324; Jeb Owen 34t; Diane Ross 455; Leon Ballinger 405; Cissy Moseley 532; Zach Rogan 280; Cheryl Foreman 74b; Bruce Coates 67; Billy Huckaby 178; Amanda Owen 179; Gaylon Powell 94; Josh Rogan 234; Doris Hanks 189; Robert Johnson 277; Beverly Coates 362; David Moseley 171; Liz Owen 328; Reed Coates 133; Katie Moseley 203; Tom Owen 426; Amanda Blevins 84; Mike Moseley 474; Terre Schill 213t; Owen Ross 36b; Catherine Rogan 172; Kevin Powell 196; Olivia Powell 269; James Moseley 542; Eugene Forbes 495; Michele Rogan 551; Don Barker 97; Rebecca French 373; Gary Rogan 384; Jeb Owen 548; Kevin Powell 440; Katie Moseley 480; Josh Rogan 299; Olivia Powell 168; Billy Huckaby 282; Amanda Blevins 222.

Chairman Sarah Coates led song on page 347 as the closing song. The convention was closed with prayer led by Tom Owen.

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

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA State Botanical Gardens, Athens, Georgia February 24, 2002

The twenty-ninth session of "The Social Harp" and "The Sacred Harp" singing was held at the Visitor's Center of the State Botanical Gardens in Athens, Georgia on the fourth Sunday in February. This is the only regular singing from "The Social Harp," by John G. McCurry, which was first published in 1855 and reprinted by the University of Georgia Press in 1973.

Chairman John Garst opened the singing with songs on pages 17 and 18t from "The Social Harp." Vice Chairman 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. In the absence of Secretary Charlene Wallace, Lee Rogers was asked to serve as Interim Secretary. The following committees were appointed: Arranging Committee—Judy Mincey and Lee Rogers; Memorial Committee—John Hollingsworth.

Songs led in the opening session were from “The Social Harp.” Leaders: John Hollingsworth 250; Lee Rogers 53, 44; Judy Mincey 135, 79t; Liz Bryant 86; John Plunkett 141, 61b; Bill Hollingsworth 187, 79b; Lela Crowder 24b, 31; Dan Huger 24t, 124; Richard DeLong 34, 159; Sharon Kellam 216, 154; Sandie Scott 37, 98.

RECESS

John Garst called the class to order leading song on page 35b from “The Social Harp,” followed by Bruce King leading songs on pages 173 and 156. For the remainder of the singing, all songs were from “The Sacred Harp.”

Leaders: Winston Stephens 535; Bob Goodman 68b, 40; Pat Ward 324; Henry Zittrouer 59, 87; Don Ward 86, 168.

The memorial lesson was given by John Hollingsworth. Judy Mincey led song on page 347 in memory of the following deceased: J.B. Parker, Frank Sills, Doris Sills, Berta Woods, Jack Corley, and the victims of the September 11th attacks. John Plunkett closed the memorial with a prayer.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 196; Liz Bryant 542.

LUNCH

John Hollingsworth opened the afternoon session leading song on page 63. Leaders: Kevin Kelly 128, 66; Mildred Chandler 155; Raymond Hamrick 81; Terry Chandler 222, 186; Bill Hollingsworth 49b, 236; Lela Crowder 436; Pat Ward 48b; John Plunkett 175b; Sharon Kellam 277; Don Ward 198; Richard DeLong 99; Sandie Scott 340; Liz Bryant 178; Sharon Hamrick 276; Bob Goodman 146; Henry Zittrouer 127; Dan Huger 474; Winston Stephens 34b; Lee Rogers 475; Kevin Kelly 35; Doyle Ashley 189; Bill Hollingsworth 365; John Garst 312.

Following announcements, John Garst led song on page 62 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Garst; Vice Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Interim Secretary—Lee Rogers.

NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Chapel Hill and Cary, North Carolina

March 2-3, 2002

Saturday, March 2

The fourteenth annual North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention was held on the first Sunday in March and the Saturday before. The Saturday session was held at the Amity United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The Sunday session was held at the Page Walker Hotel, Cary, North Carolina.

Outgoing Chair Lynda Hambourger opened the convention by leading song on page 49t. Henry Bizzell led the morning prayer. Lynda Hambourger welcomed the class and led song on page 63.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Rich Hammer; Vice Chairman—Henry Bizzell; Secretary—Pat Boyd Ward; Treasurer—Erin Newton; Arranging Committee—Lynda Hambourger and Susan Kelley.

Leaders: Rich Hammer 163b; John Feddersen 189; Guy Bankes 77b; Mary Wright 480; Patricia Temple 481; Suzanne Newton 350; Nancy Newell 155; Henry Bizzell 34b; Blake Morris 370; Peggy Loddengaard 378t; Dan Huger 32t; Matt Cartmill

192; Leslie Alperin 178; Brad Hunnicutt 35; Lynda Hambourger 150; John Feddersen 89; Guy Banks 142, 143; Mary Wright 71, 180.

RECESS

Rich Hammer called the class to order leading song on page 354t. Leaders: Patricia Temple 168, 135; Suzanne Newton 299, 141; Tom Dillon 535; Nancy Newell 46, 47b; Henry Bizzell 354b, 127; Mary McKinney 40; Blake Morris 57, 501; Peggy Loddengaard 61, 133; Dan Huger 137, 474; Matt Cartmill 547, 242; Brad Hunnicutt 113, 31.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Rich Hammer leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Leslie Alperin 209, 186; Lynda Hambourger 478, 317b; John Feddersen 285t, 415; Guy Banks 236, 120; Mary Wright 108t, 270; Patricia Temple 64, 312t; Suzanne Newton 532, 284; Blake Morris 254.

RECESS

Henry Bizzell reconvened the class by leading song on page 452. Leaders: Tom Dillon 446; Nancy Newell 159, 156; Henry Bizzell 569; Blake Morris 442, 297; Mary McKinney 479, 193; Peggy Loddengaard 68b, 82t; Dan Huger 207, 347; Matt Cartmill 391, 109.

Announcements were made. Henry Bizzell dismissed the class with prayer.

A late afternoon session featured new music and songs from the “Christian Harmony”. Composers of new music led their own songs: Guy Banks “Willow Green;” Blake Morris “Submission”, “Anticipation.”

Sunday, March 3

The Sunday session was called to order by Henry Bizzell leading song on page 59. Henry Bizzell gave the opening prayer. Leaders: Art Broadus 480, 523; Leslie Alperin 228, 504; Guy Banks 556, 441; Erin Newton 31t, 192; Matt Cartmill 313b, 352; Mary Wright 510, 290; John Feddersen 550, 524; Dan Huger 300, 417; Peggy Loddengaard 274t.

RECESS

Henry Bizzell brought the class to order leading song on page 163b. Leaders: Peggy Loddengaard 378b; Nancy Newell 497; Lynda Hambourger 384, 448t; Suzanne Newton 493, 277; Patricia Temple 198, 72b; Don Ward 86, 229; Pat Ward 324, 454; Art Broadus 77b. Henry Bizzell offered the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Henry Bizzell leading song on page 40. Leaders: John Feddersen 242; Brad Hunnicutt 149, 122; Art Broadus 143. Brad Hunnicutt gave the memorial lesson and led song 70t for the deceased. Those remembered were: Mary K. Friday—Washington, D.C.; J.B. Parker—Georgia; Mary Hobbs and Ron Baker—North Carolina; Maurine Mitchell—Arkansas; Ed Mitchell—Delaware; Judi Rivkin—Minnesota.

Suzanne Newton led song on page 48t for the sick and shut-ins and their caregivers: Tommy Thompson, Jessie Eustice, Carolyn Tate, Donnie McGraw, and Hugh McGraw. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Leslie Alperin 148, 268; Guy Banks 269, 171; Erin Newton 200, 344; Mary Wright 121, 314; John Feddersen 390, 332.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Rich Hammer leading song on page 47t.

Erin Newton gave the Treasurer’s Report stating that monies collected were enough to meet expenses.

Leaders: Dan Huger 73t, 101t; Peggy Loddengaard 154, 551; Nancy Newell 38t, 38b; Lynda Hambourger 260, 327; Suzanne Newton 306, 334; Patricia Temple 27, 475; Pat Ward 82b; Don Ward 117; Rich Hammer 45.

Announcements were made. The chairman thanked all those who participated in the planning of the singing, and led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Henry Bizzell.

Chairman—Rich Hammer; Vice Chairman—Henry Bizzell; Secretary—Pat Boyd Ward.

PAULINE CREEL CHILDERS BIRTHDAY SINGING
First Methodist Church, Wayne, Michigan
Saturday, March 2, 2002

The Pauline Creel Childers Birthday Singing was called to order by Henry Schuman leading song on page 30t. Harrison Creel led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Danny Creel 76b, 269; Wanda Capps 73t, 299; Pauline Childers 212; Bill Beverly 569, 272; Eloise Clark 380, 475; Joseph Pimentel 504, 344; Pat Forsberg-Smith 455, 532; Cassie Franklin 217, 222; Jim Pfau 328, 49b; Jan Wright 40, 28b; Ann Jett 546, 327; Harrison Creel and Cassie Franklin 111, 498.

RECESS

Henry Schuman brought the class to order leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 529, 426; Beth Todd 124, 112; Greg Creech 478, 68; Laura Russell 72b, 457; Henry Schuman and Richard Schneider 280; Richard Schneider 159, 151; Martha Beverly 34t, 270; Charlotte Wolfe 99, 64; Lois Hurt 49t, 551; Michael Darby 34b, 556; Ann Miczulski 47t, 497; Pauline Childers 480, 318; Flarce Creel 157; Henry Schuman 163b (in memory of John Bayer, Sr. who recently passed away); Samuel Sommers and Henry Schuman led a special four-shape harmony by William Rowan of “Happy Birthday” to celebrate Pauline Creel Childers’ 87th birthday. Harrison Creel led the class in the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Martha Beverly brought the class to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: Jo Schultz 84, 481; Linda Coppock 168, 196; John Bealle 543, 436; Joe Todd 179, 442; Debbie Hall and Marge Cramton 86, 190; Kay Huener 361, 46; Fred Todt and Ray Bantle 313, 335; Harrison Creel, Flarce Creel, Danny Creel, Wanda Capps, Ann Jett, and Cassie Franklin 342; Jim Pfau 82t; Beth Todd 215; Lois Hurt 178; Danny Creel 383; Jan Wright 155; Ann Jett 88t; Joseph Pimentel 273; Jo Schultz 198; Bill Beverly 547.

RECESS

Henry Schuman brought the class to order with song on page 101t. Leaders: Cassie Franklin 74; Michael Darby 291; Charlotte Wolfe 31; Harrison Creel 512; Pauline Childers with Kathy Corssley 224; Joe Todd 163t; Ann Miczulski 300; Wanda Capps 142; Laura Russell 81t; Linda Coppock 377; Fred Todt 288; Martha Beverly 474; Kay Huener 66; John Bealle 434; Debbie Hall 363; Henry Schuman 319; Eloise Clark 441.

Announcements were made. Henry Schuman and Martha Beverly led song on page 62 as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

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

MARTHA HARPER NIX, LEWIS KEETON, AND
LAVADA MCGOUGH GILMORE MEMORIAL
New Flatwoods Church, Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama
March 3, 2002

The eighty-seventh annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was called to order by Travis Keeton welcoming everyone and leading song on page 179. Ronald Gilmore

offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 387 in memory of his grandfather, Lewis Keeton, who passed away in 1914.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Ronald Gilmore; Secretary—Lena Keeton; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde and Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 421 (for Dovey Jackson who was unable to attend); John Hyde 129, 73t; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 378b, 383; Winell Sanders 569b; Alene Woodley 111b, 39b; Gravis Ballinger 101t, 124; Jayne Fulmer 300, 299; Julietta Haynes 209, 216; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 401, 84; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 285t; Lee Starnes 31b, 37b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ronald Gilmore leading songs on pages 142 (in memory of Lavada Gilmore), and 475 (in memory of Lewis Keeton and Martha Harper Nix). Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 274t; Linton Ballinger 82t, 81t; Josie Hyde 349 (for Roxie Keeton), 477, 225t; Faye Donaldson 176b, 138; Lisa Geist 391, 155, 171; Anita Naramore and Ronnie Naramore 145b (in memory of Lavada Gilmore), 146; Ozella Blackmon 172, 384; Elene Stovall 269, 273, 441, 68b (in memory of her mother whose birthday was last Friday).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order with Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 382 (in memory of Martha Harper Nix) and 235. Leaders: Max Berueffy 177, 187, 492; Lena Keeton 122, 47b; Larry Ballinger 425, 282; Willodean Barton 119, 145t, 416; Warren Steel 418, 392, 396; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 74, 39t, 376, 34t, 428; Latrieve Bailey 358, 46; Velton Chafin 270, 319 (for Dovey Jackson); Warren Steel 524 (by request).

Announcements were made. Jayne Fulmer led song on page 454. Travis Keeton and Ronald Gilmore led song on page 390 as the closing song. Ronald Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Ronald Gilmore; Secretary—Lena Keeton.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROGERS MEMORIAL

Ephesus, Georgia

March 3, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers was held at Ephesus School on the first Sunday in March. Lonnie Rogers called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading songs on pages 75 and 101t. Louis Hughes led the morning prayer. John Plunkett led songs on pages 428 and 52b.

Denney Rogers, mayor of Ephesus, welcomed everyone, and extended an invitation to all to stay for a dedication ceremony that was being held immediately after the singing. The new library of Ephesus School was being dedicated in honor of Lonnie and Vivian Rogers.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairmen—B.M. Smith and Denney Rogers; Secretary—Pearl Guier; Arranging Committee—Mary Florence Smith and Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee—Teenie Moody.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 318; Denney Rogers 345t; Bobby Jackson 445b; Daphene Causey 172, 304 (for Vivian Rogers); Paige Harrod, Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, and Denney Rogers 222; Jarrod George 300; Betty Wright 515; S.T. Reed 284; Lela Crowder 306; Louis Hughes 271t; Cindy Tanner 335; Rodney Ivey 208; Tokay Shumake 45t; Amber Springfield 151; Kenneth DeLong 382; Floy Wilder

336; Shane Wootten 217; Jeannette DePoy 278b; Jeff Sheppard 225t; Henry Johnson 539.

RECESS

B.M. Smith called the class to order leading song on page 186. Leaders: Judy Mincey 475; Bud Oliver 145t; B.J. Harris 503; Jackie Tanner 317; Richard DeLong 513; Shelbie Sheppard 101b (for Polly Moore); Evelyn Harris 155; Dennis George 512; Scott DePoy 383; Milton Oliver 384; Oscar McGuire 171; Felton Denney 385b; Glenda Collins 81t; Gene Duke and Donna Duke 114; Gene Duke 535; Lou Cotney 218; Earlis McGraw 568; Jimmie Denney 145b; Hester Edwards and Pearl Guier 303, 72b (for Alice Edwards); Jarrod George 354b. Felton Denney offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 137. Leaders: John Plunkett 136; Louis Hughes 201; Charlene Wallace 349; Kenneth DeLong 386; Amber Springfield 436; Shane Wootten 224; Eunice Webb 434; grandchildren of Lonnie and Vivian Rogers (Beverly Rollins, Randa Rollins, Barry Rollins, Laura Robinson, Joseph Louvorn, Roger Harrod, Dan Harrod, and Kayla McWhorter) 345t, 348b; Cindy Tanner 138b; Henry Johnson 111t; Dennis George 198.

Teenie Moody presented the memorial lesson. Judy Mincey led song on page 28t and Rodney Ivey led song on page 285t. The deceased remembered were: O.D.

Janney, Doris Thornton, Wilford Denney, Curtis Rogers, Lucille Bentley Cosper, Herbert Wilder, Verdie Woods, Freeman Wootten, Pauline Cathey, Eula Johnson, George Cox, and Lane Albritton.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Beau Caldwell, Kelly Beard, I.V.

McWhorter, Donnie McGraw, Mozelle Sheppard, Ike Stanford, Reby Stanford, Revy Williamson, Polly Moore, Roy Nelson family, Jack Lacy, Vivian Rogers, Alice Edwards, Coy Ivey, Marie Ivey, Homer Benefield, Katherine Benefield, and Joe Norton. Teenie Moody closed the memorial lesson by leading song on page 340, followed by prayer.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 274t; Sheri Taylor 178; S.T. Reed 567; Scott DePoy 277; Daphene Causey 56; Shelbie Sheppard 269; children of Lonnie and Vivian Rogers (Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Louvorn, and Denney Rogers) 235 (for George Rogers); Philip Denney 120, 164.

Announcements were made. A thanks was given to the class for a contribution of \$92.00. Lonnie Rogers, B.M. Smith, and Denney Rogers led song on page 46 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairmen—B.M. Smith and Denney Rogers; Secretary—Pearl Guier.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION Northampton, Massachusetts March 9-10, 2002

Saturday, March 9

The fourth Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Northampton Center for the Arts. Kelly House called the class to order leading song on page 32t. Eric Morgan offered the opening prayer. Chair Eliza Cavanaugh turned the class over to Kelly House who led a singing school during which the class sang 47t, 155, 274t, and 569.

Chair Eliza Cavanaugh led song on page 350 and then the class was turned over to the Arranging Committee. Leaders: Phill Wisor 48t; Berk Meitzler 171; Linda Shea

30; Bob Parr 362; Laura Clawson 362; Kshama Ananthapura 100; Jean Seiler 101t; Bill Holt 550; Dennis George 220; Paula McGray 57.

RECESS

Eric Morgan called the class back to order leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Mirjana Lausevic' 39t; Jeff Colby 179; Seth Holloway 388; George Seiler 480; Susan Bingham 340; Claire Simon 347; Ronald Bornick 186; Daniel Davis 86; Peter Amidon 318; Barbara Swetman 203; Laura Timmerman 475; Kara Morin 178; Richard Schmeidler 254; Katherine Collett 217; Lela Crowder 168; Paul Setford 273; Joanne DeVoe 551; Andrew Magee 77t; Alice Kast 107; Jim Desmond 454; Joanne Bowman 169; Guy Bankes 361; Gary Smith 569b; Nicola Collett 455; Sally House 31t; Oona Mia Coy 146. George Seiler offered prayer, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Eliza Cavanaugh called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 73t. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 88t; Bill Dunn 66; Larry Gordon 216; Cath Oss 556; Allison Schofield 542; Peter Irvine 260; Judy Holst 114; Henry Johnson 375; Alexandra Gilmore 29t; Ruth Hooke 198; Holly Laws 444; Phill Wisor 319; Margaret Bornick 268; Nathan Morrison 269; Chris Noren 384; Bobbie Goodell 474; Berk Meitzler 496; Clare Maher 330t; L.H. Spencer 56b; John Redman 137; D.J. Hatfield 430; Eva Neuhaus 155; Ginny Ely 196; Matt Green 182; Paul Butler 565.

RECESS

Allison Schofield called the class back to order leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Kelly House 142; John Plunkett 63; Eric Morgan 328; Richard DeLong 421; Kelsey Wessels 67; Sarah Beasley Smith 108t; Diane Holmlund 335; Tim Eriksen 442; Tom Padwa 473; Diane Mennella 536; Michael Truelsen 32b; Marcia Tucker 163b; Ted Johnson 89; Laura Timmerman 81t; Charles Collett 547; Brian Collett 236; Kate Richardson 282.

Eliza Cavanaugh led song on page 323t as the closing song, and Tim Eriksen offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, March 10

Chair Eliza Cavanaugh brought the class to order for the Sunday morning session leading song on page 475. Kshama Ananthapura offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Phill Wisor 81t; Berk Meitzler 426; Linda Shea 59; Kitty Kagay 195; Paul Gauthier 384; Juanita Heyerman 287; Anne Louise Kazlauskas 207; Aaron Girard 440; Guy Bankes 143; Lydia Vernon-Jones 503; Rosie Wojcik 312; Kiri Miller 419; Andrew Magee 56b; Oona Mia Coy 162; Susan Bingham 446; Bob Parr 502; Daniel Davis 344; Jean Seiler 299.

RECESS

Diane Mennella called the class back to order leading song on page 106. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 390; Paula McGray 300; Jenna Strizak 68b; Joanne Bowman 180; Kara Morin 99; Ronald Bornick 84; Rachel Speer 417; Charles Cofone 117; Mary Jo Shafer 410t; Elizabeth Meitzler, Harrison Meitzler, and Berk Meitzler 159; Margaret Bornick 228; Paul Setford 40; Nick Edwards 32t.

The class was turned over to the Memorial Committee. Alexandra Gilmore shared her thoughts on what it is like to be unable to attend a singing, and led song on page 72b for the following sick and shut-ins: Dot Garber—Connecticut; Don Herold and Mary Frances Beasley Lee—Florida; Susan Firestone—Georgia; Stephanie Rubin—Illinois; George Myers—Kentucky; Martha Lang and Leonard Spencer—Massachusetts; Gina Ballestracci—New Jersey; Ev Yoder—New Mexico; Dan Hertzler—Vermont; Bettel Liota—Ontario, Canada.

George Seiler spoke of the Sacred Harp family and the bonds of love. We share the joys and pains, expressing our grief in song for those who could not be with us in body. They are with us in spirit and memory. George Seiler led song on page 122 for the following deceased: George Cox, Helen Smith Hall, Helen Connor Smith, Ethel McGough, Elizabeth Singleton, and Freeman Wootten—Alabama; Tera Alston and Mike Rimmey—California; Rev. William Bliss, John Lathrop, and George Nichols—Connecticut; Randy Wells—Florida; Berta Woods—Georgia; Dorothy Cummings—Indiana; Winifred Bruner—Iowa; Gertie Martin—Kentucky; Dorothy Williard—Maryland; Charollett Baker, Leona Bean, Alice Gauthier, Richard Hooke, Carol Pash, and Phil Stern—Massachusetts; Caroline Henderson—New Hampshire; Joey Aguinaldo, Juan Infante, Asher Lans, Gertrude Morrison, Owen Politano (infant), and Linda Smart—New York; John Bayer, Sr.—Ohio; Phyllis Hatfield—Oregon; Gerald Woodruff—Rhode Island; Sherry Pearson—Texas; Benjamin Klein, Rose O’Ryan, and Paul Stockwell—Vermont; Dave Grant and Clayfoot Strutters—Virginia; Mary K. Friday—Washington, D.C.; Gus Butcher—New Brunswick, Canada; and John Weaver. Eric Morgan closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Cath Oss 278t; Ginny Ely 454; Ellie Soler 277; Charlotte Ehrman 523; Judy Holst 229; Bobbie Goodell 496; Inga Knets 148. Sally House offered prayer, and the morning session was closed.

LUNCH

Eliza Cavanaugh called the class back for the afternoon session leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Richard DeLong 546; Kelsey Wessels 270; Rodney Ivey 189; John Plunkett 492; Eric Morgan 567; Kelly House 532; Henry Johnson 138t; Tim Eriksen 37b; Lela Crowder 448t; Harrison Meitzler and Elizabeth Meitzler 245; Dennis George 224; Allison Schofield 83b; Ted Johnson 142; Phill Wisor 285t; Mirjana Lausevic’ 217; Gary Smith 31t; Peter Irvine 426b; Alice Kast 49b; Kshama Ananthapura 138b; Sarah Beasley Smith 129; Clare Maher 235; Ruth Hooke 48t; Laura Clawson, Rodney Ivey, and Lela Crowder 186.

A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees.

Treasurer Linda Shea reported that all expenses had been met and thanked everyone for their generosity.

Secretary Berk Meitzler reported the class total for the two days was 247 (final count 262) with 18 states and 3 foreign countries (Canada, England, and Scotland) represented. There were a total of 177 songs sung during the two days.

The Resolutions Committee, Kitty Kagay and Marcia Tucker, thanked all committees and individuals who helped to make this convention happen. End of business session.

RECESS

George Seiler called the class back to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: Alexandra Gilmore 47b; Sally House and Kelly House 171; Lynne deBenedette 430; Eric Elias and Peter Irvine 495; Zara Bode 272; Lisa Palumbo 178; Chris Noren 383; Diane Holmlund 65; Paul Butler 499; Eloise Goddard and Paula McGray 47t; Claire Simon 91; Marcia Tucker 497; Matt Wojcik 442; Kate Richardson 371; Linda Shea 348b; Laura Timmerman 448b.

Chair Eliza Cavanaugh and other officers led song on page 62 as the closing song. Eliza Cavanaugh offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Eliza Cavanaugh; Vice Chair—Phill Wisor; Treasurer—Linda Shea; Secretary—Berk Meitzler.

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION
St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri
March 9-10, 2002
Saturday, March 9

The seventeenth 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 Chairman Presley Barker leading song on page 47t. Presley Barker offered the opening prayer. Convention officers were: Chairman—Presley Barker; Secretary—Dave Ressler; Arranging Committee—Rebecca Browne; Finance Committee—Gary Gronau; Memorial Committee—Ruth Brown and Charles Derleth. Songs were called from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition" and "Songs from 'The Missouri Harmony,' 1996 Edition".

Leaders: Bill Ellason 59; Charles Derleth 348b, 68b; Linda Biggs 178; Dave Ressler 47b; Karen Isbell 216; Barbara Uhlemann 474; John Uhlemann 538; Gary Gronau 23 (MH); Melanie Hauff 20 (MH); Gwendolyn King 436; Lou Kujawinski 477; Johanna Fabke 114; Bill Caldwell 344; Lou Cotney 172; Berkley Moore 397; Julie Vea 368; Dan Brittain 465; Marcia Johnson 278b.

RECESS

Jim Hearne called the class to order leading song on page 313b. Leaders: James Page "Nebraska"; Ann Leckie 419; Bill Hogan 8 (MH); Daphene Causey 222; Susan Green 217; Eugene Forbes 546; Shelbie Sheppard 481; Ray Berry 159; Floy Wilder 183; Jerry Enright 16 (MH); Pattie Doss 76b; Everette Denney 30t; Jan Ketelle 27 (MH).

RECESS

Rebecca Browne led song on page 36b to call the class together. Leaders: Teenie Moody 542; Janet Fraembs 480; Jeff Sheppard 335; Eunice Webb 318; Philip Denney 120; LaRue Allen 192; Mary Florence Smith 171; Penny Kujawinski 430; Felton Denney 387; Holly Turner 523b; Jeanette Lowry 411; Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards 45t. Barbara Uhlemann offered the blessing to close for lunch.

LUNCH

Janet Fraembs called the afternoon session together with song on page 87. Leaders: Bill Ellason 268; Pattie Doss 203; Lee Denney and Philip Denney 143; Dorothy Hack 30b; Carol Chapman 342; Melanie Hauff 396; Shelbie Sheppard 455; Dan Brittain 456; Jan Ketelle 356; Gary Gronau 46 (MH); Marcia Johnson 218; Jerry Enright 300; Mary Florence Smith 441; Dave Ressler 272; Teenie Moody 270; Lou Cotney 384.

RECESS

Karen Isbell began this session with song on page 54 (MH). Leaders: Jim Solheim 269; Maire Corcoran and Dennis Corcoran 148; Charles Derleth 56b; Karen Freund 215; Jo Dell Albi 160b; Pearl Guier 303; Gwendolyn King 354b; Holly Turner 63; Lou Kujawinski 350; Bill Caldwell 503; Floy Wilder 142; Ray Berry 82t; Everette Denney 405.

RECESS

Jeanette Lowry called the last session to order with song on page 29t. Leaders: Susan Green 157; LaRue Allen 106; Julie Vea 2 (MH); Felton Denney 155; Eunice Webb 284; James Page 38 (MH); Bill Hogan 163t; Johanna Fabke 52t; Eugene Forbes 460; Penny Kujawinski 448t; Daphene Causey 91; Jeff Sheppard 99; Berkley Moore 332. The class was dismissed with a prayer led by Jim Hearne.

Sunday, March 10

Presley Barker opened the Sunday morning portion of the convention at 9:30 a.m. with song on page 346, and then led the morning prayer. Leaders: Pattie Doss 216;

John Uhlemann 125; Jo Dell Albi 77b; Linda Biggs 66; Barbara Uhlemann 299; Charlie Derleth 137; Ann Leckie 377; Dave Ressler 89; Gary Gronau 415; Jeanette Lowry 168; Berkley Moore 73t; Karen Isbell 200; Jeff Sheppard 460; Karen Freund 383; Eugene Forbes 426b; Penny Kujawinski 71; Eunice Webb 544; Bill Hogan 365; Josephine Denney 145b; Donna Walter 49t.

RECESS

Rebecca Browne led song on page 102 to call the class back together. Leaders: Jan Ketelle 384; Floy Wilder 402; Susan Green 57; LaRue Allen 436; James Page 13 (MH); Pearl Guier 448b; Bunny Strickland 338; Jerry Enright 77t; Everette Denney 426t; Felton Denney 31t; Janet Fraembs 532; Dan Brittain 505; Alice Moran 40; Shelbie Sheppard 440.

RECESS

Presley Barker called the class back with song on page 201. Leaders: Wendy Hofmann 312b; Shelbie Sheppard and Rebecca Browne 28b; Ray Berry 59; Jim Solheim 313b.

Charlie Derleth opened the memorial lesson by telling the class how he used to take 4-5 day solo backpacking trips, before his accident, in the Wild River Range, Wyoming. The landscape there was as beautiful as the name, and the last place he camped was one of the most beautiful. Streams ran through the green grass. He recognized it as a paradise and Psalm 23 was with him all the time. The peacefulness was overwhelming. That thought helped him through the valley of the shadow of death as he lay on the table in the hospital. Everyone has been through that valley, and those who have gone on are in that place beside the still waters. They are safe, those who remain must struggle. He asked for the late Rev. Burton Browne's benediction and blessing as pronounced by Becky Browne. The following deceased were remembered: Polly Moore, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Joe Norton, Freeman Wooten, Alma Breedlove, Alice Sims, George Cox, Eula Johnson, and Ethel McGough—Alabama; Randy Wells and Alan Fox—Florida; Wilford Denney—Georgia; Jerilyn Schumacher—Illinois; Norma Holzmeier, Joe Colvin, Donna Colvin, Richard Dudley Shewmaker (age 96), Hillary Boogher Shewmaker (age 89), and Larry Davis—Missouri; John Bayer, Sr.—Ohio; Marjorie Ketelle—Tennessee; Pauline Cathey—Texas; Peter Veal—Wisconsin. Charlie Derleth led song on page 285t for the deceased.

Ruth Brown spoke next, reminding the class that those on the list just read no longer need our concern. Those on her list do need our care. It's easy to make a call, send a card, or visit. It means so much to the person receiving it, but it even means more to the one making the call or sending the card. We're a big family, once centered in the South, now spread throughout the country. Just remember someone who means something to you. The list of the sick and shut-ins remembered were: Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Betty Wright, Alice Edwards, Norma Green, James Howell, Martha Howell, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Judith Green, and Mary Gardner—Alabama; Jean Dickerson and Beau Caldwell—Arkansas; Kenneth Page—California; Jamie Hackney—Florida; Jo Harper, Mozelle Sheppard, Ike Stanford, Lindy Stanford, Vivian Rogers, Reby Williamson, Reby Stanford, Gladys McGraw, and I.V. McWhorter—Georgia; Stephanie Rubin—Illinois; Jim Kropp, Virginia Evans, and Mark Bruns—Missouri; Philip Page, Jr.—New Jersey; Bill Stark—Ohio; Kelly Beard and Ernestine Pipkin—Texas; Bob Scorgie and Jane Page—Wisconsin. Ruth Brown led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins. Mary Florence Smith closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Lee Denney and Philip Denney 159. Ray Berry led the class in prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Penny Kujawinski led song on page 84 to open the afternoon session. Leaders: Johanna Fabke 122; Bill Caldwell 497; Carol Chapman 426; Lou Cotney 189; Daphene Causey 434; Lou Kujawinski 473; Mary Florence Smith 313; Philip Denney 442; Julie Vea 280; Jim Hearne 9 (MH); Karen Freund 378b; Jim Solheim 444; Wendy Hofmann 70b; Eugene Forbes 318; Bill Hogan 112; LaRue Allen 186; Dan Brittain 304; Floy Wilder 187; Josephine Denney 100.

RECESS

Leaders: Berkley Moore 229; Donna Walter 569b; Felton Denney 523b; Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards 143; Bunny Pavlik Strickland 310; Jeff Sheppard 222; Eunice Webb 475; Janet Fraembs 385b; Alice Moran 271t; Jeanette Lowry 39t; James Page 29 (MH); Dave Ressler 7 (MH); Jan Ketelle 52 (MH); Everette Denney 335; Gary Gronau 496; Shelbie Sheppard and Ruth Brown 101t, 142; Jerry Enright 433; Charlie Derleth 276.

After the announcements from the class, Bill Caldwell closed the convention with prayer.

Chairman—Presley Barker; Arranging Committee—Rebecca Browne; Secretary—Dave Ressler.

SMITH COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

New Harmony Community Center, Tyler, Texas

March 9-10, 2002

Saturday, March 9

The twenty-second annual session of the Smith County Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the New Harmony Community Center, Smith County, Tyler, Texas on the second Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Myrl Jones, Chairman Pro-tem, called the convention to order by leading song on page 101t. Gaylon Powell offered the opening prayer.

Myrl Jones made the following committee appointments: Memorial Committee—Gaylon Powell, Cheryl Foreman, and Olivia Powell; Nominating Committee—Lawson Smith, Leon Ballinger, and John Morris.

Leaders: Myrl Jones 110; Lawson Smith 142, 270; Bruce Coates 448, 558; Leon Ballinger 40, 300; Cheryl Foreman 203, 132; David Light 192, 172; Beverly Coates 99, 563 (for the Rogan family and Francis Daniels); Doris Hanks 515, 36b; Olivia Powell and Garrett Powell 274t, 290; Reed Coates 39, 143; Monnie Ross 491, 573.

RECESS

Chairman Scott Curran brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 543 and 98. Leaders: Kevin Powell 200, 201b; Azalee Barnett 572, 45t; Pauline Willis 171, 170; Gaylon Powell 310, 320; Sue Utz 406, 475; John Morris 38t, 38b; Tina Walston 497, 505; Margaret Rounsavall 137, 112. Bruce Coates offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Scott Curran called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 47t. David Rousseau said a special prayer for Jane McKnight who blacked out and fell during lunch. She was rushed to the hospital by EMS, and later reports came that Jane's pacemaker was not working properly. Singing resumed after the emergency was over.

Leaders: Bruce Coates 32t, 336t; David Rousseau 82, 84; Myra Palmer 414, 522; Sharon Stephenson 571, 418; Marian Grant 299, 186; Monica Hill 500, 501; Thomas Smith 235, 189; John Beard 145t, 400; David Light 470, 222.

A business meeting was held. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers: Chairman—Jeb Owen; Vice Chairman—Cheryl Foreman; Secretary—Tammy Powell; Treasurer—Sue Utz; Chaplain—Dallas Smith. The slate passed unanimously.

Sue Utz gave the Treasurer Report and asked for donations to help meet expenses.

RECESS

Scott Curran called the class back to order leading song on page 68t. Leaders: Terre Schill 521, 155; Mary Bachmann 393, 280; Beverly Coates 133, 29t; Reed Coates 416t, 54t; Tina Walston 401, 358; Doris Hanks 442t, 422; Monnie Ross 49, 108b. Scott Curran closed the session with announcements. Gaylon Powell offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, March 10

Scott Curran called the class to order by leading song on page 47b. Robert Vaughn offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Scott Curran 168; Jeb Owen 68t, 376b; Sue Utz 335, 282; Liz Owen 288, 54t; Robert Vaughn 339, 442b; Phyllis Costner 182, 230; Gaylon Powell 44, 441; Doris Hanks 75, 444t; Olivia Powell 171, 450; Myrl Jones 183, 567; Myra Palmer 497, 100.

RECESS

Jeb Owen called the class back leading song on page 176t. Leaders: Kevin Powell 140, 216; Burl Russell 418, 164; Cheryl Foreman 77, 53; Sharon Stephenson 274t, 573; Monnie Ross 58, 148; Lawson Smith 127, 434; Thomas Smith 127, 192; Lee Walston 388, 107; Tina Walston 199, 505; Monica Hill 500, 503; Jeb Owen 421, 563.

A memorial lesson was held. Olivia Powell read the names of the deceased and led song on page 220 in memory of: Nobie Smith, Pauline Cathy, Herman Upchurch, Coston Smith, Sept 11th victims, and the American casualties of the Terrorist War. Gaylon Powell led song on page 203 in memory of the deceased.

Cheryl Foreman read the names of the sick and shut-ins and led song on page 264b for: Jane McKnight, A.A. (Junior) Smith, Marie Smith, Verna Powell, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Patty Rogan, Frances Daniels, Dallas Smith, Marcelene Hardy, Gertrude Robles, B.E. Matthews, Ophelia Matthews, Kelly Beard, and Ernestine Pipkin. Gaylon Powell offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Scott Curran called the class back for the afternoon session leading songs on pages 553b and 196. Leaders: Phyllis Costner 222, 299; Robert Vaughn 443b, 73b; Olivia Powell 32t, 106; Kevin Powell 331b, 536; Burl Russell 40, 155; Liz Owen 82, 142; Gaylon Powell 373, 346; Lawson Smith 108b, 270; Myrl Jones 332, 300; Myra Palmer 189; Jeb Owen 559 (at the request of Myra Palmer); Cheryl Foreman 344, 511b; Doris Hanks 484b, 355; Thomas Smith 358, 285t.

A business meeting was held for discussion on sending the minutes of this singing to the National Minutes book for publication. After discussion, the vote was unanimous to submit the minutes.

Sue Utz reported that all expenses have been met.

Myrl Jones proposed to the class to change the singing from a two-day singing to a one-day singing due to expenses and small attendance, and suggested that the class should think and pray about the change, and to vote on the decision next year. End of business session.

Leaders: Sue Utz 507b, 174; Monnie Ross 28b, 451; Sharon Stephenson 45t, 119; Kevin Powell, Olivia Powell, and Garrett Powell 511t; Jeb Owen and Liz Owen 84. Scott Curran closed the convention by leading song on page 69. Jeb Owen offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Scott Curran; Secretary—Tammy Powell.

OXFORD CITY HALL

Oxford, Mississippi

March 10, 2002

The twenty-second annual Sacred Harp singing at Oxford City Hall was called to order by Warren Steel leading songs on pages 138b and 171. Mark Davis led the morning prayer, and then led songs on pages 33b and 319. Mark Tew led songs on pages 30t and 53.

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

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Tew; Secretary—John Merritt; Arranging Committee—Lisa Geist and Janet Jenkins.

Leaders: John Merritt 358, 426t; Janet Jenkins 117, 288; Ron Nurnberg 277, 176t; John Van Horn 224, 442; Leon Ballinger 84, 137; Mako Cook 503, 515; John Hyde 124, 73t.

RECESS

Max Berueffy called the class together leading songs on pages 138t and 336. Leaders: Amber Springfield 500, 142; Edith Tate 146, 436; Julie Poston 421, 274t; Tim Cook 57, 55; Earl Ballinger 283, 56t; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 565; Katie Merritt 196, 240; Lee Wise and Carol Rushing 373, 45t; Bennie Walls 108t, 388; Chiquita Walls 400, 170.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Warren Steel leading song on page 392. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 434, 192; Lisa Geist 327.

A memorial less was held for singers and loved ones departed in the past year. Those remembered were: Elmer Conwill, Arnold Moore, George Cox, Elmo Chrestman, Doris Vickery, Myrtie Dubose, Ethel McGough, William Ryan, and Mr. and Mrs. A.C. McGough. The sick and shut-ins were also remembered, including Nellie Davis and Frances Lee. John Merritt led songs on pages 414 and 294, and closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Natalie Davis 354b; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 78; Josie Hyde 220, 507; Velton Chafin 419; Faye Donaldson 430, 270; Jack Barbera 335, 268; Lavaughn Ballinger 424; Hugh Bill McGuire 341, 236; Sarah Tidwell 72b; Dorothea McCowan 344, 120.

RECESS

Mark Tew called the class together leading song on page 318. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 98; Elene Stovall 222; Margaret Keeton 172; Andy Davis 254, 269; Willodean Barton 480; Ivalene Donaldson 112; Ida Lee Starnes 317.

Following announcements, the officers led the closing song on page 285t. John Van Horn dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Tew; Secretary—John Merritt.

HOBOKEN SCHOOL ALL-DAY SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Hoboken, Georgia

Saturday, March 16, 2002

The class was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by David Lee leading song on page 76b. David Lee and Clarke Lee led song on page 68b (walked time), and the morning prayer was offered by Mel Kersey. David Lee and Clarke Lee welcomed everyone, and then led the class in singing the scale.

Leaders: Clarke Lee 326; Kathy Lee and Julie Lee 558b, 63; Don Clark 186; Amy Lee 208; Tollie Lee 544; Bob Bonnell 478; Marcia Johnson 38t; Stephanie Steuver

348t; Mary Bachmann 344; Bill Aplin 385t; Gerry Hoffman 286b; Mike Jones 285t; Jenny Steuver 393t; Eleanor Haase 575; Amanda Owen 99; Juanita Heyerman and Ramona Lee 461.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back to order leading song on page 101t. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 414b; Terre Schill 521; Mary Elizabeth Lee 40; Bobbie Goodell 277; Blake Morris 179; Liz Owen 444t; Tommie Spurlock 183; Kiri Miller 224; Cassie Franklin 98; Judy Mincey 140; Jeanette Nelson 559; Laura Densmore 574; Louis Hughes, Jr. 543b; D.J. Hatfield 422t; Don Bowen 336t; Kristin Irving 392.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back to order leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Greg Howard 511t; Darlene Dalton 488b; Joanne Hoover 81; Carol Buche 508; Judy Whiting 563; Gaylon Powell 235; John Bayer and Hans Bayer 290; Katharine Hough 381t.

David Lee introduced Mrs. Lee Herrin and gave an account of her late husband, School Superintendent Herschel Herrin, who, along with Silas Lee, started the Hoboken School Singing in the late 1940's. Mrs. Herrin spoke of her experiences with this singing tradition and requested we sing 492 in memory of Mr. Herschel. David Lee spoke of Mr. Melvin Hickox and many other beloved singers who are no longer with us. Mrs. Roxie Chesser Crawford, 94 years old, came to the square and led "Land of Beulah" with Clarke Lee. She made a few remarks about her lifelong love and dedication to this singing tradition. By request of Roy Harris and Patsy Harris, David Lee led song on page 358.

LUNCH

Clarke Lee brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 159 (by special request). Leaders: Cindy Tanner 486; John Hollingsworth 430; Matt Wells 422b; Bob Meek 367; Karen Clark 171; Lela Crowder 505; Doug Stapleton 451; Jeb Owen 450; Barbara Swetman 417; Aaron Girard 436b; Bryant Lee 540; Josh Devane 484b; Regina Bayer 54t; Tom Owen 68t.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class to order leading song on page 274t. Leaders: John Plunkett 411; Jesse Roberts 189b; Shane O'Neil 45t; Sandie Scott 403; Hannah Lee 143; Richard DeLong 491; Michele Cull 572; Hans Guttman 416t; Bill Hollingsworth 365; Stanley Smith 453t; Tor Bejnar and Alice Bejnar 267; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 516; Louis Hughes, Sr. 570; Mike McKendree and Leisa McKendree 49b; Clarke Lee 28b.

Announcements were made. David Lee thanked everyone for coming and led song on page 343b (walked time) as the closing song. Elder Tollie Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairmen—David Lee and Clark Lee; Arranging Committee—Don Clark; Secretary—Amy Lee.

STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama Saturday, March 16, 2002

The annual Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in March. Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading song on page 48t. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led song on page 42.

The class organized and voted to retain the same officers: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton (in the absence of Wanda Capps).

Leaders: John Hyde 403, 566; Elder Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 225t, 475, 111b, 111t; Lena Keeton 276, 270; Vernice Phillips 143, 155; Travis Keeton 343, 313t; Wilton Donaldson 317, 32t; Amber Springfield 391, 99; Josie Hyde 103, 470; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 378, 337; Doris Talley 56t, 120; Ozella Blackmon 335, 88; Danny Creel 89; Elene Stovall 63, 70t; Gravis Ballinger 49t, 112; Dorothy Evans 348b, 378t; Max Berueffy 213, 297; Edith Tate 93, 389; Larry Ballinger 549, 133; Ann Jett 339, 146; Margaret Keeton 122, 499; Margaret Gowan 358, 123b; Fay Naramore 75, 34t; Willodean Barton 418, 314, 76t.

Velton Chafin led song on page 72b as the closing song, and John Woodley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary Willodean Barton.

ETOWAH COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING **George Wallace Senior Citizen Center, Glencoe, Alabama** **March 17, 2002**

The annual Wall Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at George Wallace Senior Citizen Center in Glencoe, Alabama on the third Sunday in March. Bud Oliver called the class to order leading songs on pages 32t and 82t. Dennis George offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 30t; Rodney Ivey 142, 137; Henry Johnson 29b, 375; Mattie Townsel 145b, 313t; Jarrod George 59, 358; Evelyn Harris 39b, 89; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bud Oliver leading song on page 37b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee—Jackie Tanner.

A motion was made and seconded to change the name of the singing from the “Wall Memorial Singing” to the “Etowah County Sacred Harp Singing.” The class voted unanimously for the change, and hereafter this singing will be named the “Etowah County Sacred Harp Singing.” End of business session.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 47t; Jackie Tanner 378t, 208; S.T. Reed 47b, 48t; Nate Green and Norma Green 491, 489; Dennis George 229, 88t; Jewel Wootten 426t, 283; B.J. Harris 303, 503.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 42. Leaders: Tommy George 354b, 45t; Pearl Guier 49b, 127; B.M. Smith 448b, 475; Willie Mae Moon 383, 441; Terry Hullett 129, 146; Daphene Causey 269, 327. B.J. Harris asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 81t. Leaders: Randall Smith 454, 384; Teenie Moody 222, 186; Jeff Sheppard 236, 387; Jarrod George 358 (by request); Susan Harcrow 299, 200; Chip Ward 348t, 348b; Pam Nunn 528, 300; Cindy Tanner 198, 220; Shelbie Sheppard 418, 106; Cassie Franklin 171; Harrison Creel 512; Wanda Capps 144; Edith Tate 73t, 389; Jackie Tanner 182; Rodney Ivey 530.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 270. Leaders: S.T. Reed 63 (for all the people in nursing homes); Dennis George 532; Judith Green and Teenie Moody 117; Henry Johnson 539; Terry Hullett 31t; Susan Harcrow 430;

Randall Smith 155; Chip Ward 318 (in memory of Eula Johnson); Mattie Townsel 61; Pam Nunn 216.

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver led song on page 45t (by request). Bud Oliver, Rodney Ivey, and S.T. Reed led song on page 146 as the closing song. S.T. Reed dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard.

GARRISON MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)
Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia
March 17, 2002

The annual Cooper Book singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in March. Loy Garrison called the class to order leading songs on pages 31b and 73t. Elder Bobby Cagle offered the morning prayer. Loy Garrison led song on page 104.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman—Elder Bobby Cagle;

Secretary—Dorothy Garrison.

Leaders: Ray Richards 339, 500, 501, 505 (for Winona Cagle), 506 (for Bonnie Cagle), 507b (for Dorothy Garrison), 573 (for Juanita Richards), 229; Elder Charles Cagle 540, 554, 515.

RECESS

Loy Garrison brought the class together leading songs on pages 146, 225, 363, 491, and 94. Leaders: Elder Bobby Cagle 63 (for Murle Bates), 199, 449; Alice West 120, 72, 335.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Loy Garrison leading song on page 541. Leaders: Alice West 270, 277; Rueben Ball 335, 274t, 137, 144; Ray Richards 89, 107; Elder Bobby Cagle 336t, 571, 37, 45; Loy Garrison 574, 503.

RECESS

Elder Bobby Cagle called the class to order leading song on page 572. Leaders: Rueben Ball 553b, 546, 547, 435b, 112; Alice West 36b, 40, 47t, 276; Elder Bobby Cagle 229, 337, 340, 343, 518.

Loy Garrison led song on page 62 as the closing song, and Ray Richards dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman—Elder Bobby Cagle;

Secretary—Dorothy Garrison.

THE GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING
Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama
March 17, 2002

The Godsey Sisters Memorial Singing in honor of Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Travis Keeton leading song on page 99. Glenn Keeton offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Arranging

Committee—Josie Hyde; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 131b, 56t; Dawson Adams 77t, 39t; Winell Sanders 30t; Faye Donaldson 299, 371; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 565; Roma Rice 64, 104; Chris Rice 183, 276; Vernice Phillips 168, 112; Kermit Adams 182, 78; Margaret Keeton 317 (in

memory of Lorna Horton), 129 (in memory of Delia Watts); John Hyde 63, 124; Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 61.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading song on page 134. Leaders: Max Berueffy 392, 189; Willodean Barton 446, 454; Velton Chafin 225t, 35; Ida Lee Starnes 36b, 426t; Glenn Keeton 348t, 410t; Stella Pratt 155, 460; Parnell Berry 283, 177; Amber Springfield 542, 142; Earl Ballinger 350, 349; Beth O'Dell 216, 546.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order with song on page 388.

Leaders: Lisa Geist 511, 179, 269; Larry Ballinger 312t; Pernie Pelfrey 312b, 83t; Cecil Wakefield 106, 282; Josie Hyde 200, 477; Wilton Donaldson 285t; Vernice Phillips 143; Chris Rice 384; Velton Chafin 310; Glenn Keeton 435; Willodean Barton 82t; Max Berueffy 564; Parnell Berry 306; Margaret Keeton 572; Earl Ballinger 150; Velton Chafin 284; Christy Allen 270, 138b; Beth O'Dell 110; Cecil Wakefield 153; Larry Ballinger 45b; Roma Rice 28t; Kermit Adams 408; Amber Springfield 192; Lisa Geist 224; Josie Hyde 43.

Travis Keeton led song on page 44 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Secretary—Roma Rice.

HIGHER GROUND SINGING **United Ministry Center, Terre Haute, Indiana** **Saturday, March 23, 2002**

The seventh annual session of the Higher Ground Singing was called to order with Chairman David Rust leading song on page 135.

The following slate of officers was elected or appointed: Co-Chairmen—Bill Shetter and Don Bardsley; Arranging Committee—David Rust; Secretary—Janet Fraembs; Treasurer—Marlen Rust; Registration—Dorothy Glanzer; Memorial Committee—Don Baker and Janet Fraembs.

Leaders: Bill Shetter 171, 311; Don Bardsley 378t, 373; Janet Fraembs 421, 480; Marlen Rust 66, 52t; Samuel Sommers 58, 217; Molly Evans 107, 454; Berkley Moore 48t, 48b; Dorothy Glanzer 228, 229; Don Baker 74b, 312.

RECESS

Bill Shetter brought the class to order with song on page 473. Leaders: Joan Aldridge 36b (for her father, whose book she was using); Claire Outten 31t, 112; Bob Meek 441, 49b; David Rust 280, 123b; Samuel Sommers 518, 358; Berkley Moore 114, 71; Janet Fraembs 168, 556; Marlen Rust 34b, 29t; Molly Evans 547, 504. Don Bardsley offered prayer to close the morning session.

LUNCH

Don Bardsley brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 295.

Don Baker presented the memorial lesson speaking about Native American traditions of honoring the spirit, and led song on page 49t for Ruby Driskell from Kentucky and others on our hearts who have died during the past year.

Janet Fraembs talked about how we are a supporting community and need to remember those who are ill or unable to join us, and then led song on page 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Peggy Brayfield, John Bailey, and June Porter—Illinois; Virginia Evans—Missouri. Don Baker closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Joan Aldridge 276; Bill Shetter 195, 477; Claire Outten 173, 384; Don Bardsley 426, 28t; Dorothy Glanzer 457, 551; Don Baker 277, 269, 267; David Rust 481, 200.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bill Shetter leading song on page 438. Leaders: Bob Meek 38t (CB), 505 (CB); Samuel Sommers 571 (CB), 574 (CB); Berkley Moore 50 (CB), 569; Janet Fraembs 448, 284; Molly Evans 515, 107; Bill Shetter 559 (CB), 563 (CB); Claire Outten 334, 335.

RECESS

Don Bardsley called the class together leading songs on pages 369 and 186. Leaders: Marlen Rust 203, 86; Dorothy Glanzer 95, 209; Don Baker 129, 133; David Rust 333, 38t; Bob Meek 393 (CB), 488.

Announcements of future singings were made. Marlen Rust announced that sufficient funds were collected to pay for the minutes and make a contribution to the United Ministry Center. Those who traveled a long distance were thanked for coming. Don Baker closed with a prayer, followed by Don Bardsley leading song on page 347 as the closing song.

Co-Chairmen—Don Bardsley and Bill Shetter; Secretary—Janet Fraembs.

VERMONT STATE SINGING **Weathersfield Center Meeting House, Weathersfield, Vermont** **Saturday, March 23, 2002**

The annual Vermont State Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dan Hertzler leading song on page 452. Walt Colteryahn led the class in the morning prayer, and then led song on page 569b.

Leaders: Matt Wojcik 101t; Bob Parr 270; Paul Setford 40; Ann Whitcomb 479; Rosie Wojcik 129; Jenny Wright 203; Ginnie Ely 313t; Nancy Thomas 84; Guy Banks 171; Susan Jaster 486; Laura Timmerman 228; Erica Brinton 209; Corlan Johnson 86; Richard Schmeidler 474; Bill Holt 73t; Kitty Kagay 68b; Brendan Taaffe 31t; Eric Fellingner 27.

RECESS

Linda Shea brought the class back to order leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Laura Timmerman 99; Ann Pearce 181; Brian Collett 254; L.H. Spencer 218; Barbara Swetman 163t; Nicola Collett 217; Anna Patton 198; Katherine Collett 122; Nancy LeSourd 48t; Becca Morrison 30b; Chuck Neville 49b; Allison Schofield 95; Cathy Brochet 163b; Elka Schumann 168; Andrew Magee 399b.

Walt Colteryahn conducted the memorial lesson and songs on pages 452, 155, and 122 for the deceased: Tera Alston—California; J.B. Parker—Georgia; Winifred Bruner—Iowa; Mabel Dennison and John Ward—Maine; Richard Hooke—Massachusetts; Agnes Dumas, Caroline Henderson Frost, and Jane Ward—New Hampshire; Norma Baker, Bryce Butler, Pete Douglas, Harriet Henry, Juan Infante, George Konhoff, Jim Nichols, William Pyka, Gloria Settle, Linda Smart, and Vaughn Ward—New York; Dean Cowles—Oregon; Mary Metz—Pennsylvania; Molly Babic, Sacha Bloch, Morrow Decker, Ward Johnson, Tony Mayhew, Dan Melcon, Wayne Murray, Kelly Ohaus, Rose O’Ryan, Krystian Paduzzi, Don Sunseri, David Wilson, David Wilson, Jr., Tom Witschi, and Robert Woodward—Vermont.

Dan Hertzler led song on page 70t for the sick and shut-ins: Mary Ann Haagen, Gina Ballestracci, Gabe Brunelle, Linda Himadi, David Fedorka, Leonard R. Spencer, Mary Phillips, Masha Scott, Gregory Dillon, Mary Bliss, Ann Moody, Voula Zervakis, Al Goldman, Rudy Peirce, Sheila Callan, and Phill Wisor.

John Kochalka led song on page 178 and offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ginnie Ely brought the class back to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: Guy Banks 147t; Seth Houston 455; Bill Holt 376; Lynnette Combs 324; Ann Whitcomb 566; Rosie Wojcik 440; Linda Shea 542; Lila Farrar 191; Jenny Wright

347; Susan Jaster 94; Allison Schofield 384; Erica Brinton 344; Matt Wojcik 82; Paul Setford 273; Anna Patton 236; Nancy Thomas 523; Kitty Kagay 193; Richard Schmeidler 66. Announcements were made.

RECESS

Bob Parr brought the class back to order leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Brian Collett 269; Brendan Taaffe 299; Anne Pearce 410; Maria Schumann 114; Eric Fellingner 186; Ian Smiley 117; Laura Timmerman 34; L.H. Spencer 260; Barbara Swetman 475; Nicola Collett 268; Nancy LeSourd 106; Andrew Magee 277; Katherine Collett 497; Chuck Neville 503; Cathy Brochet 547; Elka Schumann 312b; Becca Morrison 546; Matt Wojcik 189; Walt Colteryahn 159.

Dan Hertzler led song on page 62 as the closing song, and Nancy Thomas dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Dan Hertzler; Secretary—Jenny Wright.

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Old DeKalb Courthouse, Decatur, Georgia

March 23-24, 2002

Saturday, March 23

The forty-first session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Old DeKalb Courthouse, Decatur, Georgia on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March.

The convention was called to order by Felton Denney leading song on page 52t.

Lonnie Rogers led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Felton Denney 489; Charlene Wallace 232; Richard DeLong 57; Scott DePoy 56b; Jesse Roberts 240; Lee Rogers 492; Helen Bryson 411; LaRue Allen 291; Teenie Moody 384; Jimmie Denney 155; Don Bowen 503; Louis Hughes, Sr. 112; Andy Anderson 28t; Judy Mincey 538; Kenneth DeLong 568; Eric Tweedy 135; John Hollingsworth 82t; Philip Denney 440; Laura Akerman 192; Janice Paulk 518.

RECESS

The class was called together by Felton Denney leading song on page 299.

A motion was made and seconded to go into the business session. The officers

elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer—Charlene Wallace; Chaplain—Louis Hughes, Sr.; Arranging Committee—Scott DePoy and Helen Bryson; Memorial Committee—Jeannette DePoy, Judy Mincey, and Eric Tweedy; Resolutions Committee—Lee Rogers and David Yeager; Finance Committee—Lela Crowder, Andy Anderson, and Don Bowen; Locating Committee—Kenneth DeLong, Philip Denney, and John Hollingsworth.

Leaders: Henry Zittrouer 87; Faye Hollbrook and Wayne Pettis 475; Shaffig Welji 547; Violet Thomason 340; Dan Bailey 569b; Everette Denney 405; Kate Hauk 178; John Whittemore 40; Joan Durdin 148; Billy Hollingsworth 236; LeAnne Carnell 63; Cathy White 314; Dr. Harry Eskew 146; Frances Carnell and Holly Corbett 269; Henry Johnson 88t; Jessica Roberts, Jonathan Altman, and John Mizell 203; Janet Sheppard 454; Mary Brownlee 350; Buell Cobb 565; Kiri Miller 442; John Plunkett, Blake Adcock (grandson of H.S. Reese), and Kathryn 419. Chaplain Louis Hughes offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 542 and 278b. Leaders: B.M. Smith 313t (for Margie Smith); Jeannette DePoy, Lisa, and Robert 282; Rodney Ivey 222; Lela Crowder 300; Kathy Williams 107; Jeff Sheppard 142; Laura Clawson 216; Reba Windom 224; Ted Mercer 77t; Elene Stovall 430 (in memory of Karen House); George Seiler 183; Shelbie Sheppard 263; Dennis George

455; Flora Skinner 434; Bud Oliver 270; Eric Carnell and Sara Carnell 328; Diane Mennella 349; Sharona Nelson 66; Sandra Wilkerson 311; Hermon Wilkerson 215; Chris Carnell 99.

RECESS

John Plunkett and AnaLynn Witherington brought the class to order leading song on page 200. Leaders: Gaston White 35; Malinda Snow 474; Al Grindon 347; Carrie Grindon 497; Ben Wisdom 95; Charles Woods 94; Jean Seiler 217; Eugene Forbes 80b; Aaron Girard 372; Hans Guttman 84; Vim Helke 303; Mary Florence Smith 29t; Becky Powell 145t; Judith Green 117; Earlis McGraw 225t; Nate Green and Norma Green 420 (for Jap Walton and Joyce Walton).

Announcements were made. John Plunkett and Richard DeLong led song on page 46 as the closing song. The singing was closed with prayer led by Louis Hughes, Sr.

Sunday, March 24

The convention was called to order by John Plunkett leading song on page 49t. Chaplain Louis Hughes, Sr. offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 52t; Richard DeLong 439; Charlene Wallace 171 (for Joyce Walton and Jap Walton); Cathy White 503; Andy Anderson 36b; Andy Morse 540; Kelly Morse 147t; John Redman 179; Liz Frazier 65; Scott DePoy 76b; Nancy Yeager 34b; Nate Green and Norma Green 415; Lela Crowder 208; Laura Akerman 532; John Hollingsworth 460; B.M. Smith 420 (for Jap Walton); Louis Hughes 406; Helen Bryson 456.

RECESS

The class was called together by Richard DeLong leading song on page 110.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 55; Judith Green 384; Aaron Girard 245; Henry Slack 181; David Yeager 147b; Jean Seiler 68b; Sharona Nelson 146; Frances Mary D'Andrea 280; Rodney Ivey 273; Vim Helke 477; Becky Powell 335; Shane Wootten 394; Martha Almond 490; Diane Wall 159; Diane Mennella 457; Shelbie Sheppard 211; John Plunkett 355.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class together with song on page 333. Leaders: Ted Mercer 132; Martha Ann Stegar 198; George Seiler 480.

Memorial Lesson: Judy Mincey spoke and read the names of the following deceased: Wilford Denney, Berta Woods, Sara Woolf, J.B. Parker, and Melvin Hickox—Georgia; Curtis Rogers, Polly Moore, Lydia Phillips Baswell, Lawrence Underwood, Freeman Wootten, Roie Alexander, Lucille Creel Tolbert, and Nelda Tolbert—Alabama; Jerilyn Schumacher—Illinois; Richard Hooke—Massachusetts; Joey Aguinaldo and Elizabeth Wilson—New York; Mary K. Friday—Washington D.C. For these deceased, Jesse Roberts led song on page 37b and Henry Johnson led song on page 385t.

Jeannette DePoy spoke for the following sick and shut-ins to be remembered: Vivian Rogers, Barbara Johnson, Revy Williamson, Reby Stanford, I.V. McWhorter, Gladys McGraw, Joyce Walton, Jap Walton, Mozelle Sheppard, Dot Barber, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Ike Stanford, Lindy Stanford, Jo Thornton, John Bailey, and Coy Ivey. Sarah Harcrow led song on page 49b. George Seiler closed the memorial with prayer.

Chaplain Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Richard DeLong leading song on page 216. Leaders: Reba Windom 196; Susan Harcrow 436; Eschol Hughes 349; Karen Morris 77t; David Lee 82t; Laura Clawson 362; Jeff Sheppard 260; Jackson Harcrow 274t; Terry Wootten 240; Raymond Hamrick 231; Sarah Harcrow 347; Rueben Ball 497; Kiri Miller 419; Aaron Wootten 282; Jessica Roberts and Micah Roberts 168, 45t;

Kathy Williams 506; Henry Johnson 535; Delores Skinner 426b; Oscar McGuire 573.

RECESS

John Plunkett and Rodney Ivey called the class together with song on page 564.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 145t; Teenie Moody 270; Hans Guttmann 142; Mary Florence Smith 383; Glenda Collins 81t; Eugene Forbes 212; Sheri Taylor 324; Joel Jenkins 35; Alice West 288; Liz Bryant, Andrew Sydner, and Bob Goodman 178; Janet Sheppard 114; Kenneth DeLong 382; Judy Mincey 210; Don Bowen 521.

A motion was made to go into the business session to hear reports from various committees.

The Financial Report was given.

The following Resolutions Report was given. In a world where everything has changed and where everything is always changing, a few truths remain constant. We rely on the love of a gracious and Almighty God, on the beauty of spring returning to the earth, and on the joy of singing these wonderful songs, and the love and fellowship that surround us. For forty-one years singers have gathered as the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention. We have come together this year in a beautiful setting where the echoes of history enrich our musical tradition and amplify the harmonies of our songs. As the hall has been filled with glorious sounds, our hearts overflow with love and gratitude to God. Whereas we are deeply aware of the rich blessing bestowed on us these two days, and whereas we recognize the importance of the following:

- The generosity of the DeKalb Historical Society in donating these beautiful facilities;
- The efforts of the officers, committees, and local supporters in organizing the convention and making it run smoothly;
- The loving hands that prepared delicious nourishment that delighted and sustained us;
- The decades of inspired effort by those who taught us to love these songs and who made this convention the kind of occasion that draws so many of us together; and
- The singers who have come from Georgia and across the country and raised their voices in song.

Now, therefore, the forty-first session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention publishes a resolution of thanks to all these contributors and to God Almighty for His many blessings. We further resolve to keep in our thoughts those who could not be here but are with us in spirit, and the songwriters and singers who have gone before us and have given us the gift of the Sacred Harp tradition. Finally, we resolve to carry forward this tradition, to invite and encourage others to become a part of our convention, and by the grace of God, to meet again next year for the forty-second session of this convention. Submitted by: Lee Rogers and David Yeager, Resolutions Committee.

The Locating Committee reported that the forty-second session of the Georgia State Convention would meet at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia. End of business session.

Announcements were made. John Plunkett, Richard DeLong, and members of various committees led song on page 62 as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts led the closing prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

**SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP
SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)
Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas
March 30-31, 2002
Saturday, March 30**

The spring session of the Southwest Texas Convention met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in McMahan, Texas beginning on Saturday, March 30, 2002. Chairman Mike Moseley called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. with songs on pages 470 and 442. Elder Tollie Lee offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Reed Coates 186; Secretary Pat Blundell 164; Bruce Coates 558b; Katie Moseley 543; Dale Redmon 540; Catherine Rogan 522; Al Rogers 63; Amanda Owen 99; Scott Curran 98; Cheryl Foreman 140; Zach Rogan 142; Barbara Moore 268; Morris Nelms 436b; Liz Owen 384; Ryan Ross 120; Donn Howard 484; Dick Steil 73; Anne Milner 406; Keith Willard 416; Beverly Coates 148; Josh Rogan 189; Leon Ballinger 217; Owen Ross 555; Reba Windom 505; John Baker 110.

RECESS

Gary Rogan brought the class to order leading song on page 552. Leaders: Vivian Rogan 508; Earl Ballinger 82; Mary Latimer 358; Gaylon Powell and Dr. Bert Neely 218; Tom Owen 336t; Terre Schill 434; Matt Wells 300; David Moseley 192; Frank Price 571; Kathy Taylor 136; David McPherson 183; Tom Taylor 451b; Troxel Ballou 324; Mary Bachmann 568; Billy Huckaby 450; Seth Howard 143; Sarah Coates 299.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Reed Coates; Vice Chairman—Morris Nelms; Secretary—Pat Blundell; Memorial Committee—Morris Nelms, Martha Aiken, and Owen Ross.

Morris Nelms announced that the fall session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention would be held at Southwest Texas University, San Marcos, Texas on the fifth weekend of September 2002. Gary Rogan asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman Morris Nelms called the afternoon session to order with song on page 59. Leaders: Kevin Powell 383; Amanda Blevins 282; Donald Ross 44; Eric Morgan 67; Diane Ross 40; Jenny Willard 559; Barbara Taylor 139; Carol Selleck 38t; Tollie Lee 544; Lori Rodgers and Ashley 270; Jeb Owen 421; Sue Fairbanks 323b; Louis Hughes 408; Myrl Jones 572; John Schaffer 489; Robert Vaughn 285b; Cissy Moseley 511t; Corbin Rodgers 401; George Jones 244; Olivia Powell 235; Curtis Owen 278b.

RECESS

Morris Nelms called the class to order leading song on page 427. Leaders: Troxel Ballou 65; Ryan Ross 47t; Kathy Taylor 440b; Mary Latimer 285t; Tom Taylor 32b; Gaylon Powell 232, 235; Barbara Moore 229; Donn Howard 447t; Cheryl Foreman 379.

Reed Coates led song on page 69 for the closing song to end the Saturday session, and Don Ross led the closing prayer.

Sunday, March 31

Chairman Reed Coates opened the Sunday morning session with songs on pages 31b and 198. Leaders: Vice Chairman Morris Nelms 38b; Secretary Pat Blundell 239; Robert Vaughn 50t; Curtis Owen 442t; Barbara Moore 398b; Dale Redmon 507b; Jeanne Schaffer 127; Al Rogers 575; Anitra Kay 39; Gary Rogan 132; Ramona Lee 518; Josh Rogan 227; Keith Willard 144; Amanda Blevins 155; Donald Ross and

Matt Wells 420; Diane Ross 299; David McPherson 168; B.E. Matthews 558b; Myrl Jones 497.

RECESS

Morris Nelms called the class back together. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 302; Zach Rogan 215; Charles Whitmer 218; Carol Selleck 515; Kent Beck 146; Reba Windom 137; Lomax Ballinger 61; Jenny Willard 478; Louis Hughes 395b; Tollie Lee 84; Edith Owen 393; John Schaffer 200; Anne Milner 220; Owen Ross 404; Cheryl Foreman 344.

A memorial lesson was held with Martha Aiken giving a reminder of history. "In 1831 Ambrose Tinney purchased a league of land from Mexico, beginning the modern settlement of McMahan. Five years later Texas won its independence, and more pilgrims hung "Gone to Texas" signs on their doors and moved here. With them, they brought their Bibles and their Sacred Harp songbooks. This singing convention was formally organized 102 years ago. Each year we gather, some of our friends have passed on, but others have come to fill their seats, and that is the memorial. The lessons they taught us, the tradition of praising our Holy Father with our voice and our hearts continues." Martha Aiken read the list of singers and supporters of Sacred Harp that have passed away since we last met: John Jennings, Pauline Cathey, Erna Holmes, Nobie Smith, Spencer Brite Taylor, Vida Jeffrey, Polly Moore, and those who perished in the September 11, 2001 tragedy. Mark Nelms and Owen Ross led song on page 421 in memory of the deceased.

Morris Nelms read the list of sick and shut-ins and led song on page 563 for: Jerry Schreiber, Verna Powell, Ophelia Matthews, Junior Smith, Lawson Smith, Lovena Owen, Joe Owen, Buddy Baker, Frances Stuckey, Francis Daniels, Harold Lackey, Myra Palmer, Toby Utz, and Sue Utz. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Bruce Coates 511; Catherine Rogan 240; Mary Bachmann 468; Donn Howard 573; Sue Fairbanks 449; Kevin Powell 216. Robert Vaughn asked the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Chairman Reed Coates called the class back together leading song on page 179.

Leaders: Scott Curran 567; Ramona Lee 432; Gaylon Powell 365; Monnie Ross 108b; Olivia Powell 450; Larry Ballinger 559; Sarah Coates 225t; Terre Schill 414; Tom Owen 138; Katie Moseley 222; George Jones 336b; Liz Owen 212; Billy Huckaby 47; Vivian Rogan 128; Jeb Owen 381t; Mike Moseley 306; Amanda Owen 411; David Moseley 186; Cissy Moseley 276; Beverly Coates 53; Kent Beck 148; John Baker 335; Martha Aiken and Jessie Simon 45; Charles Whitmer 376; Reba Windom 76b; David McPherson 71; Jenny Willard 367.

The one hundred second Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was dismissed.

Chairman—Reed Coates; Vice Chairman—Morris Nelms; Secretary—Pat Blundell.

LIBERTY CHURCH

Henagar, Alabama

March 31, 2002

The annual fifth Sunday singing at Liberty Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with Chairman David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 124. The morning prayer was led by Loyd Ivey. Shane Wootten served as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey 61, 303; Secretary Norma Green 34b; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Loyd Ivey 482; Vice Chairman Shane Wootten 73t; Richard Ivey 274t; B.M. Smith 448b, 225t (remembering Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Rogers); Laura Clawson 95; Milton Oliver 270; Aaron Wootten 101t; Teenie Moody

142; Joel Jenkins 99; Henry Johnson 375; Elene Stovall 273; Linda Sides 277; Sarah Harcrow 299.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Ivey leading song on page 141. Leaders: Alex Makris 418, 111t; Eloise Wootten 282; Stuart Ivey 186; Betty Shepherd 196; Scott Ivey 309, 388; Britt Mann and Jenny Mann 59; Jenny Mann 300; Judith Green and Carol Chapman 384, 117; Dewayne Wootten 49b, 38b; Karen Ivey 349; Karen Ivey and Allison Ivey 498; Betty Wright 569b; Cindy Tanner 335.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey and Scott DePoy brought the class together with song on page 217. Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 415; Nate Green and Norma Green 338, 339; Hobert Ivey, Betty Shepherd, and Lorrie Wootten 47t; Sandra Jordan 72b; Jackson Harcrow 63; Sandy Ivey 39t; Marlon Wootten 283; S.T. Reed 44. Pastor Tony Ivey asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman Shane Wootten brought the afternoon session together with songs on pages 155 and 276. Leaders: Tony Ivey 178; Linton Ballinger 457; Levon Wootten 108t; LaRue Allen 392; Anita Landess 540; Mike Thompson 145t; Jeannette DePoy 542; Cassie Franklin 56b; Bud Oliver 383; Richard DeLong 399b; Mary Florence Smith 318; Marty Wootten 430; Scott DePoy 201; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 274t, 128; Jeff Sheppard 322; Susan Harcrow 236, 408; Max Berueffy 546; Max Berueffy and Elene Stovall 436 (for Allison Davis who was sick); Randall Smith, Rodney Ivey, and Richard Ivey 137; Allison Ivey 31t, 182; Marian Biddle, Teresa Bethune, Ivey Biddle, and Lindsay Bethune 64, 501 (CB); Charles Stiefel and Shane Wootten 445, 448t; Lela Crowder, Rodney Ivey, and Laura Clawson 442; Jeannette Dollar 290; Robert Harper 39b, 48t; Bud Laney and Rodney Ivey 30t; Loyd Ivey and Coy Ivey 491b (WB) (for John Henry Busby who was in the Sandmont nursing home); Henry Johnson 565 (by request).

Following announcements, David Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Rodney Ivey led song on page 34t, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Bud Laney.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairmen—Rodney Ivey and Shane Wootten;

Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTMAN MEMORIAL **Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama** **March 31, 2002**

The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Velton Chafin leading song on page 32t. Harrison Creel led the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led songs on pages 30t and 35.

The class 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: Sherry Guthery 340, 58; Winell Sanders 108t; John Hyde 63, 313t; Travis Keeton 482, 275b; Ivalene Donaldson 270, 343b; Amber Springfield 31b, 37b; Wilton Donaldson 317, 566; Josie Hyde 186, 224; John Hocutt 114, 225t; Margaret Keeton 217, 78; John Merritt 408, 236; Henry Guthery 268; Velton Chafin 68b.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading song “Hocutt” (written by John Hocutt and Margaret Keeton). Leaders: Ozella Blackmon 322, 402; Glenn Keeton 313b, 178; Ida Lee Starnes 39b, 111b; Brenda Merritt 420, 142, 426t; Henry Guthery 104, 431, 503, 123t; Glenn Keeton 163b, 290. John Merritt offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the class to order for the afternoon session by leading song on page 480. Leaders: Sherry Guthery 64, 49t; John Hyde 61, 297; Amber Springfield 410t, 446; Margaret Keeton 439, 422; Josie Hyde 278t, 77b; John Merritt 312b; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 438, 358; Glenn Keeton 378b; Ivalene Donaldson 146; Travis Keeton 392; Harrison Creel 512; Henry Guthery 475; Wilton Donaldson 348b; John Hocutt 448b, 354t.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 521 as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

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

POTOMAC RIVER CONVENTION

Washington, D.C.

April 5-7, 2002

Friday, April 5

The New Traditions Singing was held at Pohick Church in Lorton, Virginia. Mimi Stevens called the class to order at 7:30 p.m. leading “Refreshment” (her own composition). Leaders in the night session led their own song compositions unless so noted.

Leaders: Blake Morris “Bankes”; Tom Tucker 92 (EH); Ted Stokes “Exeter Meeting”, “Female Convict”; Nick Schliapin “Nantahala”; Mary Ann Daly “Deuteronomy”; Cathy Tucker 110 (EH); Miriam Kilmer “Kosovo”; Mary Ann Daly “Happy Birthday” (arr. Henry Schuman and William P. Rowan); Nick Schliapin “Life.”

RECESS

Mimi Stevens resumed the singing with song on page 155. Leaders: Hal Kunkel “The Stone Forever Stands”; Rosemary Greenaway 78 (EH); Tommy Freeman and Blake Morris 71 (EH); Chris Noren 48 (September Psalms); 24 (September Psalms); Diane Mennella 40 (September Psalms); Blake Morris “Comforter”; Tom Tucker 18 (September Psalms), 1 (EH); Rosemary Greenaway 58 (EH). Dick Levine led song on page 55 (EH) to close the evening session.

Saturday, April 6

The thirteenth annual Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Pohick Episcopal Church in Lorton, Virginia. Tom Tucker brought the class to order at 10:00 a.m. by leading song on page 47t. Craig Baughan offered the opening prayer. Welcome announcements were made, followed by Mary Ann Daly leading song on page 59; Tim Slattery 52; and Cathy Tucker 144.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected and appointed:

Chair—Mary Ann Daly; Vice Chair—Jim Strube; Secretary—Tom Tucker; Treasurer—Frank Evans; Chaplain—Craig Baughan; Memorial Committee—Donna Abrahams; Arranging—Tim Slattery; Resolutions—Miriam Kilmer.

Leaders: Marty DeNys 147; Kelly Macklin 505; Sharon McKinley 276; Gail Doss 137; Gillie Campbell 479; Ted Stokes 159; Joni Seidenstein 142; Doron Henkin 300; Frank Evans 66; Erin Kelly 95; Mary DeNys 335; Adrian Mariano 183; Craig Baughan 138b; Juanita Heyerman 148.

RECESS

Jim Strube called the class to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Donna Abrahams 173; Lee Schumacher 217; Miriam Kilmer 178; Laura Densmore 542; Henry Bizzell 34b; George Seiler 168; Marilyn Estep 504; Paula McGray 455; Blake Morris 71; Walter Hartley 236; Ann Kazlauskas 280; Bernard Collard 63; Hal

Kunkel 391; Pat Temple 457; Peggy Laddengaard 378t; Dick Levine 68b; Diane Mennella 564; Dottie Hurley 107.

LUNCH

Miriam Kilmer opened the afternoon session leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Steven Sabol 567; Phyllis Gonigam 268; Mary Wright 480; Mimi Stevens 546; Bill Holt 419; Rosemary Greenaway 99; Stephanie Hysmith 288; Jean Seiler 106; Chris Noren 362; Brad Oglesby 565; Greg Freeman 376; Guy Bankes 45; John Daniel delRe 547; Jason Law 49b; John Hewes 551; Kristin Szakos 486; Fred Beardsley 532; Donna Abrahams 200; John delRe 430; Erin Kelly 56b; Ted Stokes 125.

RECESS

Tom Tucker resumed the singing leading song on page 330t. Leaders: Dottie Hurley 271; Lee Schumacher 117; Craig Baughan 347; Sarah Davie 269; Blake Morris 73b; Mary DeNys 378b; Marilyn Estep 163b; Mary Ann Daly 522; Bernard Collard 454; Kelly Macklin 57; Doron Henkin 192; Ann Kauslaukas 201; Laura Densmore 29t; Hal Kunkel 179; Joni Seidenstein 27; Diane Mennella 77b; Adrian Mariano 203; Henry Bizzell 127; Walter Hartley 155; Frank Evans 501b; Pat Temple 556.

Announcements of other singings were made. Mary Ann Daly gave closing remarks and led song on page 146 as the closing song. Craig Baughan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 7

Mary Ann Daly opened the Sunday session with song on page 484, and welcomed everyone to The Grange in Great Falls, Virginia. John delRe offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jim Strube 272; Tom Tucker 369; Gail Doss 35; Paula McGray 299; Cathy Tucker 385; George Seiler 171; Dick Levine 492; Liz Cusick 315; Juanita Heyerman 143; Peggy Laddengaard 122; Charles Butler 49b; Leyland delRe 426t; Rosemary Greenaway 474; Chris Noren 383; Pat Temple 72b; Elise Meyer-Bothling 163t; Walter Hartley 314; Henry Bizzell 452b; Eric Hilderbrandt 361.

RECESS

George Seiler called the class back to order leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Marty DeNys 198; John delRe 216; Adrian Mariano 278b; Tim Cook and Mako Cook 515; Steven Sabol 324; Kristin Szakos 288; Diane Mennella 192; Jason Law 481; Joni Seidenstein 344; Hal Kunkel 189; Laura Densmore 540.

Donna Abrahams opened the memorial lesson with remarks on our individual and collective losses this past year. She used as her theme a saying by Rabbi Meyer, "God has given; God has taken away; let us say a blessing unto God." Donna Abraham read the list of deceased and led song on page 133 in their memory. Those remembered were: Richard Hooke, Lt. Col. Dennis Johnson, Juan Infante, Dorian Brown, Jane Baughan, Mary Hobbs, Marilyn Hood, Anastasia Rokusek, Mabel Atherton, Norma Steurle, Darlene Campbell Jones, Freeman Wootten, J.B. Parker, Tor Jonassen, Barbara Smith, Charles Butler, Jr., Linda Smart, Dave Roddy, Jerry Krantek, and Joseph Lahovny.

Rosemary Greenaway read a passage from Deuteronomy, "He will not forsake me, neither destroy me." Rosemary Greenaway read the list of the sick and shut-ins, and led song on page 429. Those remembered were: Ginny Landgraff, Gina Ballestracci, David Cooper, Marilyn Darch, Jamie Adair, Linda Schmidt, Susan Smith, Gene Duarte, Betty Nikelsky, John Gribble, Laurie Russell, Darlene Bianconi, Nora Balfour, and Irene Wiberg.

Tim Slattery led song on page 112, and the class was dismissed for lunch with a blessing by John delRe.

LUNCH

Jim Strube opened the afternoon session by leading song on page 148. Leaders: Guy Banks 304; Bernard Collard 362; Janine Smith 542; John Daniel delRe 215; Doron Henkin 224; Greg Freeman 448t; Jean Seiler 209; Kelly Macklin 377; Bill Holt 101b; Cary Hoagland 56b; Mimi Stevens 172; Mary Wright 510; Paula McGray 150; Phyllis Gonigam 268; Donna Abrahams 475; Frank Evans 47b; Fred Beardsley 513; John Hewes 342; Frank Evans 49t.

RECESS

Juanita Heyerman called the class back to order leading song on page 479. Leaders: Anne Kazlauskas 125; Eric Hilderbrandt 236; Charles Butler 107; George Seiler 146; Dick Levine 155; Peggy Laddengaard 274; Kristin Szakos 168; Cary Hoagland 455; Laura Densmore 528; Hal Kunkel 392; Henry Bizzell and Bill Holt 324; Walter Hartley 178; Diane Mennella 448b; Elise Meyer-Bothling 385t; Tim Slattery 186; Tom Tucker 501b; Mary Ann Daly 76.

A business session was held to hear reports from committees and final announcements.

The Resolutions Committee thanked all the volunteers who made the convention possible and all the participants who made it memorable.

The Secretary reported that there were 80 song leaders, and a total of 157 songs led, plus 23 songs on Friday evening.

Mary Ann Daly led song on page 62 as the closing song. John delRe offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Mary Ann Daly; Vice Chair—Jim Strube; Secretary—Tom Tucker.

HARPETH VALLEY-PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING

**Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee
Saturday, April 6, 2002**

The forty-first annual Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Singing was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by David Carlton leading song on page 171. Bob Meek offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Carlton 64; Judy Mincey 34b, 479; Roy Turrentine 68, 35; Clayton Ezell 390, 231; Darrell Holley 59, 81t; Laurens Blankers 551, 236; Gordon Wilkinson 434, 475.

RECESS

David Carlton brought the class back to order leading song on page 276. Leaders: Bob Meek 38 (CB), 574; Clayton Ezell and Kerene Box 28b, 358; Melanie Hardy 159, 84; Don Bowen 37b, 97; Virginia Douglas 36b (in honor of Gideon Fryer), 49; Hibbard Thatcher 178, 268; William Shetter 547, 559 (CB); Lewis Frost 147, 515; Bob Simmons 532, 569; Faye Thompson 128, 53; Drew Foster and Hibbard Thatcher 107, 133. Hibbard Thatcher offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

David Carlton called the class back to order with song on page 32.

The class went into a business session. All officers were re-elected:

Chairman—David Carlton; Vice Chairman—Darrell Holley; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett; Chaplain—Hibbard Thatcher.

Leaders: Mike Grimes 30b, 571 (CB); Ron Harper 47b, 40; Sandie Scott 45t (in memory of her father), 46; John Plunkett 539b, 541; Marilyn Burchett 335, 29; Tim Reynolds 186, 187; Lewis Frost 73b; William Shetter 544 (CB); Don Bowen 367 (CB); Judy Mincey 411 (CB); Seth Holloway 388, 354b, 408; Mike Grimes 426t.

Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led song on page 132 (CB) (for Roberta Grimes, mother of Mike Grimes), and as the closing song. Bob Simmons led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—David Carlton; Vice Chairman—Darrell Holley; Chaplain—Hibbard Thatcher; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett.

YELLOW SPRINGS SINGING
Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, Ohio
Saturday, April 6, 2002

The twenty-fourth semi-annual singing was called to order by Linda Coppock with song on 34b. Samuel Sommers offered an opening prayer.

Leaders: Ann Miczulski 147b; Martha Beverly 171; Jo Schultz 73; Marlen Rust 52t; J.P. Lund 178; Samuel Sommers 121; Henry Schuman 290; Tom Schultz 47t; Alan Moffat 228; Fred Todt 350; David Rust 399t; James Cochran 83b; Laura Webber 535; Debbie Hall 86; Foote Lund 313b; Linda Coppock 542; Ann Miczulski 87; Martha Beverly 56b; Jo Schultz 361; Marlen Rust 66.

RECESS

Linda Coppock brought the class to order leading song on page 147. Leaders: Sheryl Pockrose 564; J.P. Lund “Marlowe” (by Linda Coppock and J.P. Lund); Samuel Sommers 112; Henry Schuman 163b; Rich Overturf 106; Tom Schultz 107; Alan Moffat 79; David Rust 410t; Fred Todt 369; Malcom Meyer 40; James Cochran 71; Laura Webber 523; Foote Lund 64; Joan Redd 230; Michelle Cull 236; Debbie Hall 189; Ann Miczulski 145b; Martha Beverly 334. Linda Coppock offered a prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Fred Todt brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 38. Leaders: Marlen Rust 276; Samuel Sommers 188; Henry Schuman 480; Rich Overturf 260; David Rust 125; Alan Moffat 205; Laura Webber 501; Sheryl Pockrose 27; Joan Redd 191; Michelle Cull 408; Debbie Hall 442; Ann Miczulski 473; Martha Beverly 269; Jo Schultz 232; Marlen Rust 277.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Fred Todt leading song on page 128. Leaders: David Rust 528; Rich Overturf 341; Laura Webber 143; Sheryl Pockrose 331; Joan Redd 455; Michelle Cull 39t; Debbie Hall 348t; Ann Miczulski 569; Martha Beverly 546; Jo Schultz 198; Marlen Rust 85; Tom Schultz 497; David Rust 163t; Samuel Sommers 422; Henry Schuman 441; Fred Todt 362.

RECESS

Rich Overturf brought the final session to order leading song on page 274b. Leaders: Laura Webber 547; Sheryl Pockrose 146; Joan Redd 122; Michelle Cull 36b; Debbie Hall 474; Ann Miczulski 344; Martha Beverly 430; Jo Schultz 448b; Marlen Rust 133; Samuel Sommers 548; Henry Schuman 318; Tom Schultz 503; David Rust 267. Following announcements, Fred Todt led song on page 347 as the closing song, and Samuel Sommers offered a closing prayer.

Co-Chairs—Fred Todt and Linda Coppock; Secretaries—Debbie Hall and Sheryl Pockrose.

BRAZOS RIVER SINGING (COOPER BOOK)
Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, Texas
Saturday, April 6, 2002

The Brazos River Singing was held at the Washington-on-the-Brazos Texas State Park on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. Gaylon Powell called the class to

order at 10:00 a.m. by leading songs on pages 449 and 45t. Richard Goodrum offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held to elect the following officers: Chairman—Tom Owen; Vice Chairman—Leon Ballinger; Secretary—Cissy Moseley.

Leaders: Tom Owen 425b, 424; Leon Ballinger 330, 49t; Cissy Moseley 99; Jeb Owen 176t, 168; Barbara Moore 171, 268t; Terre Schill 387, 178; Charles Whitmer 500, 578; Cheryl Foreman 54t, 511b; Mary Bachmann 386, 505; Lee Wilburn 72.

RECESS

Tom Owen called the class back together leading song on page 271b. Leaders: Kevin Powell 511t, 331b; Doris Hanks 444t, 422b; Olivia Powell and Garrett Powell 36b, 559; Gaylon Powell 346, 460; Barbara Moore 427, 398b; Steve Fildes 239, 268b; Jeb Owen 384, 421; Terre Schill 383, 139; Charles Whitmer 488b, 410.

The class broke for lunch with special thanks being extended to Landis Powell, Charlotte Powell, and family for providing a hamburger luncheon for the singers. Gaylon Powell offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Leon Ballinger leading songs on pages 84 and 137. Leaders: Kevin Powell 416t; Cheryl Foreman 183, 140; Doris Hanks 299, 450; Lee Wilburn 112, 63; Mary Bachmann 341, 400; Olivia Powell and Garrett Powell 280, 282; Gaylon Powell 311, 361; Barbara Moore 229, 58; Cissy Moseley 142, 543; Jeb Owen 144, 558b; Charles Whitmer 507b, 376; Tom Owen 507t, 508; Cheryl Foreman 53, 203; Terre Schill 230, 218; Kevin Powell 200, 240; Lee Wilburn 128. Announcements were made. Having several people new to Sacred Harp in attendance, Chairman Tom Owen asked for selections from the class and led 82 by request. He was followed by these requests: Jeb Owen 40; Gaylon Powell 146; Kevin Powell 277; and Cissy Moseley 563.

Other than the leaders, the following singers were present: Mary Ballinger, Linda Henthorn, Cheryl Kitsch, Mike Kitsch, Richard Knight, Sarah Knight, Garry McDonald, Kathy Post, Charlotte Powell, Landis Powell, Jo Powell, Tammy Powell, Lela Wilburn, and still others who were not registered, but gladly welcomed.

The class agreed that next year's singing will be held in the State Park Conference Center, Saturday, April 5, 2003.

Tom Owen led song on page 69 as the closing song, and Lee Wilburn dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Tom Owen; Vice Chairman—Leon Ballinger; Secretary—Cissy Moseley.

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH **Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama** **April 7, 2002**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Edwardsville Baptist Church on the first Sunday in April was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 101t. Rev. Rodney Hagan, pastor of the church, offered the morning prayer. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 75, followed by B.M. Smith leading 111b and 155. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Eunice Webb; Vice Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee/Secretary—Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Eunice Webb 37b, 32t; Mary Florence Smith 31b, 61; Bobby Jackson 445, 34t; Evelyn Harris 39b, 47t; John Plunkett 41, 539; Lou Cotney 384, 218; Everette Denney 119, 490; Charlene Wallace 129, 448b; Shelbie Sheppard 333; Harvey Austin 335, 108t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Eunice Webb leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 140, 301; Hugh McGraw 232; Teenie Moody 171, 186; Jimmie Denney 111t, 46; Oscar McGuire 276, 441; Lois Owen 373; Michael Turner 58, 59; Billy Joe Harris 225t, 303; Felton Denney 385b, 299; Michael Turner 294. Mary Florence Smith conducted the memorial lesson, and Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 385t for the following deceased: Helen Woodrow Dill, Jesse Ray Cruise, Sarah Rakestraw, Henry Norman Cavander, Cleola Warren Cash, Jack Robertson, Reba Edwards, Cecil Edwards, Ethel Hogan, Lois Deering, Oakie Austin, Polly Moore, Berta Wood, and Wilford Denney.

Felton Denney led song on page 68b for the following sick and shut-ins: Noel Thompson, Molene Thompson, Lura Jean Monroe, Sandie Sensenbach (daughter of Roy and Louise Nelson), Obie Laminack, Vivian Rogers, Alice Edwards, Mozelle Sheppard, and I.V. McWhorter. Mary Florence Smith closed the memorial with prayer.

Rev. Rodney Hagan, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation for all the singers who came to make this a special day for the church, and offered the blessing on the food for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers called the afternoon session to order by leading songs on pages 389 and 222. Leaders: B.M. Smith 475, 284; Winfred Kerr 89, 87; Ruth Daniel 378t, 100; Sherrell Cleino 127, 146; Cecil Roberts 72b; Felton Denney 149; Bobby Jackson 290; Oscar McGuire 573; John Plunkett 354; Sherrell Cleino 159; Lou Cotney 497; Jeff Sheppard 506; Mary Florence Smith 63; Jimmie Denney 143 (for Vivian Rogers); B.M. Smith 318 (in memory of Eula Johnson), 406 (for Beulah Reese); Everette Denney 405; Mary Florence Smith 73b (for Alice Edwards); Michael Turner 358.

After announcements were made, Harvey Austin dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Eunice Webb; Vice Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

OLD ENON CHURCH

Lynn, Alabama

April 7, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Old Enon Church on the first Sunday in April was called to order by Wilton Donaldson at 10:00 a.m. leading songs on pages 30t and 32t. Margaret Keeton offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized, and the following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—John Hyde.

Leaders: Margaret Keeton 59, 129; Josie Hyde 39b, 155; Vernice Phillips 40; Willodean Barton 35, 101t; Anita Landess 480, 297; Ivalene Donaldson 31b, 61; Lena Keeton 43, 300; Ida Lee Starnes 317, 426t; Julie Poston 145b, 343; Lisa Geist 120, 532; Elene Stovall 392, 426b.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order with songs on pages 127, 348b, and 75. Leaders: Beth O'Dell 200, 560, 142; Max Berueffy 340, 438, 78; Glenn Keeton 117, 512 (requested by Gary Harper), 274b (requested by Bruce Randolph); Faye Donaldson 225t, 138t; Earl Ballinger 80, 331, 176b; Kermit Adams 477, 99.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Wilton Donaldson leading song on page 285t. Leaders: Beth O'Dell 270; Margaret Keeton 222; Latrive Bailey 571 (CB), 294 (by request of church members), 46 (in memory of Elis Ward and Murphy

Cagle); Faye Donaldson 430; Earl Ballinger 405; Anita Landess 170; Elene Stovall 171, 172; Lisa Geist 327; Josie Hyde 234; Willodean Barton 314; Vernice Phillips 143; Julie Poston 166; Ivalene Donaldson 335; Max Berueffy 396; Travis Keeton 496; Glenn Keeton 497; Lena Keeton 546; John Hyde 124, 313t; Lena Keeton 475 (by request).

Wilton Donaldson and Travis Keeton led song on page 73t as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

We wish to thank the church for the fellowship and for paying for the minutes.

Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH - BIRTHDAY SINGING **South of Tallapoosa, Georgia, on Old 100 Highway** **Friday Night, April 12, 2002**

The tenth session of the Birthday Singing was held on Friday night before the second Sunday in April at Antioch Baptist Church. Birthday honorees were Mildred Johnson and Elder Homer Benefield. The class sang "Happy Birthday" to both honorees.

Hugh McGraw was appointed to stand in for Johnny Wright as Chairman for the night. Officers re-elected were: Chairman—Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman—Everette Ellis; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Mary Florence Smith 59; Charlene Wallace 63, 141; Eunice Webb 318, 32t; Mildred Johnson 208; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Lou Cotney 218, 189; Everette Denney 155, 143; Henry Schuman 68b, 72b; Josephine Denney 164, 45t; Reba Norton 270; Charles Towler and Hugh McGraw 343; Karleen Williams 100, 136; Louise Holland 273, 37b; Joyce Clackum and Jacob Patterson 87.

The class was dismissed with Everette Ellis blessing the food for the evening meal.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Hugh McGraw leading song on page 94. Leaders: Felton Denney 523, 489; Evelyn Harris 47t; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 225t; Jenny Jensen and Stan Jensen 350, 112; B.J. Harris 303, 503; Mildred Patterson 146, 294; Daphene Ray 358; Charolette Kiker and Jennifer Kiker 144, 73b (in memory of their grandfather, Joe Warren); Lenna Davidson and Charlene Wallace 37t; Cecil Roberts and Hugh McGraw 290; Jacob Patterson and Hugh McGraw 274t.

Announcements were made. Hugh McGraw and Everette Ellis led song on page 46 as the closing song. Bee Ellis dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Johnny Wright/Hugh McGraw (Stand In); Vice Chairman—Everette Ellis; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

STATE LINE CHURCH **Cleburne County, Alabama** **Saturday, April 13, 2002**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church, Cleburne County, Alabama (just off U.S. Highway 78 at the Alabama/Georgia state line) was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. Jeff Sheppard called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. (CT) leading song on page 32t. Billy Joe Harris offered the morning prayer. Rodney Ivey led song on page 57; Mary Florence Smith 313t; Helen Bryson 111b, and Jeff Sheppard 75.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Mary Florence

Smith; Memorial Committee—Helen Bryson; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 475; David Lee 49b; Floy Wilder 293; Andy Anderson 36b; Kathy Lee 146; Dennis George 208; Teenie Moody 384; Jerry Enright 383; Reba Dell Windom 283; Don Bowen 569b; Ivalene Donaldson 95; Milton Oliver 314; Elene Stovall 182; Jeff Gauthier 402; Karen Willard 306; Henry Schuman 280.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey called the class back to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Max Berueffy 411; Jenny Willard 318; Felton Denney 385b; Jeannette DePoy 34t; Keith Willard 112; Stan Jenson and Jenny Jenson 171; Terry Wootten 385t; Pam Nunn 528; David Yeager 32b; Judy Caudle 193; Harvey Austin 335; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Henry Johnson 29b; Charlene Wallace 439.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with B.M. Smith leading song on page 273. Leaders: Richard DeLong 336; Karen Freund 421; John Plunkett 539b; Thomas Willard 145b; Laura Clawson 131b.

Helen Bryson conducted the memorial lesson. She read a poem on friendship and made comments about how to spot a friend, keep our friends, and how friendships are found and bonded in many ways. She commented about the friendships we have with our fellow Sacred Harp singers and what that friendship means to each of us.

John Plunkett led song on page 330b for the following deceased: Polly Maulder, Edwin Karn, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Oakie Austin, J.J. Aderhold, Eula Johnson, Wilford Denney, Freeman Wootten, Jerilyn Schumacher, and Obie Laminack.

Floy Wilder led song on page 179 for all the sick and shut-ins. Louis Hughes closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by B.M. Smith leading song on page 274. Leaders: Eunice Webb 196; Wilton Donaldson 348b; Rene Greene 217; Johnny Lee and Delorese Lee 503; Josephine Denney 143; Bobby Jackson 408; Evelyn Harris 155; Bud Oliver and Sammy Oliver (Bud and Sammy Oliver celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 12th) 73t; LaRue Allen 192; Charles Franklin 480; Nancy Yeager 178; B.J. Harris 452; Eugene Forbes 168; Andy Morse 448t; Margie Smith 501; Rodney Ivey 426b (for Flora Skinner who was in the hospital); B.M. Smith 269 (in memory of Walker and Lessie Cates); Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 99; Reba Dell Windom 216; David Lee and Kathy Lee 229; Karen Willard and Ken Hallock 454; Henry Schuman 424; Jeff Gauthier 304; Charles Franklin 176t; Jenny Jenson 448b; Max Berueffy, Henry Johnson, and Dennis George 132. Announcements were made. B.M. Smith and Rodney Ivey led song on page 46 as the closing song. Felton Denney offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Mary Florence Smith.

WILLIAM WALKER MEMORIAL SINGING

**Burwell Building, Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
April 13, 2002**

The ninth annual session of the William Walker Memorial Singing was held on the Saturday before the second Sunday in April in the Burwell Building of Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Hugh McGraw called the class to order at 9:30 a.m., and taught a brief singing school on shape notes and four-shapes, and then led song on page 49t. Dan Huger followed with brief comments on seven-shapes, and then led song on page 78b (CH). Joel Jones offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Dr. Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—Dr. Jhon Akers; Arranging Committee/Secretary—Dan Huger.

“The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition” and “The Christian Harmony, North Carolina and Alabama Editions” were used.

Leaders: Dr. Harry Eskew 146; Henry Zittrouer 45, 59; Brent Holcombe 326, 523; John Hollingsworth 37b, 138t; Mildred Chandler 89b (CH), 335 (CH); Frances Carnell 282, 88; Bill Burns 381t (CH), 381b (CH); Joel Jones 28b, 276.

RECESS

Dr. Jhon Akers brought the class back to order playing a selection of classical guitar pieces. Leaders: Charles Lowery 117 (CH), 120t (CH); Carl Blozan 381 (CH), 346 (CH); Mary C. Parker 339 (CH), 299 (CH); Mary Baumeister 231t (CH), 59t (CH); Jane Spencer and Dot Lane 312t, 159; Gib Rogers 350, 81b.

LUNCH

Dr. Harry Eskew brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on page 47t and 128. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 441, 287 (CH) (by request).

Dan Huger conducted the memorial lesson, and led song page 81t (CH) for the deceased.

Leaders: Bobbi Albert 113 (CH), 105b (CH); Henry Zittrouer 68b; John Hollingsworth 162t (CH); Mildred Chandler 131 (CH-AL); Frances Carnell 225t, 361; Bill Burns 178; Joel Jones 535, 120b (CH); Charles Lowery 137 (CH).

Announcements were made.

RECESS

The class reassembled at the grave of William Walker at Magnolia Cemetery in Spartanburg. The song led at the grave was 146. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—Dr. Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—Dr. Jhon Akers; Secretary—Dan Huger.

HARRY ESKEW SACRED HARP SINGING **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary,** **New Orleans, Louisiana** **Saturday, April 13, 2002**

The second annual Harry Eskew Sacred Harp Singing was held at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana on Saturday before the second Sunday in April.

The singing began with an election of officers. Those elected to serve were:

Chairman—Chris Bean; Secretary—Nancy Van Den Akker. Bill Hogan presented an introduction to the shapes for the new singers.

Leaders: Chris Bean 59; Nancy Van Den Akker 515; John Kanode 452b; Jeff Corbett 101b; Ed Steele 63; Becky Lombard 72b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with A.E. Probst leading song on page 66. Leaders: Bryan Anthony 48t; Troy Coleman 57; Bill Hogan 114; Chris Bean 81t; John Kanode 49t; Jeff Corbett 61; Becky Lombard 358; A.E. Probst 268; Troy Coleman 45t; Bryan Anthony 159; Bill Hogan 269, 369. Ed Steele said the blessing for the noon meal, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Ed Steele took the chair for the afternoon session and led song on page 68b. Leaders: Nancy Van Den Akker 496; John Kanode 348b; Janet Neuman 40; Jeff Corbett 133; Becky Lombard 236; A.E. Probst 178; Ed Steele 457; Bill Hogan 299; Nancy Van

Den Akker 300; John Kanode 146; Becky Lombard 85; Jeff Corbett 354b; Ed Steele 128; A.E. Probst 365; Bill Hogan 503; Nancy Van Den Akker 394; John Kanode 323b; Janet Neuman 87; Jeff Corbett 455; Becky Lombard 284; A.E. Probst 273; Nancy Van Den Akker 285; John Kanode 312b; Bill Hogan 38b; Becky Lombard 79; Susan Breen and Bill Hogan 147t; Bill Hogan 147t; Jeff Corbett 200. Bill Hogan led song on page 475 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Chris Bean; Secretary—Nancy Van Den Akker.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

April 14, 2002

The annual singing at Antioch Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Terry Wootten and Phillip Wootten leading song on page 82t. The Chairmen then extended a warm welcome to everyone who came, and expressed a desire that this day would be a spiritual blessing to all. Terry Wootten offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Wootten and Phillip Wootten 68b, 312b; Louis Hughes 138b; B.M. Smith 569b; Sandie Scott 159; Rodney Ivey 434; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Roy Turrentine 49b; Jenny Jenson 353; Linda Thomas and Evelyn Harris 47t; S.T. Reed 323t; Henry Cobb and Louis Frost 515; Tim Reynolds 129; Karen Clark 277; Henry Johnson 375; Jenny Willard 392; Ed Thacker and Shane Wootten 112; Donna Wootten and Shane Wootten 56t; Don Clark 209; Myra Dalton 208; Phil Summerlin 32t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Terry Wootten leading song on page 176t. Leaders: Dennis George and Max Berueffy 532 (for Edith Tate); Karen Willard and Ken Hallock 29t; David Carlton 203; Keith Willard 144; Jeff Gauthier 344; David Lee, Kathy Lee, Bryant Lee, Amy Lee, Hannah Highsmith, and Martin Highsmith 128; Jeff Sheppard 318 (for Lonnie Rogers and Flora Skinner); Mel Kersey, Evelyn Waldron, James Young, and Shirley Young 147t (for Evelyn's sister and Mel's mother); Terry Hullett 87; Jackson Harcrow 274t; Thomas Willard 106; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 388; Dakota Garner 282; Chris Davis and Jay Pilcher 111t; Stuart Ivey and Richard Ivey 186; Raven Townson, Dani Townson, and Kennedy Wootten 45t (sung to the tune of 478t) (WB); Aaron Wootten and Dewayne Wootten 421; Levon Wootten and Marlon Wootten 448t; Sheila Wootten, Lorrie Wootten, and Eloise Wootten 523; Don Bowen 486t (WB); Mike Thompson 290; Lonnie Rogers and Denney Rogers 225t; David Killingsworth 268; B.J. Harris 503; LaRue Allen 222; Karen Ivey and Susan Harcrow 454; Britt Mann 28b; Susan Davis and Jennifer Cook 196; Pam Wilkerson 505 (CB); David Ivey and Wayne Wootten 542; Buell Cobb and Levon Wootten 500 (CB) in memory of Freeman Wootten; Olivia Allen, Robin Smith, Wilma Corbin, and Pat Moore 48t.

LUNCH

Terry Wootten and Phillip Wootten brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 201. Leaders: Syble Adams, Karen Willard, and David Lee "Song of Praise"; Jewel Wootten, Terry Hullett, Larry Wootten, Gene Wootten, Beulah Ann York, and Virginia Dale Glass 74t; Jeffrey Wootten, Kristy Wootten, Kennedy Wootten, and Cole Wootten 171; Milton Oliver 321; Laura Clawson and Lela Crowder 430; Shelbie Sheppard and Reba Dell Windom 216; Charles Franklin 74b; Johnny Clark 33b; Marty Wootten, Lorrie Wootten, Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 546; Brenda Carroll and Chris Carroll 384; Coy Ivey, Rodney Ivey, and Scott Ivey 358, 59; Stan Jenson and Jenny Jenson 217; Barbara

Losse, Jenny Mann, John Hammonds, Chris Guin, and Sara Guin 559 (CB); Claudine Townson, Danette Townson, and Raven Townson 540 (CB); Charles Meidinger 352; Eschol Hughes 204; Loyd Ivey 89; Andrew Grace and Rashmi Becker 335; Aaron Little 460; Tony Ivey, Rex Wilks, and Tyler Wilks 480; Charles Steifel and Rodney Ivey 47b; Marilyn Burchett 551; Ricky Harcrow and Elizabeth Robbins 63; Jenny Mann “Sweet Beulah Land”; Terry Wootten 441; Terry Wootten, Levon Wootten, and Dewayne Wootten 323b. Announcements were made. Terry Wootten and Phillip Wootten led “Brethren We Have Met To Worship” as the closing song. Ricky Harcrow offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Co-Chairmen—Terry Wootten and Phillip Wootten; Secretaries—Karen Ivey and Shelbie Sheppard.

COUNTY LINE CHURCH **Corner, Alabama** **April 14, 2002**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at County Line Church on the second Sunday in April was called to order by Chairman Harrison Creel leading song on page 30t. Glenn Keeton led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 348b; Cassie Franklin 448b; Lucy Heidorn 192; Bud Oliver 145b, 42; Corene White 317; Brenda Merritt 142, 430; Gordon Wilkinson 426b; Leola Smith 318; Mary Florence Smith 171, 99; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 110; Eldagene Roberson 29t, 215; Eugene Forbes 78, 217; Lomax Ballinger 277, 144; Daphene Causey 434, 269; Josie Hyde 507.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Beth O'Dell 442; Jerry Enright 168, 77t; David Ballinger 300, 340; Glenn Keeton 163b, 532; Ivalene Donaldson and Ken Tate 270; Marie Guthrie 280; Mike Jones 332, 76; Lora Cargo 146, 454; Lisa Geist 327, 273; Clayton Ezell 231.

RECESS

Cassie Franklin called the class to order leading song on page 166. Leaders: Ken Tate 503; Henry Schuman 276, 335; Ruth Walker 298; Karen Freund 77b, 172; Edith Tate and Edie Richardson 159; Travis Keeton 499; Teenie Moody 441, 391; Ray Tate and Danny Creel 384; Harrison Creel 342, 512.

LUNCH

Harrison Creel and Cassie Franklin called the class to order leading song on page 498. Leaders: Cassie Franklin 222; Danny Creel 182; Elene Stovall 316; Ann Jett and Yancey Jett 44; Clarence McCool 349, 328; John Merritt and Mike Jones 566, 565; Charlene Wallace 283, 314; Jackie Tanner 208; Charlotte McCarn 143; Larry Ballinger 425; Pauline Childers 212, 234; David Roberson 155, 274t; Linton Ballinger 460; Ozella Blackmon 436, 418; Kathleen Robbins 37b, 343; Willodean Barton 290; Vernice Phillips 112; Wanda Capps and Doug Tolbert 45t; Sharon DePriest and Cassie Franklin 189; Sharon DePriest and Daphene Causey 200; Kathy Robinson 546, 475; Wilton Donaldson 225t; Shelley Capps 405; Allison Davis and Elene Stovall 528; Velton Chafin 437; Cindy Tanner 198, 89; Danny Creel and Ray Tate 269; Jerry Enright and Karen Freund 542.

Announcements were made. Harrison Creel led song on page 378b as the closing song. Doug Tolbert offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chair—Cassie Franklin; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL SINGING
Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama
Saturday, April 20, 2002

The Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. Hershell King called the class to order leading song on page 176. Elder Matt Jordan offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Elder J.L. Hopper; Arranging Committee—Jack Jordan; Secretary—Irene Jordan.

Leaders: Hershell King 460; J.L. Hopper 145t, 145b; Jack Jordan 49b, 196; David Light 192, 340; Rhoda Norris 177; Matt Jordan 565, 569b; Arvid Holmes 145b, 137; Irene Jordan 45b, 44; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 503; J.C. Rutledge 568, 105; Vernice Phillips 155, 143.

RECESS

J.L. Hopper called the class back to order with song on page 73b. Leaders: Sandra Light 119, 354b; Judy Caudle 285, 344; Ivalene Donaldson 129, 343; Ramona Light 189, 172; Dan Hopper 171, 189. Carmon Brothers offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

J.L. Hopper called the afternoon session to order with song on page 34t. Leaders: Carmon Brothers 341, 544b; Hershell King 410; David Light 110; Irene Jordan 329; Wilton Donaldson 225t; J.C. Rutledge 426t; Ramona Light 431; Dan Hopper 115; Robert Walker and J.C. Rutledge 294.

An elderly friend in the community, Tat Bailey, asked the class to sing three songs while he recorded them. He wanted these for his funeral. We granted his request and J.L. Hopper led songs on pages 35, 45t, and 111t.

Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Secretary—Irene Jordan.

NEW YORK REGIONAL SINGING - ROCHESTER AREA
St. Lukes Episcopal Church, Fairport, New York
Saturday, April 20, 2002

The fourth Rochester Regional Singing was held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Fairport, New York, and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Thom Metzger leading song on page 40. Chris Haller led the invocation.

Officers elected or appointed to serve for the day were: Chairman—Thom Metzger; Arranging Committee—Eileen Metzger; Chaplains—Chris Haller and Eileen Metzger; Secretary—Nancy Crawford.

Leaders: Sue Hengelsberg 46; Hugh Anderson 148; Nancy Crawford 47t; Barbara Swetman 168; Chris Haller 351; Laura Densmore 350; Margaret Bornick 276; Eileen Metzger 30t; Ron Bornick 228; Thom Metzger 274t; Patricia Geritz 178; Sue Hengelsberg 474; Ginny Huszagh 200; Hugh Anderson 107; Gerry Hoffman 142; Nancy Crawford 344; Barbara Swetman 348t; Chris Haller 455; Guy Banks 203; Laura Densmore 475.

RECESS

Thom Metzger brought the class to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Eileen Metzger 159; Patricia Geritz 503b; Ron Bornick 84; Thom Metzger 112; Guy Banks 481; Laura Densmore 137; Margaret Bornick 217; Ginny Huszagh 66; Barbara Swetman 480; Hugh Anderson 147t; Gerry Hoffman 501; Nancy Crawford 335; Chris Haller 56b; Patricia Geritz 268; Ron Bornick 186; Thom Metzger 101b;

Guy Bankes 441; Margaret Bornick 504; Laura Densmore 528. Eileen Metzger asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Thom Metzger brought the class to order leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Sue Hengelsberg 85; Juanita Heyerman 31t; Deanna Anderson 551; Eileen Metzger 48t; Chris Haller 218; Ginny Huszagh 195; Hugh Anderson 163b; Laura Densmore "Ten Thousand Charms" (H. Kunkel); Ron Bornick 454; Nancy Crawford 497; Barbara Swetman 312b; Thom Metzger 99; Margaret Bornick 212; Patricia Geritz 566; Gerry Hoffman 272; Guy Bankes 549; Sue Hengelsberg 294; Juanita Heyerman 86.

RECESS

Guy Bankes brought the class to order leading song on page 171. Leaders: Deanna Anderson 106; Allen Fannan 448b; Chris Haller 236; Ginny Huszagh 191; Hugh Anderson 87; Laura Densmore 547; Ron Bornick 277; Nancy Crawford 229; Barbara Swetman "The Stone Forever Stands" (H. Kunkel); Thom Metzger 383; Margaret Bornick 270; Patricia Geritz 479; Allen Fannin 546; Gerry Hoffman 77t; Juanita Heyerman 114; Ginny Huszagh 38; Laura Densmore 297; Ron Bornick 334; Guy Bankes 269.

Announcements were made. Thom Metzger led song on page 347 as the closing song. Eileen Metzger led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Thom Metzger; Secretary—Nancy Crawford.

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Cleburne County, Alabama

April 21, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in Cleburne County, Alabama was held on the third Sunday in April. Billy Joe Harris called the class together with song on page 59. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Billy Joe Harris 32t; Charlene Wallace 49t, 75, 79; Evelyn Harris 47t, 87, 155; Eunice Webb 30b, 30t, 460; Shelbie Sheppard 105, 141, 139; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 101t, 176b; Glenda Collins 124, 81t; George Garner 274t; Reba Norton 208, 373, 177; Bobby Jackson 317, 100, 290.

RECESS

The class was called together by Billy Joe Harris leading song on page 303. Leaders: Ruth Daniel 335, 68b, 378t; B.M. Smith 358, 318 (for Vivian Rogers and in memory of Eula Johnson), 475.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairman—Elder Neil Prichard; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith; Memorial Committee—Ruth Brown.

Leaders: Billy Joe Harris 503; Lou Cotney 218, 384; B.M. Smith 358 (for Pauline Howell).

Ruth Brown conducted the memorial lesson, and Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 47b for the following deceased: Hazel Parker, Edward J. Norton, Reba Edwards, Polly Moore, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Cecil Edwards, Eula Johnson, Walter Hamrick, Freeman Wooten, Oakie Austin, Lydia Baswell, and Michael Warren.

Evelyn Harris led songs on pages 146 and 45t for the following sick and shut-ins: Alice Edwards, Vivian Rogers, I.V. McWhorter, Reby Stanford, Revy Williamson, Gladys McGraw, Jackie Wiggins, Pauline Howell, Gertrude Norton, Flora Skinner, and Thelma Randall. Lonnie Rogers closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Elder Neil Prichard called the class together for the afternoon session with songs on pages 341, 204, and 566. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 57, 473, 276; Sherrell Cleino 127, 135; Jeff Sheppard 293, 436 (for Flora Skinner and the Roy Nelson family), 347; Ann Simpson 46, 294; Nellie Mae White 119, 312t, 159; Elder Lewis Norton 31b, 34t, 569b; Hugh McGraw 572, 573, 567; Lois Owens 168, 480; Hester Edwards and Charlene Wallace 73b (for Alice Edwards); Cecelia Sanders 354b, 61; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 225t.

Announcements were made. Billy Joe Harris and Elder Neil Prichard led song on page 56t as the closing song. Elder Lewis Norton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairman—Elder Neil Prichard;

Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

PINE GROVE SINGING

Lookout Mountain, Near Collinsville, Alabama

April 21, 2002

The annual spring singing at Pine Grove Church near Collinsville, Alabama was held on the third Sunday in April, and was called to order by Bud Oliver leading songs on pages 32t and 82t. Wayne Reed offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: S.T. Reed 85; Milton Oliver and Paula Oliver 348b, 45t; Henry Johnson 125; Wayne Reed 145t; Alanna Blanks and Scot Oliver 405, 100; Wilton Donaldson 503; Jackie Tanner 123t; Glenn Keeton 163t; Donna Wootten 274t; Harrison Creel 530; Karen Clark 66; Boyd Scott 358; Leola Smith 318; Jarrod George 277; Margaret Keeton 276; Jackson Harcrow 388.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class together leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Don Clark 99; Jim Brown and students from Samford University 159; Elene Stovall 192; Max Berueffy 157; Allison Davis 436; Cody Blaine and Courtney Blaine 345t; Myra Dalton 345b; Chris Ballinger 31t; Syble Adams 203; Linda Thomas 63; Lamar Smith and Milton Oliver 36b; Ivalene Donaldson 328; Edith Tate 155; Larry Ballinger 133; Beth O'Dell 442; Betty Shepherd 216.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class back to order leading song on page 73t. Leaders: Cindy Tanner 269; Nate Green and Norma Green 106, 123b; Cassie Franklin and Flarce Creel 475; Loretta Smith 37b; Judy Mincey 538; David Ivey 154 (by request); Vernice Phillips 40; Lisa Geist 273; Shane Wootten 172; Amber Springfield 142.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Bud Oliver leading song on page 42. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 384; Susan Harcrow 41; Lela Crowder 440; Cassie Franklin 272; Wayne Wootten 445; Karen Ivey 171; Christopher Warn and Jim Brown 148; Mark Brown and Susan Harcrow 430; Melvin Stiefel 420; Dennis George 454; Loyd Ivey 137; Hobert Ivey 278b; Sue Wills, Kristy Finley, and Bud Oliver 317; David Ivey 120; Henry Johnson 136; Scott Ivey 186; Karen Clark 122 (in memory of John Bailey); Mark Brown 49b; Jackie Tanner, Cindy Tanner, and Cassie Franklin 76b; Larry Ballinger 78; Syble Adams 515; Glenn Keeton 378b; Betty Shepherd and Rodney Ivey 101t.

Chairman Bud Oliver thanked everyone for coming. Announcements were made.

Bud Oliver led song on page 62 as the closing song. Wayne Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bud Oliver; Secretary—Pauline Oliver.

SMYRNA HOMECOMING
Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama
April 21, 2002

Thomas Futral opened the song service with song on page 75. Eugene Forbes led the group in the opening prayer.

The class elected the following officers to serve: Chairman -Thomas Futral; Secretaries/Arranging Committee—Virginia Futral and Nelda Henry.

Leaders: Thomas Futral 47b; Eugene Forbes 32t, 61; Jack Nelson 59, 30b; Floy Wilder 155, 373; Edna Ruth Phillips 569, 143; Tammy Meacham 35, 358; William Futral 100, 341; Margaret Ray 112, 318; Denice Burleson 39t, 73t.

RECESS

Preaching services were held.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson opened the afternoon service with song on page 206, and moved his letter back to Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church. Leaders: Thomas Futral 159; Audress Gurley with grandchildren, Jacob and Brandon Acton “Jesus Loves Me”; Audress Gurley 143, 517 (WB); Richard Burleson 56, 39b; Jenny Acton 340; Virginia Futral 566, “Light At The River”; Jack Nelson 236, 164; Floy Wilder 145t; Edna Ruth Phillips 490; Denice Burleson 77; Jack Nelson 300, 294.

Announcements were made. Thomas Futral led song on page 98 as the closing song, Helfin Cleveland offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Thomas Futral; Secretaries—Nelda Henry and Virginia Futral.

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Alpharetta, Georgia
Saturday, April 27, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Alpharetta, Georgia was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. Loy Garrison brought the class together leading song on page 59. Eric Tweedy offered the morning prayer. Loy Garrison led song on page 31b; John Plunkett 31t and 230.

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

Chairman—Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Dorothy Garrison.

Leaders: Loy Garrison 32; Violet Thomason 46, 112; Junie Wooten 30b, 270; Scott DePoy 410, 179; Lela Crowder 208, 168; Frances Mary D’Andrea 127, 171; Richard DeLong 275t, 370; Jeannette DePoy 475, 375; Dennis George 288, 88t; Eric Tweedy 290, 292.

RECESS

John Plunkett brought the class to order leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Lee Rogers 274b, 454; Helen Bryson 522, 129; Ray Richards 489, 73b; Elder Bobby Cagle 49b, 43; Violet Thomason 318, 343; Junie Wooten 335, 503; Lela Crowder 546, 128; Frances Mary D’Andrea 72b, 66.

LUNCH

Loy Garrison brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 544.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 482; Dennis George 73t, 57; Lee Rogers 337, 425; Helen Bryson 542, 300; John Plunkett 41, 490; Ray Richards 45t; Elder Bobby Cagle 34b, 569b; Violet Thomason 143; Richard DeLong 510, 284; Dennis George 385b; Lela Crowder 224; Frances Mary D’Andrea 47.

Announcements were made. Loy Garrison and John Plunkett led song on page 62 as the closing song. Elder Charles Cagle dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Dorothy Garrison.

EAST MIDLANDS SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Kegworth Village Hall, Leicestershire, United Kingdom

April 27-28, 2002

Saturday, April 27

The first session of the East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Village Hall in Kegworth, Leicestershire, United Kingdom on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in April.

Saturday's session was called to order by Ian West leading song on page 448b. Ken Baddley led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 228; Dave Richardson 32t; Ruth Cooper 171; Richard Schmeidler 474; Siri Tuttle 74b; Mick Verrier 146 (for his daughter, Emily); Judy Whiting 63; Tony Singleton 200; Steve Fletcher 38b; Ken Baddley 515; Mandy Townsend 33b; Steve Wade 162; Claire Singleton 294; Paul Gailiunas 148; Jill Thompson 49b; Dave Townsend 198; Phil Tyler 340 (in memory of John Bailey of Illinois); Bernard Collard 362; Helen Brown 448t; Ian West 270.

RECESS

Dave Richardson called the class was to order leading song on page 31b (for Brian Noon). Leaders: Karen Lusardi 122 (for her grandfather); Richard Schmeidler 66; Siri Tuttle 410t; Mick Verrier 201; Judy Whiting 212.

A business session was held with the following officers duly elected or appointed: Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Dave Richardson; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders; Arranging Committee—Dave Richardson; Chaplains—Ken Baddley, Helen Brown, Ruth Cooper, Gillian White, and Bernard Collard; Finance Committee—Ted Brown and Rob Watts; Memorial Committee—Helen Brown and Ken Baddley.

Leaders: Tony Singleton 504; Steve Fletcher 380; Ken Baddley 127; Mandy Townsend 229; Steve Wade 178; Claire Singleton 209; Paul Gailiunas 163t; Jill Thompson 497; Dave Townsend 277; Phil Tyler 339; Bernard Collard 217.

RECESS

Ian West called the class together leading song on page 182.

Leaders: Ruth Cooper 200; Dave Richardson 87; Karen Lusardi 106; Richard Schmeidler 155; Siri Tuttle 390; Mick Verrier 272; Judy Whiting 477; Helen Brown 50b. Ruth Cooper led the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Tony Singleton leading song on page 276. Leaders: Mandy Townsend 203; Steve Wade 65; Steve Fletcher 36b; Ken Baddley 425b; Claire Singleton 268; Paul Gailiunas 195; Jill Thompson 473; Dave Townsend 147t; Bernard Collard 36t; Ian West 480; Phil Tyler 82t; Dave Richardson 278t; Ruth Cooper 47b; Karen Lusardi 535; Richard Schmeidler 120; Siri Tuttle 84; Mick Verrier 383.

RECESS

Judy Whiting called the class back leading song on page 373. Leaders: Tony Singleton 236; Mandy Townsend 318; Ken Baddley 501; Steve Fletcher 440; Paul Gailiunas 324; Claire Singleton 40; Bernard Collard 347; Ruth Cooper 159; Dave Townsend 112; Jill Thompson 299.

RECESS

Phil Tyler brought the class together leading song on page 142.

Leaders: Karen Lusardi 76b; Richard Schmeidler 254; Siri Tuttle 59; Ian West 348b; Helen Brown 274t.

Ian West and Dave Richardson led song on page 323t to close the day's session. Bernard Collard led the closing prayer.

Sunday, April 28

Sunday's session was called to order by Vice Chairman Dave Richardson leading song on page 129. Helen Brown led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Ian West 479; Ruth Cooper 47t; Helen Brown 75; Bernard Collard 63; Claire Singleton 143; Ken Baddley 34b; Mandy Townsend 84; Phil Tyler 89; Karen Lusardi 163b; Tony Singleton 312b; Siri Tuttle 39t; Mick Verrier 107; Linda Davies-Holmes 268; Dave Townsend 85; Steve Fletcher 269; Richard Schmeidler 475; Judy Whiting 523; Steve Wade 82t.

RECESS

The class was called together by Ian West leading song on page 135. A short session was held for the singing of new compositions: Mick Verrier "New Invention" (his own composition); Helen Brown "Parwich" (her own composition); Ken Baddley "Chainbridge" (composition by Mick Verrier).

Leaders: Jill Thompson 99; Edwin Macadam 564; Claire Singleton 335; Bernard Collard 503; Sheila Girling-Smith 142; Ken Baddley 350; Karen Lusardi 235b; Phil Tyler 442.

RECESS

Ruth Cooper called the class to order by leading song on page 86.

The memorial lesson followed. Helen Brown made the following opening remarks.

"This is a special time in the convention when we pause to remember those who have died in the last year. Though we may not personally know even one person named on the memorial list, it is important that we remember that each and every one of these people has been, and is still, loved by someone in this room. This is our time to join with them in their grief, as a community, in love and support and to hold them close as we sing in remembrance." The names of the deceased were read:

Father Fred Green, Christopher Turner, Ray Stride, Jon Doncaster, Maggie Stevens, Louis Stones, Barbara Griggs, Ralph Linn, Winston Renford Smith, Joan Gillanders, Della Cockerum, John McConnell, Leslie Greaves, Michael Bircher, Marilyn Wood, Trevor Vale, Bob Wigglesworth, Mario Lusardi, Fred Hanson, and A. Henis; John Bailey and Jerilyn Schumacher—Illinois; Freeman Wootten—Alabama. Helen Brown led song on page 285t for the deceased.

Ken Baddley made these comments to introduce the lesson for the sick and shut-ins.

"This list does not tell us how the people named therein are ill, whether they are sick in body or mind. However, what we do know is that they are all in need of our prayers and support, and we offer this in singing for them." Those remembered were: Rose Singleton, Tracy Hurst, Win Tyler, Helen Bray, Sue Gould, Jennie Bishop, Don Harber, Katie Griffiths, Tom Mattock, Dorothy Williams, Brian Noon, Vera Richardson, Paula, Roy Bryan, and Grandma Evans. Ken Baddley led song on page 569 for the sick and shut-ins, and the memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Tony Singleton 77t; Mandy Townsend 532; Dave Richardson 176t; Ian West 29t. Gillian White offered prayer and blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The singing reconvened with Steve Fletcher leading song on page 128. Leaders: Siri Tuttle 370; Richard Schmeidler 334; Linda Davies-Holmes 178; Dave Townsend 378b; Jill Thompson 454; Mick Verrier 106; Judy Whiting 546; Steve Wade 267; Sheila Girling-Smith 186; Bernard Collard 297; Claire Singleton 344; Edwin Macadam 254; Karen Lusardi 496; Ken Baddley 504.

RECESS

Siri Tuttle brought the class back together leading song on page 276. Leaders: Phil Tyler 29b; Helen Brown 131b (for Eireann Flannery); Tony Singleton 31t; Steve

Fletcher 168; Richard Schmeidler 490; Judy Whiting 460; Dave Townsend 315; Karen Lusardi 294; Mick Verrier 209; Sheila Girling-Smith 37b; Mandy Townsend 542; Edwin Macadam 236.

Ted Brown, for the Finance Committee, reported that contributions were such that all expenses of the convention were covered. Thanks were conveyed to:

- Everyone attending the convention;
- Helen Brown, who had been the pitcher for the weekend;
- Dave Richardson for arranging;
- Ruth Cooper for organizing the food.

Special thanks were offered to Gill West for her help, which was invaluable to the organizers in ensuring that refreshments and food were available when required. A total of 60 people were registered over the weekend; 23 leaders led 138 songs (150 in total—12 duplications).

Announcements of future singings were made. Ian West, Dave Richardson, Helen Brown, and Ruth Cooper led song on page 62 as the closing song as those who wished took the parting hand to close the convention. Ken Baddley led the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Dave Richardson; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders.

HARRODS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Brownsboro, Kentucky

April 27-28, 2002

Saturday, April 27

The eleventh annual shape note singing was held at Harrods Creek Baptist Church in Brownsboro, Kentucky on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in April. “The Sacred Harp”, “Southern Harmony”, and “Cooper Books” were used.

Bob Meek called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 32, followed by morning prayer.

Leaders: Mike Grimes 159; David Rust 250 (SoH); S.T. Reed 74 (CB); William Shetter 505 (CB); Blake Morris “Ireland”; Marlen Rust 50 (SoH); Janet Fraembs 265 (SoH); Lee Steinmetz 559 (CB); James Page 322; David Ivey 540 (CB); Bill Hogan 99 (SoH); Joyce Brown 495; Ron Hoskins 73t; Alex Grimes 452; Mike Grimes 354b; Chandler Bainter 45t; Terre Schill 522 (CB); Berkley Moore 164 (SoH); Hugh McElrath 145b; Greg Howard 511t (CB); Sandie Scott 137 (CB); Michelle Cull 493 (CB); Marilyn Burchett 38 (SoH); Janet Conrad 523; Dan Huger 92t (SoH); John Bayer 278b; Jo Ann Grimes 236; Bud Oliver 39b; Jubal Bayer, Loraine Bayer, and Hans Bayer 392 (CB); Regina Bayer 140 (CB); Bob Meek 367 (CB); Bud Oliver 270; Faith Shine 455; Joyce Brown 147; David Rust 89 (SoH); Mike Grimes 571 (CB); S.T. Reed 569 (CB); William Shetter 278b (SoH); Blake Morris 297; Marlene Rust 17b (SoH); Janet Fraembs 532; Lee Steinmetz 563 (CB).

LUNCH

Mike Grimes brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 35.

Leaders: James Page 173b (SoH); Greg Creech 47b (SoH); Bob Meek and Mrs. Clark 275 (SoH); David Ivey 565; Bill Hogan 16 (SoH); Terre Schill 497 (CB); Berkley Moore 473; Hugh McElrath 58; Greg Howard 336t (CB); Sandie Scott 28 (SoH); Coy Ivey and Michelle Cull 59; Michelle Cull 393 (CB); Marilyn Burchett 108b; Janet Conrad 323b; Anna Creech 178.

RECESS

Mike Grimes brought the class to order leading song on page 378t. Leaders: James Page 71 (for Kelly Day); Dan Huger 19t (SoH); John Bayer 88 (SoH); Jo Ann Grimes, Mike Grimes, and Ron Hoskins 500 (CB); Bud Oliver 47t; Loraine Bayer,

Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 117; Regina Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 84 (CB); Brenda Waters 68b; Sherry List 488 (CB); Bob Meek 324; Bob Meek 268 (for Allen DeBois); Jo Ann Grimes and Michelle Cull 198. Bob Meek led song on page 146 as the closing song, and John Bayer led the closing prayer.

Sunday, April 28

Bob Meek brought the Sunday morning session to order leading song on page 32t, followed by prayer.

Leaders: S.T. Reed 48t; David Ivey 121; William Shetter 526 (CB); Blake Morris 214; Buford Parrish and Bob Meek 45t; Janet Fraembs 478 (CB); Lee Steinmetz 163t; James Page 98 (CB); Bill Hogan 516 (CB); Terre Schill 292b (CB); Berkley Moore 134 (SoH); Greg Howard 507b (CB); Sandie Scott 90 (SoH); Michelle Cull 229 (CB); Bob Meek 275 (SoH); Bob Meek, Kalie Duncan, and Brianna Meek 145b; Marilyn Burchett 335; Rich Overturf 133; John Bealle 270 (SoH); Bud Oliver 515 (CB); John Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 143 (SoH); Loraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 159; Regina Bayer 522 (CB); Joyce Brown 505 (CB); Dan Huger 83 (SoH); Bob Meek, Leslie Bond, and Steven Bond 488b (CB).

RECESS

Bob Meek brought the class to order leading song on page 36b.

A memorial lesson was held. Bob Meek, Doug Trent, and Michelle Cull led song on page 28b for the deceased, and song on page 430 for the sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Bob Meek and Beverly Brooks 68b; Coy Ivey 384; Mark Reisinger 148.

LUNCH

Bob Meek brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 49t. Leaders: S.T. Reed 271; David Ivey 160b; William Shetter 280 (CB); Blake Morris 189; Janet Fraembs 218; Lee Steinmetz 163b; James Page 216; Bill Hogan 269; Terre Schill 567 (CB); Berkley Moore 348b; Greg Howard 38t (CB); Sandie Scott 46 (SoH); Michelle Cull 501 (CB); Marilyn Burchett and Bill Hogan 132; Rich Overturf 457; John Bealle 436; Bob Cull 99; Laura Chipe 16 (SoH); Bob Meek 25b (SoH) (for Joan Frankel); Coy Ivey and Regina Bayer 559 (CB).

RECESS

Bob Meek brought the class to order leading song on page 25 (SoH). Leaders: Dan Huger 265 (SoH); William Shetter 554 (CB); Blake Morris 54 (CB); Janet Fraembs 572 (CB); Lee Steinmetz 569b (SoH); James Page 422t (CB); Bill Hogan 573 (CB). Announcements were made. Bob Meek led song on page 334 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bob Meek; Secretary—Brenda Waters.

ALEWINE MEMORIAL

St. Michael Church, Cleburne County, Alabama

April 28, 2002

The annual Alewine Memorial was held at St. Michael Church, north of Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in April. Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 59. Billy Joe Harris offered the morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 61; B.M. Smith 101t and 30t; and Billy Joe Harris 303 and 503.

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

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Arranging Committee/Secretary—Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 297; George Garner 569b, 480; Lois Owens 460, 112; Cecil Roberts 49b, 143; Eunice Webb 318, 225t, 276.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Evelyn Harris 108t, 47t, 155; Lucille McElroy 56t, 445, 274; Shelbie Sheppard 66, 186, 159; Jerry DeLoach 172, 146.

Jeff Sheppard led song on page 294 in memory of Obie Laminack. B.M. Smith led songs on pages 59, 340, and 45t for Harold McElroy, who was unable to attend, and for other sick and shut-ins.

LUNCH

Billy Joe Harris called the class back to order for the afternoon session with song on page 63. Leaders: George Garner 168; Cecil Roberts 290; B.M. Smith 284, 384; Lois Owens 283, 75; Eunice Webb 436, 475; Jerry DeLoach 358, 122; Mildred Patterson 108b, 119, 100; Pauline Kilgore 335, 334; Corene Laminack and Janet Laminack 405, 127, 46; Lou Cotney 300, 222, 189; Shelbie Sheppard 167; Evelyn Harris 39b, 37b; Louise Allen 147t; Hester Edwards and B.M. Smith 73b (for Alice Edwards).

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 69t as the closing song. Billy Joe Harris dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Haleyville, Alabama

April 28, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Friendship Church on the fourth Sunday in April was called to order by Ivalene Donaldson with song on page 31b. Harrison Creel led the morning prayer. Ivalene Donaldson led song on page 47b.

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

Chairman—Kenneth Tate; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Ivalene Donaldson.

Leaders: Wilton Donaldson 348b, 317; Kenneth Tate 59, 426b; Josie Hyde 361, 234; Margaret Keeton 499 (for Gladys Bonds); Beatrice Brewer 123t, 460; Milton Oliver 32t, 222; Paul Godsey 75, 168; Judy Caudle 313t, 313b; Julie Tate 147b, 273 (for her grandmother, L.E. Hannah, on her birthday, and dedicating today's singing to her, thanking her for introducing her to Sacred Harp); Linton Ballinger 389, 182 (in memory of Paul Frederick who passed away the past week); Rodney Ivey 189, 430; Cassie Franklin 402, 432.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 388 and 392. Leaders: Teddy Godsey 196, 455; Dennis George 383, 110; Willodean Barton 480, 111t; Flarce Creel 166; Glenn Keeton 331, 284; Elene Stovall 112, 384; Max Berueffy 396, 302; Henry Guthery 507, 398; Harrison Creel 512, 111b; Jayne Fulmer 454, 300; Lavaughn Ballinger 294, 358; Kenneth Tate 532, 68b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Rodney Ivey leading songs on pages 81t and 217. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 99, 78; Kermit Adams 426t, 428; Lisa Geist 172 (in memory of Tom and Lola Roberson); Amber Springfield 373, 192; Roma Rice 338, 225t; Larry Ballinger 224, 98; Edith Tate 73t, 88t; Clarence McCool 147t, 45t; Parnell Berry 298, 283; L.E. Hannah 498, 523; Christy Allen 321, 475 (for her grandmother, Gladys Bonds); Dawson Adams 77t, 39b; Julietta Haynes 211, 216; Rodney Ivey 299; Dennis George 198; Judy Caudle 137; Clarence McCool 349; Linton Ballinger 142; Harrison Creel 89, 530; Elene Stovall 528 (for Edith Tate); Henry Guthery 240 (for L.E. Hannah); Larry Ballinger and Lisa Geist 71 (for L.E. Hannah, and also remembered Mrs. Robins who was being buried today); Max Berueffy 352.

After announcements, Kenneth Tate led song on page 46 as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Kenneth Tate; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

MOUNT MORIAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Near Snead Crossroads, Alabama
April 28, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in April was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading songs on page 59 and 58.

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

Chairman—Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman—Beacher Yancey; Arranging Committee—Ruby Brothers; Secretary—Eunice Kimbrell.

Leaders: Carmon Brothers 49b, 44 (for Lee Roberson); Beacher Yancey 145b, 470t, 569; Eunice Kimbrell 83t, 77t; Chris Green 87t, 144, 127; Pam Green 82t, 111t; David Light 274t, 147, 358; Jewel Wootten 396, 32t (in memory of her brother, Roie Alexander).

RECESS

Carmon Brothers called the class back to order leading songs on pages 28b, 45t, 162, and 143. Leaders: Rhoda Norris 317, 129; Linda Thomas 345b, 56t; Debra Rich 89, 108b, 290; Chris Green 360, 319, 294, 275b; Beacher Yancey 68b.

LUNCH

Carmon Brothers brought the class to order for the afternoon session leading songs on pages 341, 340, 112, 318, and 512. Leaders: Butch White 39b, 386, 496; Philip Gilmore 75, 32t, 336, 445 (in memory of his father-in-law, Roie Alexander); Beacher Yancey 426t, 503; David Light 192, 480; Chris Green 358 (for Dexter Cobb); Pam Green 335, 517 (WB).

Carmon Brothers and Philip Gilmore led song on page 62 as the closing song. Philip Gilmore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman—Beacher Yancey; Secretary—Eunice Kimbrell.

SHILOH SACRED HARP SINGING
Shiloh Museum, Springdale, Arkansas
April 28, 2002

The Shiloh Sacred Harp Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in April at the Shiloh Museum in Springdale, Arkansas. Dan Brittain called the class to order at 10:00 a.m., and led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 82t; Lois Graney 71; Bunny Pavlik 49t, 25; Lee Strickland 310, 36b; Bill Caldwell 344, 569b; Lou Kujawinski 503, 535; Cindy Stone 40, 86; Cheryl Foreman 430, 209.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Secretary—Sherry Lemke; Arranging Committee—Syd Caldwell.

RECESS

Syd Caldwell called the class back to order by leading songs on pages 59 and 268. Leaders: Penny Kujawinski 66, 180; Dan Brittain 63, 353; Alice Moran 87, 146; Bunny Pavlik 433, 143; Lois Graney 145b, 84; Lou Kujawinski 480, 515; Syd Caldwell 272 (in memory of J.L. Edge and Rosa Hughes), 549 (for Don Bowen).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Dan Brittain leading song on page 30t.

Dan Brittain conducted the memorial lesson, and led song on page 45t for the following deceased: Ethel McGough, Polly Moore, Freeman Wootten, Reba Edwards, George Cox, Lawrence Underwood, and Lula Underwood—Alabama; Berta Woods—Georgia; John Bailey and Jerilyn Schumacher—Illinois; Frank Sills—Tennessee; Nobie Smith and Pauline Cathey—Texas; Gene Munce—Idaho. Dan Brittain led song on page 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Revy Williamson, Gladys McGraw, I.V. McWhorter, Nancy Allen, Myrtle Smith, Vivian Rogers, Mozelle Sheppard, Carlene Griffin, Lynne Dooley, and Reby Stanford—Georgia; Jap Walton and Joyce Walton—Alabama; Kelly Beard and Ernestine Pipkin—Texas; Beau Caldwell—Arkansas; Mary Ellen Wilkinson—Oklahoma.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Dan Brittain leading songs on page 405 and 183 (for Mary Ellen Wilkinson). Leaders: Bill Caldwell 28t, 497; Cindy Stone 148, 50; Penny Kujawinski 270, 107; Cheryl Foreman 53, 328; Lee Strickland 395, 181; Dan Brittain “Hauff”, 166; Syd Caldwell 99, 47b (by request).

RECESS

Syd Caldwell brought the class to order for the final session with songs on pages 171 and 85. Leaders: Kay Weidner 491 (CB), 288; Bunny Pavlik 155, 276; Lou Kujawinski 203, 350; Bill Caldwell 440, 142; Alice Moran 441, 442.

Announcements were made. Dan Brittain led song on page 521 as the closing song.

Bill Caldwell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Secretary—Sherry Lemke.

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING Burritt On The Mountain - A Living Museum, Huntsville, Alabama Saturday, May 4, 2002

The eighteenth annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Madison Church building on the grounds of Burritt On The Mountain located atop Monte Sano Mountain in Huntsville. The singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with Chairman Lomax Ballinger leading song on page 32t. Lavaughn Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by selecting the following additional officers: Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Teresa Ballinger; Assistant Secretary—Amanda Ballinger; Arranging Committee—Linton Ballinger.

The class resumed singing with Chairman Lomax Ballinger leading song on page 166. Leaders: Vice Chairman David Ivey 192; Secretary Teresa Ballinger 300; Amanda Ballinger 212; Sam Jones 112; Hershell King 35; Bill Schrader 566; Ivalene Donaldson 335; Lavaughn Ballinger and Rodney Ivey 424; Betty Wright 569b; Mark Carroll 480; Sherry Stover 373; Danny Creel 182; Judy Caudle 568; Mike Thompson 217; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 47t, 37b; Don Bowen and Elene Stovall 99, 556; Lela Crowder 198.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jimmy Ballinger and David Ballinger leading song on page 340. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 382; Vella Dailey 127; Dan Hopper 196, 117; Shelbie Sheppard 211; Henry Schuman 318; Sarah Harcrow Jenkins 460; Leon Ballinger 475; Edith Tate 532; Ted Johnson 224; Elizabeth Todd 319; Robert Harper 58; Jeannette DePoy 203; Gravis Ballinger 200.

RECESS

Richard Ivey brought the class together leading song on page 436. Leaders: Pam Wilkerson 186; Charles Meidinger 352; Lisa Geist 377; Jackson Harcrow 274t; Frances Jones 236.

David Ivey conducted the memorial lesson, and led song on page 499 for the following deceased: Paul Frederick, John Bailey, Nelda Oliver Tolbert, Lucille Creel Tolbert, William Ryan, Freeman Wootten, Polly Moore, Janis Brackett, Everett Yoder, Jerilyn Schumacher, Lydia Phillips Baswell, and Wilma Robbins.

Judy Mincey led song on page 434 for the sick and shut-ins, which included: Flora Skinner, Beverly Norton, and Grace Jones Barnett. The memorial was closed.

The class resumed singing with the following leaders: Larry Ballinger 151; Melanie Hauff 564; Phil Summerlin 270; Flarce Creel 454; S.T. Reed 545; Lee Rogers 344; Wilton Donaldson 348b; Donna Wootten 278b; L.O. Harper 45t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Phillip Ballinger leading song on page 155. Leaders: Henry Johnson 330t; Lynne deBenedette 542; Nick Dobbs 31b; Christy Tolbert Finley 36b; Ted Mercer 419; Lucy Heidorn 40; Sam Sommers 426b; Joe Todd 179; LaRue Allen 528; Louis Hughes 76b; Dennis George 240; Kris Richardson 107; Richard DeLong 336; Denise Felps 143; Ken Tate 354b; John Plunkett 41; Jeff Sheppard 362; Susan Harcrow 171; Bud Oliver 170; Scott DePoy 56b; Harrison Creel 512; Judy Hauff 296. J.L. Hopper 163t.

RECESS

Stuart Ivey called the class together leading song on page 189. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 187; Loyd Ivey 208; David Light 110; Max Berueffy 216; Shane Wootten 384; Karen Ivey and Coy Ivey 222; Karen Ivey and Leon Ballinger 269; Laura Ackerman 543; Linton Ballinger 430.

Following announcements, Chairman Lomax Ballinger and Vice Chairman David Ivey led song on page 146, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Sam Sommers.

Chairman—Lomax Ballinger; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Teresa Ballinger.

MOUNT ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING Ashland, Alabama May 5, 2002

The annual Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church Homecoming Singing was held on the first Sunday in May. Chairman Eugene Forbes called the class to order by leading songs on pages 30t and 32t. Brother Thomas Futral offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the class electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Audress Gurley and Myrline Redmon.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 59; Thomas Futral 339, 98; Vernelle Amason 189, 112; Jenny Acton 340; Shirley Berry 373, 137; Margaret Ray 143, 155; Mary Jean Payne 99 (for her mother), 290 (for her dad); Hazel McWhorter 358, 323b; Nell Estes 192, 438; Sharon Whitehead 49b, 294.

RECESS

Chairman Eugene Forbes brought the class to order leading song on page 100. Leaders: LaRue Allen 186, 460; Elder Vernon Estes 40; Lora Kelly 61, 358 (for Mrs. Braswell and Edna Ruth Phillips); Lori Hinesley 172, 405; William Futral 339, 36b;

Floy Wilder 273, 63; Myrline Redmon 569, 108t (for Mavis); Audress Gurley 354b, 517 (WB); Jenny Acton 25 (JB) (by request).

LUNCH

Chairman Eugene Forbes led song on page 39b to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Charlotte Bishop 119, 196; Virginia Futral 145b, "A Light At The River"; Thomas Futral 77t (for Opal); Shirley Berry 480; Vernelle Amason 288.

Chairman Eugene Forbes led song on page 378t for the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Margaret Ray 122 (for Mrs. Kate); Mary Jean Payne 513 (for Annie Mann); Hazel McWhorter 127; LaRue Allen 371; Nell Estes 34b; Lori Hinesley 496; Lora Kelly 61; Floy Wilder 313t; Virginia Futral 566; William Futral 569b; Charlotte Bishop 491b (WB); Eugene Forbes 203; Myrline Redmon 147t; Audress Gurley and Brandon Acton 45t.

Chairman Eugene Forbes led song on page 490 as the closing song. Brother William Futral dismissed the class with prayer.

We would like to thank the class for a collection of \$60.80.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY)

Walker County, Alabama

May 5, 2002

The thirty-second session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 43. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led songs on pages 82t and 460.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Lena Keeton; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Lena Keeton 146; John Hyde 63, 75; Johnny Humber 208, 212; Ila Ingle 434, 436; Chris Ballinger 350, 147t; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 84; Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 56t; Gravis Ballinger 78, 34b; Kermit Adams 42, 99; L.E. Hannah 85, 500.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading song on page 203. Leaders: Josie Hyde 507; Earl Ballinger 328, 217; Jayne Fulmer 186, 273; Leon Ballinger 441, 120; Butch White 77t, 47t; Faye Donaldson 40, 30t; Clarence McCool 318, 373; Amber Springfield 299, 454 (in memory of A.C. McGough); Kenneth Tate 215, 430; Wilton Donaldson 225t, 565; Lisa Geist 276, 171.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Lena Keeton leading song on page 200.

Leaders: Roma Rice 428, 440; Larry Ballinger 418, 425; Glenn Keeton 178 (for his daughter who was unable to attend), 496; Edith Tate 336 (for Kathleen Robbins whose husband was in the hospital); A.A. Malone 183, 300; Harrison Creel 111b, 342; Elene Stovall 172, 216; Max Berueffy 297, 220; Lewis Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 275b, 34t, 376; Ottis Sides 571 (CB), 530; Latrive Bailey 45t, 46; Willodean Barton 482, 416, 546; Josie Hyde 475 (for Flarce Creel who was unable to attend); Edith Tate 98; Max Berueffy 446, 480; Lena Keeton 358 (by request).

Lena Keeton led song on page 129 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Lavaughn Ballinger.

Chairperson—Lena Keeton; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

EMMAUS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Carrollton, Georgia
May 5, 2002

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 Philip Denney leading song on page 72b. Everette Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Philip Denney 34b; Sheri Taylor 56, 85; Bernard Denney 335, 334, 59.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Philip Denney; Vice Chairman—Bernard Denney; Secretary—Sheri Taylor; Chaplain—Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace; Memorial Committee—Myron House and Jan House.

Leaders: Jimmie Denney 101t, 111, 155; Everette Denney 159; Donna Duke 425, 122; Denney Rogers 87, 318; Josephine Denney and Gail Denney 143, 145b; Bobby Jackson 568, 569b.

RECESS

Bernard Denney brought the class to order leading song on page 63. Leaders: Felton Denney 31, 523; Lori Goode 358, 137, 168; Charles Woods 495, 483; Eunice Webb 283, 340, 73b; Lonnie Rogers 187; Lonnie Rogers, Denney Rogers, and Lee Denney 405; Hugh McGraw 231.

Myron House and Jan House presented the memorial lesson and read Psalms 119:105. Philip Denney led song on page 285t for the following deceased: Wilford Denney, Polly Moore, Verdie Woods, and Reba Edwards.

Myron House read Psalms 103, and led song on page 207 for the following sick and shut-ins: Vivian Rogers, Mozelle Sheppard, Revy Williamson, Reby Stanford, Gladys McGraw, Alice Edwards, and Norma House. The memorial lesson was closed.

The children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Felton and Josephine Denney led song on page 294.

LUNCH

Bernard Denney brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 81 and 147. The Rock Mount Baptist Church Choir sang "It Is No Secret."

Leaders: B.M. Smith 222, 475, 284; John Plunkett 295, 71; Oscar McGuire 171, 276, 441; Margie Smith 373, 494; Gene Duke 282, 303; Sherry Louvorn 406, 112, 298; Orlando Driver 127, 40; Renita Folds, Lee Denney, Elizabeth Folds, and Jessica Folds 45t, 164; Dennis Folds 452.

Announcements were made. Philip Denney led song on page 159 as the closing song, and Hugh McGraw dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Philip Denney; Vice Chairman—Bernard Denney; Secretary—Sheri Taylor.

**FURMAN UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP AND
CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING**
Herring Music Pavilion, Greenville, South Carolina
Saturday, May 11, 2002

The fifth session of the Furman University Singing was called to order by Chairman Frances Carnell leading song on page 34b of "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition."

Leon Carnell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Frances Carnell 145b, 282; Dan Huger 287, 103b (CH); Deborah Jones 49 (CH), 566; John Plunkett 354t, 188t (CH); Lee Rogers 424, 425.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dan Huger; Secretary—Lee Rogers;

Chaplain—John Plunkett; Arranging—Dan Huger; Finance—Judy Mincey and Leon Carnell; Locating/Hospitality—Jean Osteen Gaston and John Gaston.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Dan Huger leading song on page 63 (CH). Leaders: Frances Carnell 196; Hugh McGraw 160t, 124; Gib Rogers 81t, 343 (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 67b (CH), 204t (CH-AL); Judy Mincey 116t, 280t; John Hollingsworth 51 (CH), 162 (CH); Sharon Kellam 248b (CH), 381 (CH).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Dan Huger leading song on page 74t (CH). Leaders: Heather Crosby 50t (CH), 361; Karen Burnett 359 (CH), 21 (CH); Frances Carnell 120, 168; Dan Huger 208b (CH), 341 (CH); Deborah Jones 258 (CH), 128b; John Plunkett 139t (CH), 435b; Lee Rogers 279 (CH), 50 (CH); Gib Rogers 63, 155; Eric Carnell 142, 163b; Chris Carnell 270, 88; Bill Hollingsworth 214 (CH), 186; Judy Mincey 304 (CH), 339 (CH); Sharon Kellam 120t (CH), 345b; Heather Crosby 107, 503; Frances Carnell 456, 542; Dan Huger 268 (CH), 354t (CH); Deborah Jones 117 (CH), 535; Bill Hollingsworth 146; Eric Carnell 180, 347; Chris Carnell 272, 299; Sharon Kellam 314 (CH), 171(CH).

The officers led the closing song on page 62. John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dan Huger; Secretary—Lee Rogers.

OLD FLATWOODS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Nauvoo, Alabama

May 12, 2002

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church was held on Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Joe Gilmore leading songs on pages 30t and 30b. Arthur Gilmore offered the morning prayer. Joe Gilmore led songs on pages 300 and 203.

The class organized with the following officers appointed to serve: Chairman—Joe Gilmore; Vice Chairman—Josh Keeton; Secretary—Jimmie McGough Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Arthur Gilmore; Memorial Committee—Jimmie Gilmore. Leaders: Eugene Forbes 186, 303, 155; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 285t; Josie Hyde 183, 220; John Merritt 65, 294; Ashley Keeton 442, 434; Clarence McCool 147t, 349.

RECESS

Josh Keeton called the class to order leading songs on pages 64, 196, and 408. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 73t, 77t; Charlotte K. Gober and Don Keeton 59, 61, 32t; Buell Cobb 29b, 74b, 425; Philip Gilmore 68b, 276, 317.

The memorial lesson for the sick and shut-ins and for the deceased was led by Jimmie Gilmore, Philip Gilmore, Joe Gilmore, and Pam Gilmore with songs on pages 45, 192, and 519 (WB) selected. The list of the deceased remembered were: Ethel Harper McGough, Bernice Burns McGough, A.C. McGough, Roie Alexander, Frances Beasley Lee, Tommye Denson Mauldin, Lucille Tolbert, Pearlie McGough, Cleo Bennett, Pauline Harris, Barbara Ann McGough, Mae Thomas, Doris Dickery, and Milford Watts.

The pastor of the church, Elder W.G. McGough, offered closing remarks and concluded the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

After a delicious lunch and bountiful food supply, the class resumed singing with Joe Gilmore leading songs on pages 480 and 405. Leaders: Warren Steel 400, 352, 344; Amanda Denson 360, 567, 345b; Billy Williams 299, 297, 84; John Hyde 566, 124; Amber Springfield 500, 142; Sarah Beasley Smith 285b, 290; Paula Gilmore 75,

145b; Travis Keeton 496, 499; Glenn Keeton and Lena Keeton 354t, 475, 546; Gary Smith 523, 31t; Todd Key and Katie Key 30t; Glendon Farris 365, 28; Elder Garnsey McGough 283; Arthur Gilmore and Jimmie Gilmore 208, 143; Philip Gilmore 316.

Announcements were made. Joe Gilmore and Josh Keeton led song on page 46 as the closing song. Josh Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Everyone is cordially invited back again next year, and again when we meet in October. Your presence and support for this singing is greatly appreciated
Chairman—Joe Gilmore; Vice Chairman—Josh Keeton; Secretary—Jimmie McGough Gilmore.

GARDEN STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Montclair, New Jersey

May 17-18, 2002

Friday, May 17

The tenth annual session of the Garden State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Rosemary Greenaway leading song on page 52t. George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Rosemary Greenaway; Vice Chair—Gina Balestracci; Treasurer—Roland Hutchinson; Secretary—Diane Mennella; Arranging Committee—Ellie Soler and Guy Bankes; Memorial Committee—Claire Simon and George Seiler.

Leaders: Diane Mennella 28t; Roland Hutchinson 350; Gina Balestracci 180; Rosemary Greenaway 47t; Howard Katz 99; David McGinty 388; Eileen Metzger 30t; Susan Bingham 198; Bill Holt 148; Jean Seiler 217; Michael Kaye 455; Patricia Geritz 479; Laura Densmore 313; Dick Levine 34b; Roland Hutchinson 147b.

RECESS

Diane Mennella offered the class a few remarks regarding the rights and responsibilities of leading at a convention. The highlight of the evening was a school lead by Paula McGray with an emphasis on keying which included a number of activities enabling the class to experience the points she was making. The session ended with the class singing “Montclair,” a song written by Bruce Randall for the first Garden State Convention. Rosemary Greenaway offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Saturday, May 18

Chair Rosemary Greenaway called the class to order by leading song on page 38b, and then led the class in the morning prayer. Leaders: George Seiler 183; Thom Metzger 270; Brenda Pena 490; Dan Hertzler 171; Paula McGray 37b; Kshama Ananthapura 495; Laura Timmerman 228; Doron Henkin 398; Claire Simon 106; Mary Ann Daly 266; Frank Evans 271; Margaret Bornick 497; Gabrielle Kastelle 328; Martha Lang 312b; Laura Clawson 442; Tim Slattery 200; Linda Shea 203; Richard Schmeidler 474; Gerry Hoffinan 68; Miriam Kilmer 378b; Ron Bornick 454; Barbara Swetman 333; Roland Hutchinson 31t; Bradford West 324; Ginny Landgraf 224.

RECESS

Laura Densmore brought the class to order leading song on page 299. Leaders: Jean Seiler 142; Bob Parr 131t; Molly Sayvetz 566; Susan Hanson 479; Guy Bankes 120; Eileen Metzger 383; Jerry Dickason 569b; Hal Kunkel 445b; Ellie Soler 277; Dick Levine 344. The memorial lesson was presented. Claire Simon addressed the class with the following remarks: “Those of us who have been singing Sacred Harp for a few years probably have experienced the loss of a valued singer. We remember fondly their voices, where they sat, and other of their individual characteristics. They

are not gone from our hearts. This is the period of the singing convention devoted to the memory of singers, their family, and friends. Beyond the love of music, beyond the love of the people in our community, which we share, there is an awareness of the truth about death, which may be different from what some others think or feel about death. If we scan the music of most churches these days, we become aware of the lack of attention paid to the subject of death. Suffering, sacrifice, pain and death seem even to be taboo. But we sing joyfully in a major key: 'His own soft hand shall wipe the tears from ev'ry weeping eye; and pains and groans and griefs and fears; and death itself shall die.' The thin veil that divides the living from the dead assures us that those dear departed friends and family are with us as we sing. We feel their spirits hovering about. In remembering them, we keep them alive in our hearts. Let us pray: "Oh God, make our hearts tender to your mercies. Comfort us in our sorrow. Prepare us for the acceptance of Your peace on the "Promised Day."

"Humble us to receive death as the place where we 'shall bathe our weary souls in seas of heavenly rest.' And let those who have passed, go on to 'Canaan's peaceful shore.'" Claire Simon led song on page 347 for the following deceased: Frances Beasley Lee—Florida; J.B. Parker—Georgia; Richard Hooke—Massachusetts; Caroline Henderson Frost—New Hampshire; Paula LeForest, Maxine Hoffer, Adaya Henis, and Lillian Robinson—New Jersey; Harriett Henry, Bryce Butler, Vaughn Ward, Jim Nichols, Linda Smart, Juan Infante, Margallen Fichter, Richard Bradford Edwards, Gertrude Morrison, Mia Durso, Sidney Waintrob, Jack Zwaska, Bertram Coplton, Don DeFranco (WTC), Michael Iken (WTC), Bill McGinn (WTC), and Joey Aguinaldo—New York; John Bayer, Sr.—Ohio; Dean Cowles—Oregon; Rose O'Ryan, Mary Anne Hayes, and Yvette Niquette—Vermont. George Seiler led song on page 68b for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were: Micki Woodbridge, Donna Abrahams, Mary Ann Morrison, Rodney Reed, Susan Kludas, Elsie Lawless, Marilyn Darch, Kyra Bean, Jane Roman, Winifred Cowley, Sherry Brabham O'Brien, Elizabeth Meitzler, Sandy Pomerantz, Lucinda Pugh, Martha Davis, and Pat Kearns. George Seiler closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Roland Hutchinson 553; Laura Densmore 29t; Howard Katz 362. Ginny Landgraf said grace before lunch.

LUNCH

Rosemary Greenaway called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Bill Holt 352; Michael Kaye 163b; Jean Seiler 384; Charlotte Ehrman 504; Patricia Geritz 178; Millicent Brown 496; Tom Gibney 501; Inga Knetz 162; Thom Metzger 101b; Brenda Pena 30t; Dan Hertzler 480; Paula McGray 430; Kshama Ananthapura 542; Gina Balestracci 218; Laura Timmerman 111b; Doron Henkin 369; Rosemary Greenaway 148; Mary Ann Daly 179; Frank Evans 284; Margaret Bornick 236; Susan Bingham 361; Gabriel Kastle 567.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Mary Ann Daly leading class song on page 146. Leaders: Martha Lang 282; Laura Clawson 196; Tim Slattery 272; Diane Mennella 565; Linda Shea 89; Richard Schmeidler 254; Gerry Hoffman 455; Dick Levine 77; Barbara Swetman 168; Ellie Soler 358; Bradford West 306; Ginny Landgraf 315; Bob Parr 528; Guy Bankes 269; Hal Kunkel 304; Eileen Metzger 201; Howard Katz 481; George Seiler 84; Roland Hutchinson 112; Laura Densmore 475.

Committee reports from the Treasurer, Arranging, and Resolutions were heard. Final comments from the Chair, Rosemary Greenaway, included gratitude to George and Jean Seiler for having the faith to begin this convention 10 years ago. In addition, they were recognized for having mentored countless numbers in Sacred Harp singing and Sacred Harp living. Also acknowledged were Martha Husick and

Donna Abrahams for their contributions to the first convention, and Taylor Askew for her support over the years. Rosemary Greenaway presented a bouquet of roses to George and Jean Seiler, and flowering plants to officers and committee chairmen. George Seiler was asked to make a few remarks and he mentioned the contributions that have been received and disbursed by the Joe Beasley Foundation and how they would not have been possible without the Garden State Sacred Harp community. George Seiler, Jean Seiler, and Martha Jane Husick led song on page 159. Rosemary Greenaway then led song on page 340 and then song on page 62 as the closing song, while the class took the parting hand. George Seiler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Rosemary Greenaway; Vice Chair—Gina Balestracci; Treasurer—Roland Hutchinson; Secretary—Diane Mennella.

GARDEN STATE UNCONVENTIONAL SUNDAY
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Trenton, New Jersey
May 19, 2002

More than a dozen singers from the Garden State Sacred Harp Convention were invited to participate in the regular Sunday service at Covenant Presbyterian Church, during the course of which they were joined by members of their regular choir, including Ginny Landgraf, in singing from “The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition” with the following selection of songs: 59, 510, 350, 371, 178, and 532.

A fellowship hour and lunch was followed by an afternoon of singing. Leaders: Roland Hutchinson “Richmond” (from the New Brunswick, New Jersey Collection of Sacred Music, 1838); Brenda Pena 53b (EH); Frank Evans 27 (EH); Tim Slattery 92 (EH); Gerry Hoffman “Denton” (original music by Gerry Hoffman, text by I. Watts); Guy Banks “Cranbrook” (CH); Ginny Landgraf “Ten Thousand Charms” (by Hal Kunkel); Mary Ann Daly “Deuteronomy” (music by Mary Ann Daly); Gabriel Kastelle 40 (EH); Roland Hutchinson “Dirigens” (music by R. Hutchinson, text by Newman, 1833); Laura Densmore 70 (EH).

RECESS

Leaders: Miriam Kilmer “Kosovo” (words and music by M. Kilmer); Rosemary Greenaway 3 (EH); Diane Mennella 21 (September Psalms); Gina Balestracci 71 (EH); Jena Strizak 72b; Claire Simon 64 (EH); Brenda Pena 35 (September Psalms); Tim Slattery 110 (EH); Gerry Hoffman 64t (EH); Guy Banks 511 (WB); Ginny Landgraf 20 (EH); Roland Hutchinson 574 (CB).

The session was closed with thanks to all participants.

Chairman—Roland Hutchinson; Locating Committee—Ginny Landgraf and Roland Hutchinson; Secretary—Diane Mennella.

NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA SINGING
Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Covington, Georgia
Saturday, May 18, 2002

The second annual Newton County Georgia Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May at Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church, southeast of Covington, Georgia. Charles Woods called the class to order by leading song on page 40, and then outlined the traditions that make Sacred Harp unique and worth preserving. Frank Norris offered the morning prayer. Hermon Wilkinson welcomed visitors to his historic church, introduced church members who were in attendance, and led songs on pages 47b and 155.

A business session was called to order, and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Hermon Wilkinson;

Secretary—Arlene Woods; Chaplain—Rev. Frank Norris. A resolution to continue the singing at Shoal Creek Church in the future was adopted.

Leaders: Andy Anderson 171, 159; John Hollingsworth 138t, 82t; Philip Denney 178, 120; Everette Denney 405, 335; Felton Denney 299, 385b; Hugh McGraw 409, 369; Charlene Wallace 129, 186.

RECESS

Charles Woods brought the class to order leading song on page 161. Leaders: Lela Crowder and Harriett Norris 300, 106; Earlis McGraw 225t (for his mother, Gladys McGraw, who was ill), 544 (in memory of his aunt, Berta Woods); Judy Mincey 410t, 475 (in memory of Virgil Phillips); John Plunkett 133, 330b; Lee Rogers 131b (for Helen Bryson), 41; Bobby Jackson 147t, 81t; Marcena Wilkinson 146, 46; Josephine Denney 45t (in memory of Wilford Denney), 143 (for Vivian Rogers, Lonnie Rogers, Mozelle Sheppard, and Amma McWhorter). Hermon Wilkinson invited everyone to share lunch in the church lunchroom.

LUNCH

Charles Woods, LaTrelle Oliver, and Frank Norris called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 129. Leaders: Hermon Wilkinson 138b, 479; Hugh McGraw 502; John Hollingsworth 114; Andy Anderson 107 (for Runnette Jones and Delores Anderson); Lela Crowder 63, 141; Earlis McGraw 312b; Judy Mincey 473; John Plunkett 52b; Lee Rogers 206; Bobby Jackson 68b; Alice West 350, 448b, 566; Charles Woods 236.

Hermon Wilkinson led song on page 347 as the closing song, and invited everyone back next year. Rev. Frank Norris dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Hermon Wilkinson;

Secretary—Arlene Woods.

PISGAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Versailles, Kentucky

May 18, 2002

The twenty-first session of the Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing was held at Pisgah Presbyterian Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Charles Coulston passing the lead to Keith MacAdam. Leaders and selections were as follows: Keith MacAdam 155, 479; Charles Coulston 209, 481; Bob French 180; Bob Sears 523b; Greg Creech 47b; JoAnn Grimes and Mike Grimes 178, 146; Rob Coulston 38t, 40; Greg Creech 38b, 127; Mike Grimes 56b, 66.

RECESS

The group introduced themselves around the room, each speaking briefly of how they first became involved with shape-note singing. Singing resumed with Phil Cullum leading songs on pages 147t and 155. Leaders: Joy Dunn 551; Keith MacAdam 532 (for Joy Dunn); Anna Creech 334, 333; JoAnn Grimes and Mike Grimes 45t; Jim Thobaben 481; Charles Coulston 268 (for Jim Thobaben); Mary Brinkman 159, 313b; Keith MacAdam 196; JoAnn Grimes 145t; Charles Coulston 99; Charles Coulston 81t (for Jim Thobaben); Scott Moore 503, 59; Bob Sears 354b. The memorial lesson was held. Keith MacAdam led song on page 107 for his mother-in-law, Pauline Abrahams, whose birthday anniversary was on the day of our singing. Her family had originally come from Russia. Mary Brinkman led song on page 271b in memory of her father, Philip Toll Brinkman, who had passed away the previous January. Keith MacAdam led song on page 195 in memory of Richard Putnam Pratt, song having been requested by his daughter, Anne Pratt, who lives in Connecticut and could not attend the singin. The memorial lesson was closed. Charles Coulston led song on page 49t as grace before lunch.

LUNCH

After enjoying lunch and fellowship, the group was reconvened by Charles Coulston. Leaders: Bob Meek 68b; Greg Creech 32t; Mike Grimes 30b; Anna Creech 31t; Mary Brinkman 410; Keith MacAdam 569b; Mike Grimes and JoAnn Grimes 236; Charles Coulston 344; Charles Coulston 58 (for Roger Burnell); Scott Moore 445b; Bob French 245; Rob Coulston 117; Bob Meek 270; Keith MacAdam 365 (for Greg Creech); Mike Grimes 361.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Joy Dunn leading song on page 133. Leaders: Elaine Foy 421; Rob Coulston 497, 147b; Charles Coulston 45t (for guest listeners); Keith MacAdam 128; JoAnn Grimes 63; Charles Coulston 276; Charles Coulston 129 (for Roger Burnell); Mike Grimes 347.

Announcements were made. Charles Coulston led song on page 267 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

SPECIAL NOTICE: We will move the annual Kentucky Singing to Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 2003 (one week earlier than in the past) in order to accommodate our nearby Berea, Kentucky singing friends, many of whom have a conflict on our current date. If this date works for most others who want to attend our singing, it will become permanent.

Chairman—Charles Coulston; Acting Secretary—Mary Brinkman.

MATTOX MEMORIAL SINGING **City Administration Building, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee** **Saturday, May 18, 2002**

The annual Mattox Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 59. Ron Simmons offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Gordon Wilkinson;

Secretary—Marilyn Burchett; Arranging Committee—Clayton Ezell.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 34b; Clayton Ezell 300, 348b, 108; Clay Mattox 335, 124; Gordon Wilkinson 30t, 100; Sandie Scott 288, 176t, 176b, 475; Marilyn Burchett 36b, 231, 334; Angela Byers 143, 111t, 294; Tim Reynolds 84; Lewis Frost 73b, 147t, 515; Wilton Donaldson 565, 503; Ron Simmons 569b, 107, 40; Bob Simmons 155, 532, 198. Gordon Wilkinson offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 81t.

Leaders: Claire Outten 31t, 479, 112; Laurens Blankers 452, 551, 86; Margie Norwood 405, 119, 535; Clayton Ezell 358; Angela Byers 354b, 87; Sandie Scott 517 (WB) (dedicated to the memory of Judge Nipper).

Tim Reynolds led song on page 347 as the closing song, and Clayton Ezell dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Gordon Wilkinson;

Secretary—Marilyn Burchett.

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL SINGING **Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California** **Saturday, May 18, 2002**

The tenth annual Los Angeles Regional Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Rick Russell leading song on page 52t, followed by Laura Boyd Russell 30t; and Larry Arnstein 299. Thich Nu Chon Duc offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Duncan MacLeod; Vice Chairman—Rick Russell; Secretary—Norman Gholson; Arranging Committee—Marilyn Murata, Lindy Hill, and Mary Rose O’Leary; Treasurer—Duncan MacLeod; Finance Committee—Betty Herman; Memorial Committee—Laura Boyd Russell and John Rand; Resolutions Committee—Carla Smith; Chaplains—Thich Nu Chon Duc and Jeff Van Der Wilt. Leaders: Duncan MacLeod 168; Rick Russell 407; Norman Gholson 515; Pat Keating 215; Bruce Hayes 324; Jerry Schreiber 376; Karen Huss 45t; Carla Smith 170; Ron Huss 477; Tom Ostwald 269; Mike Laube 553; Betty Herman 65; John Rand 31b; Midge Harder 220.

RECESS

Marilyn Murata called the singing back to order by leading song on page 384. Leaders: Dan Vosnick 178; Laurie Fox 352; Marion Black 474; Jeff Van Der Wilt 95; Carroll Lunsford 135; Thich Nu Chon Duc 333; Joanne Weiss 319; Jeff O’Toole 34b; Pat Keating 36t.

Laura Boyd Russell conducted the memorial lesson, and John Rand led song on page 260 for the following deceased: John Leslie, Jane Bingham, and Barbara Keating; Paul Frederick and Freeman Wootten—Alabama; Nina O’Banion—Washington; Alice Pirie—California.

Also remembered were the following sick and shut-ins: Donna Milton, Anitra Gendreau, Miki Woodbridge, Hope Parson, Diane Poliak, Catherine Callahan, and Don Hayes.

Leaders: Bruce Hayes 133; Karen Huss 236; Tom Ostwald 268; Mike Laube 467; Betty Herman 183; John Rand 385t; Rick Russell 200. Thich Nu Chon Duc said grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Laura Boyd Russell called the singing back to order leading song on page 74b. Leaders: Carla Smith 136; Mary Rose O’Leary 314; Marion Black 347; Jerry Schreiber 550; Steven O’Leary 567; Midge Harder 159; Carroll Lunsford 499; Jeff O’Toole 99; Laura Boyd Russell 543; Duncan MacLeod 129; Thich Nu Chon Duc 410; Ron Huss 143; Larry Arnstein 198; Natalie Hall 186; Norman Gholson 28b; Karen Huss 66.

RECESS

Steven O’Leary called the singing back to order leading song on page 89. Leaders: Mary Rose O’Leary 504; Charlotte Sheffield 155; Carla Smith 140; John Rand 285; Polly Henninger 128; Dan Vosnick 497; Tom Ostwald 126; Marilyn Murata 456; Marion Black 68; Bruce Hayes 146; Pat Keating 296; Charlotte Sheffield 210; Laurie Fox 107; Mike Laube 160b; Polly Henninger 277; Steven O’Leary 272.

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

Betty Herman gave a report on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Treasurer Duncan MacLeod reported that contributions met and exceeded expenses. On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, Carla Smith read the Resolutions Report concerning many gifts to be thankful for:

- Thanks were given to the Creator for the gift of life;
- The singers who have gone on before for the gift of a great tradition;
- The local singers for hosting a day of singing;
- The out of town singers for their attendance
- The Angels Gate Cultural Center for the great singing space; and
- The cooks for a great lunch.

Announcements for upcoming singings were made. Secretary Norman Gholson reported that 67 songs were led. Those in attendance were from San Francisco, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Redlands, and Los Angeles, California.

Duncan MacLeod closed the singing leading song on page 276 as the closing song. Jeff Van Der Wilt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Duncan MacLeod; Secretary—Norman Gholson.

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Cleburne County, Near Heflin, Alabama
May 19, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in May. Chairman B.M. Smith called the class to order leading song on page 82t. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer. B.M. Smith led song on page 72b; followed by Jeff Sheppard 124 (in memory of J.T. Pruitt), 112; and Mary Florence Smith 59, 89.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Arranging Committee—Mary Florence Smith; Secretary—Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee—Ruth Brown.

Leaders: C.W. Garner 100, 145b; Margie Smith 499, 108t; Jimmie Denney 87, 101t; Lois Owen 480, 290; Frances Jones 569b, 61; Howard McGuire 171; Reba Norton 282, 328; Winfred Kerr 47b, 146; Harvey Austin 405, 335; Louise Holland 49b, 47t.

RECESS

The class was called back together by B.M. Smith leading song on page 30t. Leaders: George Garner 172, 222; Sylvia Holland 348b, 45t; Sam Jones 35, 127; Eunice Webb 30b, 318; David Carlton 163b, 133; Felton Denney 73t; Lou Cotney 384, 218; Michael Turner 358 (by request).

Ruth Brown presented the memorial lesson. The names of the deceased remembered were: Wilford Denney, Oakie Austin, Polly Moore, William Brown, Eula Johnson, Reba Edwards, Ray Edward Green, Edward Joe Norton, Lucille Garner, Mary Barber, Lorene Clay, Eddie Lee Lumpkin, Nell Arnett Temple, Daisy Roberts, and infants William Bailey Payton and Michael Owen Payton. Howard McGuire led song on page 235 for William Brown; Michael Turner led song on page 294 for Reba Edwards; and Felton Denney led song on page 285t for all the other deceased. Evelyn Harris led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins which included: Vivian Rogers, Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, Ike Stanford, Gertrude Norton, and many others. The memorial was closed with prayer.

Charles Norton gave the report on the cemetery, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with B.M. Smith leading songs on pages 448b and 28b (for his mother, Myrtle Smith). Leaders: B.J. Harris 303, 503; Glenda Collins 81t, 354b; Cecil Roberts 143; Evelyn Harris and Taylor Sanders 155, 63; Karen Reaves 339, 312b; Corene Laminack and Pauline Kilgore 159, 164; Ruth Daniel 378t, 32t; Ann Simpson 46, 40; Nellie Mae White 106, 119; Celia Sanders 31b, 57, 73b (for Alice Edwards); David Carlton 162; Winfred Kerr 65; Taylor Sanders and Celia Sanders 371; Michael Turner 58, 122.

Announcements were made. B.M. Smith led song on page 69t as the closing song. B.J. Harris led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

ZION HILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Douglas, Alabama

May 19, 2002

The annual singing at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Douglas, Alabama was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Ricky Harcrow leading songs on pages 82t, 101t, and 59. The morning prayer was offered by Chris Green.

Leaders: Ricky Harcrow 36b; Jackson Harcrow 274t, 63; Jackie Tanner 56t, 39b; Lela Crowder 354b, 186; Jarrod George 300, 277; Lamar Smith 76b; Judy Caudle 283, 285; Susan Harcrow 171, 183t; Donna Wootten 138b, 74b; Henry Johnson 375, 70b; and Nate Green and Norma Green 37t, 330.

RECESS

Ricky Harcrow brought the class back together leading song on page 75. Leaders: Coy Ivey 384; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 358; Eloise Wootten 454; James Cain 290; Jenny Mann 49b, "Sweet Beulah Land"; Myra Dalton 83t, 31t; Larry Ballinger 73b, 50; Philip Gilmore 448t, 396; Britt Mann 68b.

RECESS

The class was called back with Ricky Harcrow leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Kevin Brown and Mark Brown 452, 147t; Linda Thomas 217; Chris Green, Pam Green, Hannah Green, and Grace Green 460, 66; Lisa Geist 222, 182; S.T. Reed 284; Aaron Wootten 319.

LUNCH

Ricky Harcrow called the class back together leading song on page 317. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 170; David Ivey 83; Betty Shepherd 299; Linton Ballinger 208; Syble Adams 398; Earl Ballinger 144; Darlene Dalton 203; Shane Wootten 138t; Dennis George 209; Terry Wootten 132; Randall Smith and Rodney Ivey 137; Sheila Wootten 127; class sang "Happy Birthday" to Edna Jackson, a member of Zion Hill, who will be 93; Jamey Wootten, Jared Wootten, and Hayden Wootten 282; Marty Wootten 99; Marlon Beasley 274; Jewel Wootten 421; Butch White 159; Jarrod George, Margaret Turner, Jackson Harcrow, and Uncle Terry Wootten 358; Henry Johnson 570; Lela Crowder 498; Susan Harcrow and Sheila Wootten 519 (WB) (in memory of Reginald Jackson); Ricky Harcrow 38b, 72b.

Announcements were made. Ricky Harcrow led song on page 46 as the closing song, and Terry Wootten dismissed the class in prayer.

Chairman—Ricky Harcrow; Secretary—Susan Harcrow.

ZION HILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Douglas, Alabama

Sunday, December 16, 2001

The annual singing at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Douglas, Alabama was held on the third Sunday in December 2001. The class was called to order by Jackson Harcrow leading songs on pages 48t, 153, and 63. Harrison Creel led the class in the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve:

Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Secretary—Sarah Harcrow; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner and Jackie Tanner.

Leaders: Sarah Harcrow 37b, 99; Susan Harcrow 32, 186; S.T. Reed 35, 34b; Ivalene Donaldson 129; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Travis Keeton 276, 203; Judith Green 384, 117; Felton Denney 573, 225t; Lela Crowder 273, 402; Eugene Forbes 317, 299; Wilton Donaldson 565, 348b; April Hall 29t, 30t.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back together leading songs on pages 81t and 347. Leaders: Judy Caudle 306, 311; Scott DePoy 74b, 410t; Ozella Blackmon 460; John Plunkett 495, 412; Tim Dalton 47b, 448t; Lena Keeton 82, 112; Shaffiq Welji 86, 333; Jeanette DePoy 89, 142.

RECESS

Aaron Wootten called the class back to order leading songs on pages 101t and 144. Leaders: Lisa Geist 394, 120; John Hyde 566; Teenie Moody 222, 546; Carmon Brothers 223, 340; Butch White 39b, 31t; Josie Hyde 507; Elder Phillip Gilmore 68b, 97.

LUNCH

Jarrold George called the class back together leading songs on pages 59 and 358. Leaders: Danny Creel 269; Stuart Ivey 436; Cassie Franklin 183; Henry Johnson 81; Linda Thomas and Chris Green "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"; Jenny Wootten Mann 66; Larry Ballinger 207; Elene Stovall 300; Milton Oliver 403; Amber Springfield 454, 272; David Ivey 461; Harrison Creel 111b; Terry Wootten 271t; Karen Ivey and Rodney Ivey 216; Karen Ivey and Max Berueffy 532; Dennis George 110; Paula Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 75, 30b; Joel Jenkins 108t; Chris Green 152; Bud Oliver 168, 270; Jackie Tanner, Cindy Tanner, and Flarce Creel 475.

Announcements were made. Jackson Harcrow led song on page 146 as the closing song, and Terry Wootten dismissed the class with prayer.

This singing will no longer be held on the third Sunday in December. It will now be held on the third Sunday in May beginning May 19, 2002.

Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Secretary—Sarah Harcrow.

SARDIS CHURCH **Lynn Park, Alabama** **May 19, 2002**

The annual singing at Sardis Church was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Brenda Merritt leading song on page 30t. Velton Chafin offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: John Merritt 460, 163t; Gary Smith 565, 31t, 503; Woodrow Hocutt 208, 273, 192; Corene White 37b, 314; Willodean Barton 159, 61, 145t; Sarah Smith 445, 75, 317; Travis Keeton 99; Amber Springfield 499, 410t, 270; Velton Chafin 34b, 35, 36b; Winell Sanders 569b; Glenn Keeton 163b, 523, 343; Margaret Keeton 406, 129, 276; Amber Springfield 146; John Merritt and Steve Rutledge 517 (WB); Woodrow Hocutt 436, 434; Velton Chafin 478 (CB), 225t; Gary Smith 285t, 68b, 49b; Corene White 73t, 379; Brenda Merritt 497, 559 (CB); Willodean Barton 391, 82t; Sarah Smith 122, 100; Velton Chafin 456; Travis Keeton 290, 179; Amber Springfield 235; Glenn Keeton 467, 354; Cecil Sanders 123t; Margaret Keeton 572; Brenda Merritt 522 (CB); John Merritt 572 (CB), 138t (CB); Steve Rutledge 392.

Announcements were made. John Merritt led song on page 56t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

ROCKY MOUNT HOMECOMING
Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama
May 19, 2002

The Rocky Mount Homecoming singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order with the singing of song on page 36b. Elder Ben Keeble offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Nell Estes.

Leaders: Charlotte Bishop 63; Elder Vernon Estes 40, 72; Myrlene Redmon 569, 334; Mary Jean Payne 35, 496; Annie Lee Price 75, 84; Floy Wilder 297, 186; Isabelle Green 100, 45; Paula Fagan 535, 39.

RECESS

Chairperson Charlotte Bishop called the class back together and led song on page 143.

The people in attendance were given an opportunity to offer comments concerning what this occasion means to them, about previous homecomings, and about the church.

Leaders: Daphene Causey 212, 112; Linda Fagan 127, 335; LaRue Allen 129, 99; Eugene Forbes 32, 59; Elder Ben Keeble 49b, 490.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Chairperson Charlotte Bishop leading song on page 318. Leaders: Leonard Price 290, 87; Jordan Whitehead 111t, 354; Sharon DuPriest 460, 25 (JB); Carla M. Smith 358, 108; Verlie McDaniel 61, 64; Charlotte Bishop 517 (WB), 452.

Announcements were made. Leonard Price offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

We thank the class for \$35.99 minute money. We appreciate each and every one that attended and invite you back again next year.

Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Nell Estes.

MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK)
Stroud, Chambers County, Alabama
Saturday, May 25, 2002

The day of singing was promptly called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Don Clark leading song on page 82. It was announced that Vice President John Etheridge had undergone heart surgery earlier in the week, and that Gaylon Powell would serve in that capacity this year. Vice President Gaylon Powell offered the morning prayer. President Don Clark led songs on pages 75, 100; Vice President Gaylon Powell 192; Secretary Karen Clark 421. The following was then presented to a large and attentive audience, consisting of singers and listeners from nine states.

Leaders: Mike Jones 384; Wilburn Ellison 451; Felton Denney 387; Floy Wilder 183; Jimmie Denney 335; Henry Johnson 88; Andy Morse 511; Isabelle Green 282; Brenda Merritt 559; Randall Smith 137; Charlene Wallace 186; Edith Tate 540; Louis Hughes 563; Mike Hawkins 29t; Sue Bunch 573.

RECESS

Vice President Gaylon Powell called the second session to order leading song on page 144. Leaders and their selections: Billy Hollingsworth 235; Hugh McGraw 423; Helen Bryson 172; S.T. Reed 138t; Nate Green and Norma Green 336t; Dennis George 392; Bill Hogan 516; Sharon Kellam 38t; Bud Oliver 145t; John

Hollingsworth 54t; John Plunkett 378b; Cassie Franklin 450; Jeff Sheppard 507b; Dan Huger 32t; Rodney Ivey 292b.

RECESS

Order was restored and the third session of the morning was called to order by Vice President Gaylon Powell leading song on page 432. President Don Clark led song on page 45t for Mrs. Leita Day who was celebrating her birthday today, and Miss Mae Prather (his 3rd grade school teacher). The following leaders were called and responded: Bobby Jackson 290 (in memory of Verdie Woods); Darlene Dalton 488b (for Tom Mitchell, who was unable to attend due to sickness, and other Minnesota friends); Alice Bejnar 445; John Merritt "Talietha Cumi"; Myra Dalton 541; Tommie Spurlock 376; Chita Blakeley 522; Susan Harcrow 215; Cindy Tanner 39; Mary Jean Payne 99; Elder Jonathan Blakeley 278b; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 101t (for daughter, Kate, whose wedding is tomorrow).

LUNCH

The first session of the afternoon was called to order by President Don Clark leading songs on page 424 and 358 (by request). The following leaders and their selections were: Lonnie Rogers and Rodney Ivey 395b (in memory of Curtis Rogers who was a solid supporter of this singing), 222; Ted Mercer 98; Richard DeLong 524; Elder Ricky Harcrow 434; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 285t, 534; Joe Nall 216; Danny Creel 182; Syble Adams 505; Frank Hataway 58; Guy Banks 410; Mark Davis 154; Lela Crowder 491; Mike Grimes 571; Bill Aplin 385t; Charlotte Bishop 229; Betty Wright 511b.

RECESS

The last session of the day was called to order by Vice President Gaylon Powell leading song on page 507t. Leaders called were: David Yeager 148; Verlon Stiefel 572; Harrison Creel 355; Jo Ann Grimes 500; Tor Bejnar 411; Judy Mincey 156; Nancy Yeager 122; Stanley Smith 502; Andy Anderson 171; Annie Lee Price 300; Buell Cobb 553; Milton Oliver 503; Karen Rollins 136; Lee Rogers 501; LaRue Allen 200; Ernest Cockcroft 77t.

Announcements were made. President Don Clark thanked all who came and helped in any way to make the day of singing a success. Everyone is invited to come back next year on May 24, 2003, which will be the 100th anniversary of the founding of this society. Don Clark, Karen Clark, Gaylon Powell, and Bobby Jackson led song on page 62 as the closing song, and all who so desired took the parting hand. Stanley Smith dismissed the class with prayer.

President—Don L. Clark; Vice President—Gaylon Powell; Secretary—Karen Clark.

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Eva, Morgan County, Alabama

May 26, 2002

The May Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Elder J.L. Hopper leading songs 145t, 145b (for Wilda Holmes), and 166. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper. Leaders and selections were as follows: Jonathon Thompson 84, 313t; Brandon Thompson 274t, 335; Nancy Thompson 45t; Marlin Beasley 101t, 512; David Light 200, 192; Ivalene Donaldson 343; Bud Oliver 32t, 39b; Randall Smith 76b, 73t; Rhoda Norris 460; Rodney Ivey 461, 475; Josie Hyde 434, 477; Eddis Guthrie 99, 171.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Chairman Milford Cobbs leading song on page 75. Leaders and selections: Arvid Holmes 155; John Hyde 566, 297; Wilton Donaldson 565, 348b; Linton Ballinger 110, 81t; Richard Ivey 183t, 217; Stuart Ivey 186, 222;

Karen Ivey 300, 112; Susan Holmes 137, 47b; Hershell King 384, 426t; Larry Ballinger 425, 224; Elene Stovall 208, 480; Milford Cobbs 143. Prayer was offered by Hershell King.

LUNCH

After enjoying lunch and fellowship, the class was called to order by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 127.

A memorial session was held at this time. Jonathon and Brandon Thompson led song on page 448t in memory of their grandfather, Willard Hopper. Judy Caudle led song on page 459 in memory of Aunt Bera Bradford, and song on page 499 in memory of Nelda Nelson, Aubrey Holmes, Arthur Cobbs, and Frances Beasley Lee. Also, remembering the sick or shut in: Herbert Cobbs, Kimmie Holcomb, Wilda Holmes, Marie Guthrie, and Eldagene Roberson, Judy Caudle led song on page 406. The memorial session was closed with prayer offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Leaders and selections: Max Berueffy 278b, 411; Susan Harcrow 126, 35; Lavaughn Ballinger 294; Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 270, 30b; Craig Holmes 438; J.C. Rutledge 569b; Buckley Hopper 47t, 49b; David Ivey 114; Dan Hopper 535; J.L. Hopper 295, 36t. Announcements were made. Milford Cobbs and others led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Daniel Hopper.

Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman—Arvid Holmes; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100** **May 26, 2002**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Poplar Springs Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by B.M. Smith leading song on page 59. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer. B.M. Smith led song on page 82; Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 322 and 208.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith; Memorial Committee—Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 123t; Miranel Swafford 32t; Charlene Wallace 276, 299; Mary Florence Smith 97, 148 (for Mozelle Sheppard); Aaron Little 512, 569b; Shelbie Sheppard 426t, 448b; Bobby Jackson 341, 274t; Floy Wilder 224, 373; Felton Denney 277, 489; LaRue Allen 171, 99; Dennis George 383, 385b.

RECESS

B.M. Smith called the class back together with song on page 66. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 225t (for his mother, Gladys McGraw), 335; Evelyn Harris 30t, 87; Karleen Williams 298 (for her uncle, George Rogers), 222; Oscar McGuire 336, 441; Carlene Griffin 81, 117 (for Hester Edwards); B.J. Harris 303, 503.

Mary Florence Smith held the memorial lesson. Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 45t and 343 in memory of: J.B. Parker, Curtis Rogers, Dr. James Howell, Rube Allred, Polly Moore, Wilford Denney, Linda Smart, and Juan Infante.

Mary Florence Smith led songs on pages 275b and 122 for the sick and shut-ins: Tom Mitchell, I.V. McWhorter, Mozelle Sheppard, Vivian Rogers, John Etheridge, Reba Norton, Alice Edwards, and Ike Stanford.

The pastor of the church, Elder Mike Benefield, welcomed everyone, asked the blessing on the food, and closed the memorial lesson.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 35. Leaders: Guy Bankes 254, 269; Lela Crowder 282, 300; Hugh McGraw 371; Eunice Webb 392, 284; Cecil Sanders 146, 290; Josephine Denney 147t, 452; Phillip Langley 430, 220; Inez Chandler and Ceford Wood 490, 57; Joyce Clackum 111t, 111b; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Guy Bankes 228; Dennis George 384, 358. Announcements were made. B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song, and Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

DOSS MEMORIAL SINGING **Sardis Baptist Church, Morris, Alabama** **May 26, 2002**

The annual Doss Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Floyd Screws leading song on page 31b. Tim Whitaker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Floyd Screws 270; Dick Nail 79, 32t; Lora Cargo 30t, 421; Brenda Merritt 460, 448t; Ozella Blackmon 112, 172; John Merritt 225t, 358 (in memory of his mother); Amber Springfield 47b, 217; Amanda Denson 276, 277; Willodean Barton 290, 391; Tim Whitaker 100, 517 (WB); Ida Lee Starnes 317, 378t; Glenn Keeton 34b, 274t.

RECESS

Floyd Screws called the class to order leading song on page 384. Leaders: Flarce Creel 275b, 475; Eugene Forbes 340, 148; Margaret Aderholt 138b, 205; Buell Cobb 75; Gerstile Nail 215; Harrison Creel 111b, 512.

James Abel, pastor of the church, conducted the memorial lesson. Margaret Aderholt led song on page 319 for the sick and shut-ins: Eleanor Bailey Bobo, Nina Bailey, and F.P. Cargo.

Dick Nail led song on page 445b for the deceased: Kelly Mayfield, Buddy Bailey, Febby Nail, Estelle Screws Powell, Tommy Knox, Mamie Jenkins, Albert Sharit, Clyde Crossfield, Auburn McGraw, Lucille Creel Tolbert, and all of those who died on the battlefields in defense of our country. The memorial was closed.

Brother James Abel welcomed everyone and gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Floyd Screws brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 348b. Leaders: John Merritt 294 (in memory of his mother); Dick Nail 142, 300; Travis Keeton 176b, 155, 566; Danny Creel 35, 89; Edith Tate 73t, 37b; Willodean Barton 101b, 82; Margaret Aderholt 213t, 143; Leah Commer 569, 312b; Ozella Blackmon 335, 334; Pam Rossett 42, 146; Lora Cargo 222, 480; Eugene Forbes 208, 80b; Tim Whitaker 108, 354b; Kathy Amberson 45t; Buell Cobb 159, 339 (in memory of Mamie Jenkins); Amanda Denson, Ben Rossett, and Luke Rossett 63, 345b; Danny Creel 123t, 285t; Edith Tate 48t, 378b; Travis Keeton 61; Dick Nail family 36b; Dick Nail family and Amanda Denson 517 (WB).

Announcements were made. Floyd Screws led song on page 62 as the closing song. Margaret Aderholt led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Floyd Screws; Vice Chairman—Dick Nail; Secretary—Ruth Screws.

JACK SMITH MEMORIAL SINGING
Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
Monday, May 27, 2002

The class was called to order by John Plunkett leading song on page 48t. Rev. Amy Greene offered the opening prayer. John Plunkett spoke briefly about the role Jack Smith played in introducing many folks to Sacred Harp singing, particularly at Oakhurst Baptist Church, and then led song on page 31t.

Leaders: Secretary Laura Akerman 145t, 361; Guy Bankes 77b, 486; Jeannette DePoy 192, 122; Eric Tweedy 196, 292; Andy Anderson 268, 171; Lela Crowder and Dennis George 385, 208; Dan Huger 209, 99.

RECESS

The second hour opened with John Plunkett leading song on page 63. Leaders: Scott DePoy 114, 384 (in memory of Suzy Bass); Chris Tweedy 354, 535; Gaylon Powell 442, 240; John Redman 532, 236 (in memory of his mother); Don Clark 186; Andy Morse 40, 448t (spoke about his appreciation for Jack Smith in introducing him to shape note music); Malinda Snow 107, 325; Hermon Wilkinson 215, 47b. The class dismissed for one hour for lunch, with the blessing offered by Andy Anderson.

LUNCH

John Plunkett opened the afternoon session by leading song on page 487b for Memorial Day and for those who have served their country. Leaders: Sharon Kellam 86, 312t; David Yeager 47t, 267; Dennis George 312, 542; Fran Adams 335; Karen Clark 474, 347 (in memory of John Bailey); Nancy Yeager 178, 448b; Bobby Jackson 480, 408; Gaylon Powell 455; Dennis George 421; Amy Greene 159; Dan Huger 61; Sharon Kellam 277.

Announcements were made. The class agreed to plan to hold this singing again next year. John Plunkett led song on page 56t as the closing song. Andy Anderson dismissed the class with prayer.

The last hour consisted of singing gospel music from a songbook compiled by Jack Smith.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

MAQUOKETA RIVER SACRED HARP SINGING
Lenox College, Hopkinton, Iowa
Saturday, June 1, 2002

The first annual Maquoketa River Sacred Harp Singing opened at 9:30 a.m. with a singing school led by P. Dan Brittain, who gave a brief guide in how to sing the notes. The following songs were led by Day Brittain to use as illustrations: 209, 425, 49t, 49b, 87, 45t, 57, 65, 441, 376, 81, and 21 (JB).

RECESS

Michael Moore called the class to order leading song on page 34b, and then offered the morning prayer.

Officers elected or appointed to serve for the day were: Chairman—Michael Moore; Vice Chairman—Annie Grieshop; Chaplain—Michael Moore; Secretary—Alice Moran; Arranging Committee—Michael Ross and Bill Caldwell; Memorial Committee—Paul Wyatt and Michael Moore; Treasurer—Annie Grieshop.

Leaders: Steve Warner 171; Paul Wyatt 48; Dick Dunagan 36b; Val Dunagan 350; Nick Pasqual 333; Alice Moran 41; Bill Caldwell 344; James Page “County K”; Anne Heider 189b; Ted Johnson 430; Marcia Johnson 454; Martha Henderson 282; Jan Ketelle 168; Dan Brittain “Maquoketa”; Jim Solheim 218; Michael Moore 33t; Dick Dunagan 68b. Michael Moore gave the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Michael Moore called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 123t. Leaders: Val Dunagan 475; Nick Pasqual 496; Rochelle Lodder 148; Judy Hauff 82t; Melanie Hauff 215; Kathy Kaiser 29t; James Page 411; Anne Heider 472; Ted Johnson “Fresh as Grass”; Marcia Johnson 283; Martha Henderson 480; Jan Ketelle 368; Dan Brittain “Pohick”; Steve Warner 86; Bill Caldwell 178; Paul Wyatt 99.

RECESS

Michael Moore called the class back to order leading song on page 61.

Paul Wyatt and Michael Moore presented the memorial lesson, and led song on page 345b for the following deceased: Philip Page, Jr.—New Jersey; Ev Yoder—New Mexico; Jerilyn Schumacher, Jackie Long, and John Bailey—Illinois; Marjorie Ketelle—Tennessee; Freeman Wootten—Alabama; Palmer Rogers—Minnesota; Randy Wells—Florida.

Paul Wyatt and Michael Moore read the list of names for the sick and shut-ins, and led song on page 176t for: Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin; George Wyatt—Alabama; Stephie Rubin—Illinois; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Tom Mitchell—Minnesota. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Jim Solheim “Nebraska”; Michael Moore 112; Dick Dunagan 273; Val Dunagan 128; Nick Pasqual 58; Rochelle Lodder 84; Judy Hauff 300; Melanie Hauff 542; Kathy Kaiser 38b; James Page 284; Anne Heider 362.

RECESS

Michael Moore called the class back to order, and Michael Ross and Annie Grieshop led songs on pages 137 and 159.

Upcoming singings were announced, including singing for the worship service on June 2, 2002 at Lenox College.

Michael Moore led song on page 185 as the closing song and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Michael Moore; Vice Chairman—Annie Grieshop; Secretary—Alice Moran.

NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY ALL DAY SINGING **Berryville, Virginia** **Saturday, June 1, 2002**

The ninth annual Northern Shenandoah Valley All Day Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in June at Grace Episcopal Parish Hall in Berryville, Virginia. The class was called together at 10:00 a.m. by John delRe leading song on page 129. John Brode led the opening prayer. Kelly Macklin led song on page 50b, and Kurt Deffinbaugh led song on page 157.

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

Chairman—John delRe; Vice Chairman/Arranging—Kelly Macklin; Secretary—Marilyn Estep; Treasurer—Kurt Deffinbaugh; Chaplain—John Brode; Pitching—Paula McGray.

Leaders: John Hewes 387; John Brode 124; Adrian Mariano 142; Joni Seidenstein 27; Don Polaski 318; Gail Doss 400; Stephen McMaster 89; Kathy Manning 319; Brian Sears 48b; Blake Morris 444; Sandra Polaski 148; Laura Densmore 201b; Diane Mennella 208; Paula McGray 217; Doron Henkin 193b; Greg Freemon 160b; Guy Banks 486; Bev Oneida 362; Ray Showalter 178; Hal Kunkel 542.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Stephen McMaster leading song on 34b. Leaders: John Daniel delRe 101; Cyndi Swick 288; Mary Ann Daly 101b; Ted Stokes 229; Sarah Davie 384; Hannah Polaski 299; John delRe 70; Kurt Deffinbaugh 153; Kelly Macklin 383; John Brode 57; Joni Seidenstein 312b; Adrian Mariano 419; Don

Polaski 532; Gail Doss 222; Fred Beardsley 454; Brian Sears 504; Hal Kunkel 51; Diane Mennella 77b; Paula McGray 270.

Stephen McMaster presented the memorial lesson, and led song on page 430 for the deceased: Jerilyn Schumacher and Ann Rohusek—Illinois; Richard Hooke—Massachusetts; Francis Beasley Lee—Florida; J.B. Parker—Georgia; Juan Infante and Linda Smart—New York; Dorian Brow—Vermont; Thomas Krabbe—Maryland; John Bayer, Sr.—Ohio.

Stephen McMaster led song on page 347 for the sick and shut-ins: John Etheridge—Florida; Tom Mitchell—Minnesota; Marilyn Dareh—California; Kyra Bean—New York; Kenneth Murphy and Minnie Murphy—Virginia. John Brode closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Susan Munch leading song on page 48. Leaders: Doron Henkin 100; Becky Swick 344; Frank Evans 192; Cathy Tucker 144; Janine Smith 345; Guy Bankes 350; Ray Showalter 64; Stephen McMaster 446; Greg Freemon 376; Laura Densmore 302; Kathy Manning 365; Blake Morris 351; Sandra Polaski 155; Bev Oneida 50; Mary Ann Daly 206; Leyland delRe 528; Ted Stokes 267; Sarah Davie 456; John delRe 32; Kurt Deffinbaugh 42; John Brode 375; Kelly Macklin 218; Joni Seidenstein 203; Adrian Mariano 29.

RECESS

The singing resumed with John delRe leading song on 56b. Leaders: Don Polaski 112; Gail Doss 176; Fred Beardsley 513; Frank Evans 228; Brian Sears 47b; Leyland delRe 38b; Cyndi Swick 65; Hal Kunkel 426b; Diane Mennella 260; Paula McGray 300; Doron Henkin 333; Greg Freemon 448; Laura Densmore 76b; Cathy Tucker 510; Guy Bankes 474; Kathy Manning 306; Marilyn Estep 547.

Kurt Deffinbaugh reported that donations received were in the amount of \$410.00 which covered the cost of the singing. Announcements of future singings were made. John delRe thanked the officers, and led song on page 62 as the class took the parting hand. John Brode dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John delRe; Vice Chair—Kelly Macklin; Secretary—Marilyn Estep.

LIBERTY DECORATION SINGING

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

June 2, 2002

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Church was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 89. Rev. Edward Tanner led the morning prayer. The singing continued with Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey leading song on page 32t.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Shane Wootten 37b; Secretary Norma Green 348b (in memory of her parents, Eulas and Helen Ivey); Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Linda Sides 119 (in memory of Hubert Anderson); Sally House and Kelly House 503 (in memory of Karen House); Rex Wilks, Jason Wilks, and Maggie Wilks 145b, 312b; Jarrod George 277; Mattie Townsel 317; Boyd Scott 358; Betty Wright and Edward Thacker 569b; Sandie Scott 117; Sarah Harcrow Jenkins 217; Henry Johnson 338 (in memory of Lola Windsor).

The memorial lesson was held in the cemetery with the class singing songs on 340, 491b (WB); 540 (CB); 492 (WB); and 45t.

RECESS

Shane Wootten called the class together leading song on page 345b. Leaders: Phil Summerlin 411; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Linton Ballinger 144; Charles Franklin 457; Lynne deBenedette 77t; Alex Makris 490 (in memory of her grandfather, Ed Latham); Aaron Wootten 282; Scott Ivey 186; Hayden Wootten and Jared Wootten

388; J.P. Shavers 145b; Patsy Gentle 68b; Mike Dunn 137; Lela Crowder 442; Milton Oliver 270; Lisa Geist 214; Jewel Wootten 440 (in memory of Freeman Wootten); Loyd Ivey, Teresa Bethune, Marian Biddle, Martha Underwood, Doug Ivey, Candace Bethune, Ivey Biddle, Adam Biddle, Jessica Ivey, Lillie Underwood, and Mollie Ivey 501 (CB). Jason Wilks asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Dennis George 215; Laura Clawson 542; Nate Green and Norma Green 371; Lavaughn Ballinger, Loyd Ivey, and Shane Wootten 424 (in memory of Andrew Ivey and Hamilton Ballinger); Eloise Wootten 480; Max Berueffy 283; Allison Ivey 168; Chris Ballinger 163b; Kelly House 430; Coy Ivey and the Ivey first cousins 486t (WB), 45t; Larry Ballinger 202; Donna Wootten 155; Cassie Franklin 304; Tony Ivey 56b; Reba Windom 208 (in memory of Aunt Woodie Walker); Edward Tanner 100; Susan Harcrow 218.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Ricky Harcrow leading songs on pages 49b, 572 (CB). Leaders: Jackie Tanner and Cindy Tanner 172; Travis Ballinger 99; Elene Stovall 182; Bud Oliver and Norma Green 418; Karen Ivey and Stuart Ivey 454; Hobert Ivey, Betty Shepherd, and Rodney Ivey 47t, 216; Karen Travis and Rachel Shavers 551; Mark Brown 543; Sandy Ivey 201; Gazelle Parker and Eloise Wootten 276; Jackson Harcrow 274t; Myra Dalton and Darlene Dalton 163t.

Following announcements David Ivey and Tony Ivey led 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Pastor Tony Ivey.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairmen—Shane Wootten and Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Bremen, Georgia, I-20 and U.S. 27 South

June 1-2, 2002

Saturday, June 1

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 together by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 63. Rev. Henry Bizzell led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 99; Carlene Griffin 65; Joyce Clackum 111t; Teenie Moody 171; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 335; Mary Florence Smith 426t; Danny Griffin 454; Andy Anderson 36b; Mildred Patterson 300; S.T. Reed 312t; Laura Clawson 224; Bud Oliver 345t; Sally House 146; Dennis George 507; Helen Bryson 411 (in memory of her aunt, Ellen Nash); Kenneth DeLong 382; Henry Johnson 375; Karen Rollins 34b (for her father and mother, Lonnie and Vivian Rogers); Bob Meeks 515; Mattie Townsel 68b; Bobby Jackson 568; Elene Stovall 273; Bob Goodman and Liz Bryant 66, 475; Jimmie Denney 155; Lela Crowder 440.

RECESS

Hugh McGraw called the class together leading songs on pages 145b and 423.

The business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin;

Chaplain—Rev. Henry Bizzell; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Judy Henry and Hugh McGraw; Memorial Committee—Mary Florence Smith and Joyce Clackum.

Leaders: Cassie Franklin 332; Rodney Ivey 189; Reba Windom 172; Gaston White 236; Max Berueffy 336; Johnny Wright 145t; Karen Morris 77t; Andy Morse 151; LaRue Allen 218; John Whittemore 107; Joan Durdin 479; Nate Green 90; Judy

Mincey 180; Buell Cobb 77b; Kelly Morris 159; Philip Denney 120; Rev. Mike Hawkins 560 (in memory of Elder Roy Avery); Aaron Girard 536; Shelbie Sheppard 556; Rosemary Greenaway 384; Ed Stevens 455; Nancy Yeager 178; Rev. Henry Bizzell 452; Preston McLendon 35; Scott DePoy 510 (in memory of Susie Bass).

LUNCH

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 326. Leaders: Terre Schill 134; Cheryl Foreman 430; Louis Hughes 142; Don Ward and Pat Ward 168; Mary Wright 480; Patricia Temple 72b; John Plunkett 446; Lynda Hambourger 89; Richard Mauldin 388; Kathy Williams 222; John Fedderson 569b; David Yeager 148; Elder Homer Benefield, Hugh McGraw, Edmund Golladay, and Charlene Wallace 147t, 347; Jeannette DePoy 318; Cathy White 31t; Art Broadus 143; Jeff Sheppard 530.

RECESS

Judy Henry and Charlene Wallace called the class together with song on page 225t (for Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, and Revy Williamson). Leaders: Kiri Miller 383; Oscar McGuire 573; Phillip Langley 436; Amanda Denson 186; Martha Ann Stegar 268; Felton Denney 299; Ted Mercer 345b; Andrew Snyder 497; Everette Denney 405; Lynn deBenedette 448t; Louise Holland 37b; Eric Tweedy 292; Orlando Driver 40; David Badagnani 548; Laura Akerman 404; Kelly House 81. Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace led song on page 46 as the closing song, and Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 2

The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 59. Rev. Henry Bizzell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Carlene Griffin 81t; Robert Rivers, II and Hugh McGraw 49b; Mildred Patterson 141; Danny Griffin 36b; Joyce Clackum 127; Earlis McGraw 148; Mary Florence Smith 313t; Art Broadus 354t; Teenie Moody, Carol Chapman, and Judith Green 384; Cindy Cole 146; Winston Stephens 503; Jack Nelson 30b; Patricia Temple 566; David Badagnani and Charlie Bergengren 294; Richard Mauldin 63; Charles Woods 504; Kathy Williams 208; Louis Hughes 540; Cheryl Foreman 328; Ed Stevens 328; Sheri Taylor 209; B.M. Smith 475.

RECESS

Charlene Wallace, Carly McWhorter, and Avery McWhorter called the class together with songs on pages 87 and 401 (for Don Bowen). Leaders: David Yeager 108b; Cathy White 84; Jeff Sheppard 492; Lynda Hambourger 69t; Raymond Hamrick 385b; Rosemary Greenaway 460; Burnese Harper 426b; Kiri Miller 419; Jeannette DePoy 82t; John Fedderson 192; Shelbie Sheppard 216; John Hollingsworth 170; Oscar McGuire 276; Terre Schill 176t.

The memorial lesson was held. John Plunkett led songs on pages 50t and 562 in memory of: Susie Bass, Allie Reynolds, Berta Woods, Butch Rogers, S.T.

McClendon, and Wilford Denney—Georgia; Tommye Denson Mauldin, Polly Moore, Curtis Rogers, Ed Nelson, and Dr. James Howell—Alabama; Ron Baker—North Carolina; Frances Fedderson—Indiana; Emil Schau—New York; John Bailey and Jerilyn Schumacher—Illinois. Charlene Wallace led song on page 285t in memory of Mrs. Etta Bivins and Mrs. Estelle Akins Reid of Georgia.

Joyce Clackum and Katherine Benefield led song on page 111t for all the sick and shut-ins which included: Gertrude Norton, Mozelle Sheppard, Virginia Lee, Revy Williamson, Alice Edwards, Tom Mitchell, Kelly Beard, John Etheridge, Frances McDaniel, Ike Stanford, Joe Thornton, and Pauline Childers.

Mary Florence Smith led song on page 348b for all the people in the military and the victims of the September 11th tragedy. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Chaplain Henry Bissell.

Leaders: Mary Wright 129; Aaron Girard 567; Billy Hollingsworth 236; Aaron Little 480; Floyd Peters 335; Nancy Yeager 147b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Earlis McGraw leading songs on pages 284 and 326. Leaders: Laura Akerman 193; Louise Holland, Kathy Williams, Noel Buchanan, and Logan Buchanan 323b; Everette Denney 426t; Martha Ann Stegar 198; Scott DePoy 47b; Rev. Henry Bizzell and Hugh McGraw 524 (for Toney Smith); Phillip Langley 440; Ted Mercer 521; Tommy McGraw 138t; Jimmie Denney 145t; Bobby Jackson 112; Glenda Collins 124; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Donna Duke 101t; Andrew Snyder 117; Eunice Webb 196; Lois Owen 340.

RECESS

The class was called together by Judy Henry and Phillip Langley leading song on page 283. Leaders: Gene Duke 406; Preston McClendon 225b; Elder Homer Benefield 56t, 358; David Badagnani 105; Ed Stevens 288; Kathy Williams 142; Gaston White 35; Katie McGuire, Bentley McGuire, and Oscar McGuire 45t; Terre Schill 436; Cheryl Foreman 203; Lynda Hambourger 82b.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace, Elder Homer Benefield, Carlene Griffin, and Rev. Henry Bizzell led song on page 62 as the closing song. Rev. Henry Bizzell dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING

Cullman County, Alabama

June 2, 2002

The Memorial Singing at Fellowship Church was called to order by Billy Williams leading song on page 33b. Aubrey Tyree offered the morning prayer. Billy Williams led song on page 39b, and consented to act as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 145b; Ruth Walker 48t, 73t; A.D. Chandler 61, 72t; Amanda Denson 128, 274t; Travis Keeton 426t, 343; Betty Shivers 155, 270; Corene White 37b, 379; Josie Hyde and John Hyde 313t, 566; Eldagene Roberson 29t, 215; Margaret Keeton 203, 142; Billy Williams 358.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class back to order leading songs on pages 144 and 347.

Leaders: Ida Lee Starnes 31b, 278t; Elvin Guthrie 297, 373; Don Robinson 212, 100; Aubrey Tyree 298, 208; Willodean Barton 44, 122; Josie Hyde 200, 220; Wilton Donaldson 565, 348b; Ozella Blackmon 384; Edis Guthrie 91, 171; Stella Pratt 129, 147t; Buell Cobb 71, 42; Billy Williams 412, 497 (for Mrs. Reddie Powell), 397 (by request), 449 (by request).

LUNCH

Glenn Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 49b.

Leaders: Ruth Walker 490; Corene White 403; Eldagene Roberson 399b; Amanda Denson 113, 389; Willodean Barton 416; Josie Hyde 316, 507; John Hyde 124; Travis Keeton 53; Aubrey Tyree 434, 189; Ivalene Donaldson 166; A.D. Chandler 30t; Elvin Guthrie 172; Buell Cobb 535; Glenn Keeton 45t; Edis Guthrie 110; Henry Guthery 176, 87; Billy Williams 358; Henry Guthery 558, 430 (in memory of Preston and Ava Crider); Don Robinson 408 (in memory of Eron White).

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led song on page 521 as the closing song. Glenn Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING
Masonic Temple, Altamont, New York
Saturday, June 8, 2002

The Albany area New York State Regional Singing was called to order by Michael Ryan leading song on page 114. Jean Seiler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Michael Ryan 107; Fred Kirk 34b; Regina Daly 159, 155; Laura Timmerman 350, 371; Eileen Metzger 101b, 315; Patricia Geritz 47t, 501; Sue Ulrich 31t; Bob Mills 270; Thom Metzger 399, 133; Linda Shea 82t, 171; Edith Berger 47b, 480; Jean Seiler 72b, 68b; Dan Hertzler 81t, 335; Dennis Leipold 85, 40.

RECESS

Thom Metzger called the class to order leading song on page 99. Leaders: Andrew Magee 56b, 131b; Barbara Swetman 32t, 481; Mary Ann Morrison 178, 122; Jenna Strizak 448b, 146; Juanita Heyerman 46; Michael Ryan 163b; Ron Bornick 87, 86; Kshama Ananthapura 142, 475; Ellen Flanders 148, 273; Hannah Coyle 299, 410t; George Seiler 347, 183; Eileen Metzger 30t; Laura Timmerman 229; Bob Mills 300. George Seiler offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Michael Ryan called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 268. Leaders: Mary Ann Morrison 269; Dan Hertzler 503; Barbara Swetman 448t; Edith Berger 137; Jean Seiler 200; Michael Ryan 455; Dennis Leipold 254; Andrew Magee 399b; Kshama Ananthapura 384; Ron Bornick 454; Juanita Heyerman 523; Jenna Strizak 277; Patricia Geritz 479; Linda Shea 89; Thom Metzger 274t; Ellen Flanders 274b; Hannah Coyle 282; Regina Daly 162; George Seiler 168. Announcements of singings were made.

RECESS

George Seiler called the class to order leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Eileen Metzger 504; Dan Hertzler 319; Bob Mills 160b; Mary Ann Morrison and Rob Morrison 344; Edith Berger 84; Dennis Leipold 542; Michael Ryan 163t; Barbara Swetman 203; Laura Timmerman 499; Andrew Magee 376; Kshama Ananthapura 379; Juanita Heyerman 45t; Jenna Strizak 195; Ron Bornick 228; Linda Shea 100; Thom Metzger 198; Jean Seiler 472; Patricia Geritz 192; Ellen Flanders 217. Michael Ryan led song on page 62 for the closing song as the class took the parting hand. David Lockwood dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Michael Ryan; Secretary—Jean Seiler.

EXETER SINGING

Exeter Friends' Meetinghouse, Exeter Township,
Berks County, Pennsylvania
Saturday, June 8, 2002

The Exeter Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Chairman Ted Stokes leading song on 39t, followed by a welcome to all the singers. In the manner of Friends, a brief period of silence was observed.

Leaders: Molly Sayvetz 40; Elizabeth Stokes 102; Laura Densmore 47b; Ginny Landgraf 368; Dembie 45t; Susan Munch 312b; Doron Henkin 160b; Diane Mennella 77b; Guy Banks 63; Frank Totten 99; Tom Maher 107; Claire Maher 106; Ted Stokes 31t; Molly Sayvetz 254; Elizabeth Stokes 122; Laura Densmore 297; Ginny Landgraf 270; Diane Mennella 142.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Claire Maher leading song on page 66. Leaders: Susan Munch 148; Doron Henkin 327; Guy Banks 143; Ted Stokes 445; Frank

Totten and Diane Mennella 436; Molly Sayvetz 149; Elizabeth Stokes and Guy Bankes 68b; Laura Densmore 64; Ginny Landgraf 210; Diane Mennella 65; Claire Maher 92; Dembie 457; Susan Munch 178; Guy Bankes 486; Tom Maher and Diane Mennella 340; Frank Totten and Ginny Landgraf 328; Molly Sayvetz 501.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Ted Stokes leading song on page 59. Leaders: Elizabeth Stokes 159; Laura Densmore 150; Ginny Landgraf 447; Diane Mennella 37; Claire Maher 84; Dembie 268; Betty Hanf 479; Ted Stokes 48t; Guy Bankes 556; Tom Maher 127; Frank Totten 158; Susan Munch 81t; Molly Sayvetz 81b; Elizabeth Stokes 430; Laura Densmore 528; Ginny Landgraf 26; Diane Mennella 137; Claire Maher 344; Betty Hanf 49b; Ted Stokes 163b; Carl Baron 117.

RECESS

Molly Sayvetz brought the class to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Tom Maher 34t; Frank Totten 170; Molly Sayvetz 335; Susan Munch 101b; Laura Densmore 228; Ginny Landgraf 503; Diane Mennella 354t; Claire Maher 86; Betty Hanf 481; Tom Maher 33b; Frank Totten 326; Molly Sayvetz 484; Susan Munch 191; Laura Densmore 475.

In the manner of Friends, the class was dismissed after a few minutes of silent prayer. Chairman -Ted Stokes; Secretary—Laura Densmore.

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

Oneonta, Alabama

June 8-9, 2002

Saturday, June 8

The fifty-sixth session of the annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 30b; Jewel Wootten 63, 317; Dwight Phillips 290, 45t; Douglas Conn 391, 399; Hershell King 35, 426t; S.T. Reed 43, 42; Daphene Causey 203, 216; Henry Johnson 341, 88t; Genora Whitworth 212, 131b.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class together leading song on page 144.

A motion was made to go into a business session. Officers elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Chris Green;

Secretaries—Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Terry Hullett; Memorial Committee—Linda Thomas and Elder Philip Gilmore.

Leaders: Chris Green 418, 348b; Bud Oliver 145b, 39b; Judy Caudle 540, 451; Glenn Keeton 354t, 475; Shelbie Sheppard 277; Shelbie Sheppard and Linda Thomas 106; Carlene Griffin 146, 171; Jeff Sheppard 137, 189; Milton Oliver 321; Eloise Wootten 384; Elder J.L. Hopper 149, 369.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Chris Green leading song on page 388. Leaders: Mark Green 460, 143; Shane Wootten 153, 224; Laura Clawson 73t, 228; Mitchell Brothers and Chris Green 72b; Cassie Franklin 166, 175; Lela Crowder 31t, 300; Loyd Ivey 89, 420; Floy Wilder 142; Charlene Wallace 186, 283; Nate Green and Norma Green 96, 358; Dennis George 378b, 373.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Terry Hullett leading song on page 61. Leaders: James Cain 480, 218; David Carlton 344, 332; Margaret Spurlock 112; Bob Watkins 314, 235; Chita Blakeley 430; LaRue Allen 316; Eugene Forbes 208, 80; Brenda Merritt 336, 192; Tommie Spurlock 215, 217; John Merritt “Nettie”, “Confederate Memorial Lesson”; Billy Williams 154, 161; Gene Wootten, Virginia Dale Glass,

Terry Hullett, and Jewel Wootten 28b, 147b (in memory of Freeman Wootten); Elder Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 317, 270; Sandie Scott 318, 282; Calvin Phillips 406; Jonathan Blakeley 81t, 129.

Terry Hullett and Chris Green led song on page 87 as the closing song, and Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 9

Terry Hullett brought the class to order leading song on page 32t. Marlin Beasley offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 73t; Chris Green 82t, 37b; Jewel Wootten 288, 176t; Paula Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 39t, 38b; Neila Nicholson 87; Doug Conn 277, 67t; Dwight Phillips 49b, 290; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class to order leading song on page 75. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 426, 434; Taylor Cobb 310; Nate Green and Norma Green 114, 345t; Randall Smith 155, 300; Genora Whitworth 136, 176b; B.J. Green 127, 358; Beecher Yancy 48t, 565; Syble Adams 448b, 99; Phil Summerlin 348b, 270; Rodney Ivey 35, 475; Buell Cobb 138b, 74b.

Linda Thomas and Elder Philip Gilmore conducted the memorial lesson. Philip Gilmore made comments, and quoted scripture from John 16:33. "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

The deceased remembered were: Roie Alexander, Freeman Wootten, Lydia Baswell, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Martha Ann George, Frances Lee, and Arvie Battles. The Alexander family led song on page 145b in memory of Roie Alexander. Terry Hullett and Syble Adams led song on page 128 in memory of Freeman Wootten and song on page 441 in memory of Freeman Wootten and Roie Alexander. Vella Dailey led song on page 452 in memory of her mother, Lydia Baswell. Dwight Phillips, Betty Sue Johnson, and Mary Ann Holmes led songs on pages 137, 45t, and 119 in memory of their parents, Virgil and Ruby Phillips, and Allen Phillips, grandson of Virgil and Ruby Phillips. Philip Gilmore led song on page 68b in memory of Roie Alexander, his father-in-law and for the other deceased. Linda Thomas, Rodney Ivey, and Philip Gilmore led 517 (WB) for the sick and shut-ins: Eldora Moody, Calvin Phillips, Clark Phillips, Pearl Gallbreath, and Alvin Hill. The memorial was closed.

Buell Cobb presented the family of Virgil and Ruby Phillips a plaque from the Sacred Harp Publishing Company for their dedication to Sacred Harp singing.

LUNCH

Chris Green brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 101t and 144 (in memory of his grandfather, Homer Murphree).

Leaders: Doyle Alexander 283, 424; Pam Green 111t, 354b; Amanda Denson 31t, 47t; Chita Blakeley 196, 56b; Carmon Brothers 340, 112; Katrina Holmes 63, 59; Susan Harcrow 426b (in memory of Eloise Watkins), 186, 408; Vella Dailey 84, 46; Kassie Holmes 159; Butch White 77t, 47b; Elder Ricky Harcrow 445, "Shall We Gather At The River", 339 (in memory of Wallace Keener); Linda Thomas and Terry Hullett "Sweet By And By"; Syble Adams 505 (CB), 512 (WB); Philip Gilmore 519 (WB), 517 (WB); Rodney Ivey 486t (WB), 491b (WB).

Terry Hullett and Chris Green led song on page 62 as the closing song, and Elder Ricky Harcrow dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Chris Green; Secretaries—Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore.

NEW HOPE MEMORIAL SINGING
East of Villa Rica, Georgia, off U.S. Highway 78
June 9, 2002

The New Hope Primitive Baptist Church Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the second Sunday in June. Hugh McGraw called the class to order leading songs on pages 213t and 97. Felton Denney led the class in the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tommy McGraw 76b, 81t, 475; Charlene Wallace 36b, 40, 49t; Teenie Moody 59, 100, 101t; Bobby Jackson 32t, 34t, 445; Margie Smith 31b, 313t, 569b; Mary Florence Smith 63, 72b, 155, 448b; Everette Denney 171, 335, 119; Eunice Webb 225t, 208, 318; Reba Norton 61, 127, 460.

RECESS

The class was called together by Hugh McGraw leading song on page 64.

The business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Hugh McGraw; Vice Chairman—Tommy McGraw;

Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

Leaders: Felton Denney 277, 489, 143; Earlis McGraw and Coty Simpson 163t, 271t, 435; Laura Frey 117, 163b, 358; Lisa Webb 162, 369, 178; B.M. Smith 284, 497, 566.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Tommy McGraw leading songs on pages 99 and 30t.

Leaders: Rita Haley 268, 276, 300; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 112, 389; Sheri Taylor 77t, 203, 332; Karen Rollins 34b, 373, 222 (for her mother, Vivian Rogers); Charles Woods 312 (for Gladys McGraw), 457 (in memory of his mother, Berta Woods); Wesley Haley 45t, 198; Carlene Griffin 70, 146, 106.

Hugh McGraw and Mrs. Frances Languirando spoke on the history of the church cemetery and singing. The church was built in 1828, and the singing started in 1868.

Leaders: Celia Sanders 339, 168; Mary Florence Smith 302, 148 (for Mozelle Sheppard and Ike Stanford); Eunice Webb 73b (for Alice Edwards); Everette Denney 274t; Laura Frey 408; Lonnie Rogers 348b; Rita Haley 503; Felton Denney 549; Charles Woods 160t.

Announcements were made. By request, Tommy McGraw led song on page 358 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Hugh McGraw; Vice Chairman—Tommy McGraw;

Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Alpharetta, Georgia
June 9, 2002

The one hundred thirty-fourth annual session was held at the Alpharetta Municipal Building in Alpharetta, Georgia, and Chairman Richard DeLong brought the class to order leading song on page 32t. Reuben Ball offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Richard DeLong 101t, 127; Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong 177, 171, 318; Dianne Walls 334, 284, 392; Loy Garrison 59, 68, 74b; Lee Rogers 64, 230, 475; Brady DeLong 47t, 36b, 317; Mike Castleberry 294 (for Bob Shivers), 480, 384.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading songs on pages 166 and 73t.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 503, 287, 497; Andrew Snyder 77t, 84, 159; Dan Bailey 145t (in memory of Jack Smith), 515b, 569b; Otis Hester 229, 542, 137, 288.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 81t. Leaders: Scott DePoy 201, 72b (for his mother, Barbara DePoy); Helen Bryson 163t, 340 (in memory of her aunts, Myrtle Bryson and Ellen Nash), 300; Judy Mincey 523, 489; Violet Thomason 189, 112, 434; Jeannette DePoy 566, 430, 117; Janice Paulk 337, 274b, 275b; Faye Holbrook 455, 380, 45t; Andy Anderson 535, 146.

Richard DeLong held the memorial lesson with remarks remembering all those singers who supported this singing all their lives and how much harder it is to sing “at home” where you are constantly reminded of those who have now departed. Richard DeLong led song on page 339 for the deceased and for the sick and shut-ins.
RECESS

Kenneth DeLong called the class to order leading songs on pages 402 and 439. Leaders: Reuben Ball 490, 544, 565; Otis Hester and Polly Hester 276, 277, 142, 143; Jack Paulk 147t, 73b; Robert Kendrick 153, 354b; Violet Thomason 343; Kevin Webb 274t; Susan Posey 40, 452.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers for next year’s session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson. Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led song on page 69t for the closing song, and Mrs. Ruth Wills dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Kenneth DeLong;
Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

MOUNT VERNON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Near Cullman, Alabama, On Highway 69 East** **June 9, 2002**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Mount Vernon Primitive Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in June. The class was called to order by David Roberson leading song on page 35. Clayton Ezell offered the opening prayer. David Roberson extended a very warm welcome to everyone, and led song on page 274t.

Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman—David Roberson; Vice Chairman—Edis Guthrie; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee—Gennie Nelms.

Leaders: Edis Guthrie 29t, 81t; Gordon Wilkinson 208, 217; Elvin Guthrie 186, 187; Janet Shipp 200, 215, 358; Judy Caudle 78, 517 (WB); Clayton Ezell 231, 390.

RECESS

David Roberson called the class back to order leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Ellis Shipp 108b, 312b; David Light 200, 110; Eldagene Roberson 175, 313t; Manilia Hudson and Caleb Hudson 551, 68b; Harlie Moon 59, 45t; Hershell King 97, 340; Billy Williams 89, 101t; Gennie Nelms 354, 37b, 391. Judy Caudle and Gennie Nelms led song on page 712 from the church hymnal.

LUNCH

David Roberson called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 87. Leaders: Elder J.L. Hopper 85, 394; Marie Guthrie 222, 189; Gordon Wilkinson 112; Elvin Guthrie 225t; Judy Caudle 276; David Light 192; Clayton Ezell 475; Manilia Hudson 30t; Eldagene Roberson 100; Hershell King 34t; Elder J.L. Hopper 34, 61, 108, 66; Gordon Wilkinson 34b.

Announcements were made. David Roberson led song on page 120 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—David Roberson; Vice Chairman—Edis Guthrie; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL

**Pleasant Hill (Johnson Schoolhouse), Fayette County, Alabama
June 9, 2002**

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp singing at Pleasant Hill (Johnson Schoolhouse) was held on the second Sunday in June, and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Elene Stovall leading song on page 36b. Harrison Creel led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 171; Glenn Keeton 163b, 117; Amber Springfield 318; Max Berueffy 101t, 30t; John Hyde 313t, 159; S.T. Reed 214, 567; Gravis Ballinger 78, 34b; Wilton Donaldson 317, 566; Willodean Barton 314, 480; Ivalene Donaldson 270; Milton Oliver 224; Travis Keeton 179, 129; Earl Ballinger 80b, 81t; Ken Tate 128, 215; Lena Keeton 425, 460.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton brought the class back to order leading song on page 300. Leaders: Latrina Bailey 384, 358; Faye Donaldson 430, 299; Lavaughn Ballinger 401, 84; Clarence McCool 73t, 68b; Edith Tate 532, 336; Dennis George 110, 142; Flarce Creel, Cassie Franklin, and Emily Creel 39b, 178; Laura Clawson 112, 27; Julie Poston 274t; Margaret Keeton 91; Toney Smith 218, 225t; Allison Davis 373, 436; Elene Stovall and Lucy Heidorn 217 (in memory of D.M. Aldridge, Marie Aldridge, and Robert Aldridge).

LUNCH

Elene Stovall called the class to order leading song on page 316. Leaders: Max Berueffy, Erica Parsons, and Florian Stamm 189; Stuart Ivey 186; Larry Ballinger 327; Bud Oliver 332, 42; Danny Creel and Emily Creel 269; Joan Aldridge 192; Lela Crowder 546; Lucy Heidorn 155; Ozella Blackmon 418; Josie Hyde 507; Reba Dell Windom 316, 196; Harrison Creel 111b, 89; Lisa Geist 528; Karen Ivey 288; Stuart Ivey and Karen Ivey 182; Wanda Capps 222; David Ivey 484, 475 (by request); Cassie Franklin 240, 530, 304; Linton Ballinger 208; John Merritt 294, 312b; Ottis Sides 75, 97; Shirley McCoy and Elene Stovall 382; Fred Killingsworth and Earl Ballinger 87; Fred Killingsworth, Jr. and Elene Stovall 36b.

Announcements were made. Elene Stovall, Max Berueffy, and Glenn Keeton led song on page 45t as the closing song. Fred Killingsworth, Jr. dismissed the class with prayer

Chairperson—Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Amber Springfield.

NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama

June 13-15, 2002

Thursday, June 13

The twenty-third session of the National Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Chairman Buell Cobb, who led song on page 52t. John Hollingsworth led the class in morning prayer. Leaders: Mark Davis 38b; Kathy Williams 313b; Jesse Roberts 234; Dan Huger 163b; Pat Temple 145t; Don Bowen 145b; John Redman 362; Mary Wright 290; Hubert Nall 503b; Cassie Franklin 334; Linton Ballinger 144; John Merritt 68b; Bob Bonnell 348b; Daphene Causey 174; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Vernelle Amason 143; Eugene Forbes 546; Henry Guthery 532; Judy Caudle 365.

RECESS

The class was called together by Danny Creel leading song on page 76b. Leaders: B.M. Smith 28b; Catherine Rogan 196; Kurt Davis 45t; Josh Rogan 460; Reed

Coates 475; Zach Rogan 222. A business session was held with the following officers elected and appointed: Chairman—Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Chaplain—Jesse Roberts; Secretary—Kathy Williams; Arranging Committee—Cath Oss, Hubert Nall, Dan Huger, Jill Townsend, and Berkley Moore; Finance Committee—Don Bowen and John Redman; Resolutions Committee—Pat Temple and Mary Wright; Memorial Committee—Mary Florence Smith and Sandie Scott. Leaders: Nate Green 359; J.L. Hopper 407; Hilda Morrison 317; Clarence McCool 349; Edith Tate 338; Elder Donald Smith 97; David Ivey 336; Ottis Sides 530; Shirley Berrey 480; Lomax Ballinger 99; Velton Chafin 488; Ozella Blackmon 187; Ruby Bowen 324; Andrew Snyder 77t; David Carlton 278b; Bill Hogan 51; Daniel Hopper 163t; David Lee 39t; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 565; Travis Keeton 57; Janet Fraembs 335; Kay Sirco 552; Linda Sides 454. Elder Jesse Roberts led the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey opened the afternoon session leading song on page 81t. Leaders: Claire Outten 479; Dr. Bill Stewart 186; Danny Creel 269; Kermit Adams 192; Coy Ivey 384; Ginnie Ely 352; Bob Parr 112; Berkley Moore 157; Beverly Coates 142; Walter Hartley 178; Gaston White 66; Lou Cotney 218; Phill Wisor 138; Betty Jones 73t; Michelle Rogan 110; Vivian Rogan 282; Tony Singleton 496.

RECESS

Kathy Williams opened the last Thursday session leading song on page 273. Leaders: Jessica Roberts 217; Ted Johnson 430; Marlin Beasley 314; Judy Hauff 504; Sharon Kellam 260; Ila Ingle 436; Cora Sweatt 47b; Henry Bizzell 34b; Lucy Heidorn 40; Becky Briggs 318; Regina Parham 168; Julietta Haynes 216; John Hollingsworth 240.

Buell Cobb and Mark Davis led song on page 46 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Friday, June 14

Chairman Buell Cobb led song on page 31b to open Friday's session. Leaders: Mark Davis 129; Kathy Williams 131b; Jesse Roberts 250; Dan Huger 209; Patricia Temple 72b; Don Bowen 510; John Redman 146; Mary Wright 121; Hubert Nall 186; Cassie Franklin 216; Uel Freeman 65; Nate Green and Norma Green 549; Judy Mincey 571; Jeannette DePoy 339; Richard DeLong 542; Lee Rogers 424; Sally House 347; Seth Holloway 388; Charles Woods 447; Andrew Snyder 189.

RECESS

Dan Huger brought the class back to order leading song on page 501. Leaders: Helen Brown 442; Mike Hawkins 29t; H.J. Jackson 384; Robert Watkins 235; Tommie Spurlock 430; Ed Snell 335; Erskine Vandegrift 63; Jill Thompson 497; Diane Mennella 147b; Mark Brown 345b; Bernice Harvey 176b; Hannah Cooper 49b; Pauline Griggs 43; Joe Nall 211; Martha Henderson 114; Dennis George 198; Dorothea McCowan 196; Willodean Barton 82t; Steve Fletcher 272; Lela Crowder 224; Louis Hughes 448; Charles McCravy 143; Sarah Smith 337; Paul Wyatt 108b; David Light 192; LaRue Allen 302; Louise Holland 64; Floy Wilder 299; Chris Noren 383. Elder Jesse Roberts led the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called to order for the afternoon session by Jesse Roberts leading song on page 499. Leaders: Warren Steel 214; Edward Howton 436; Floy Wilder 293; Evelyn Harris 155; Ann Ballard 274t; Rodney Ivey 47t; Laura Clawson 362; Ruth Johnson 145t; Mary Florence Smith 207; Cath Oss 278t; Teenie Moody 142; Cathryn Baker 485; Elene Stovall 273; Richard Schmeidler 474; Brenda Pena 229; Ginnie Prater 220; Bruce Coates 566; Elizabeth Cusick 178; John Plunkett 360; Mark Davis 83b.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton brought the class together leading song on page 475. Leaders: Henry Johnson 418; Allison Schofield 270; Gary Rogan 100; Kennon Smith 268; Amanda Denson 385b; Eula Solomon 47b; Jim Helke 350; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 122; Sandie Scott 45t; Jenny Acton 340; B.J. Harris 303; Nancy Yeager 523; Andrew Farris 147t; Alexandra Gilmore 95; David Yeager 148; Elric Elius 495.

Buell Cobb and Mark Davis led song on page 294 to close Friday's session. Closing prayer was led by Chaplain Elder Jesse Roberts.

Saturday, June 15

Saturday's session of the convention was called together by Chairman Buell Cobb leading song on page 312b. Elder Jesse Roberts led the morning prayer. Leaders: Phil Summerlin 35; Diane Wall 392; Toney Smith 326; Ron Harper 569b; Nell Estes 192; Susan Harcrow 436; Edna Phillips 490; Ginnie Ely 349; Phillip Langley 542; Harry Eskew 146; Kay Sirco 296; Charlene Wallace 276; Helen Brown 411; Ted Johnson 419; Lou Cotney 189; Richard DeLong 123; Ruth Cooper 200; Andrew Snyder 347; Marlin Beasley 408; Tony Singleton 277; Sharon Kellam 66t; Judith Green 384; Jill Thompson 454.

RECESS

Gary Smith brought the class back to order leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Judy Hauff 254; Cathryn Baker 472; Hugh McGraw 354b.

The Memorial Lesson followed. The list of deceased was read: Hubert Anderson, Delores Canady, Ethel McGough, Helen Connor Smith, Helen Smith Hall, Tommye Denson Mauldin, Doris Newton Vickery, Milford Watts, George Cox, Polly Moore, Dr. James L. Howell, Freeman Wootten, Roie Alexander, Lydia Phillips Baswell, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, and Elizabeth Rose Acton—Alabama; Verdine McGraw Woods and Virginia Redman—Georgia; Winifred Bruner—Iowa; Nobie Smith—Texas; Jerilyn Schumacher and John Bailey—Illinois; Richard Hooke—Massachusetts; Frances Beasley Lee—Florida; Frank Sills—Tennessee; Barbara Griggs, Winston Renford Smith, Ralph Lynn, and Joan Gillanders—United Kingdom; the victims of 9/11/01. Mary Florence Smith and Sandie Scott made comments about the Sacred Harp tradition of remembering the deceased in the memorial lesson, and then led songs on pages 122 and 426 for the deceased and for the sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Kathy Williams 340; Jack Pate 348b; Michelle Rogan 323; Hannah Cooper 148; Bob Parr 288; Steve Fletcher 48t; Henry Johnson 375; John Plunkett 297; Lena Keeton 475; Jessica Roberts 181; Vivian Rogan 535b; Cath Oss 56b; Daphene Causey 140; Josh Rogan 53; Walter Hartley 452; Gaston White 236; Phill Wisor 319. Elder Jesse Roberts led the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Dennis George brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 217. Leaders: Elene Stovall 430; Beverly Coates 481; Jim Helke 390; Diane Mennella 564; John Hollingsworth 358; Henry Bizzell 127; Robert Simmons 532; Liz Bryant 492; Reed Coates 182; Catherine Rogan 203; Jarrod George 300; Zach Rogan 215; Allison Schofield 440; David Yeager 267; Lela Crowder and Laura Clawson 274t; Martha Henderson 428; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 77t; Richard Schmeidler 84; Brenda Pena 341; Paul Wyatt 441.

RECESS

Chris Noren reconvened the class leading song on page 99. Leaders: Alexandra Gilmore 47b; Bruce Coates 48b; Mattie Townsel 137; Michelle Rogan 196; Ashley Keeton and Glenn Keeton 504; Elric Elius 209; Rodney Ivey and Robert Watkins 222; Cora Sweatt 445; Betty Jones 421; Teenie Moody 224; Gary Rogan 56t; Eugene Forbes 551; Julietta Haynes 269; Ila Ingle 442; Bill Hollingsworth 500.

The convention went into a business session to hear committee reports. The Finance Committee report was given by John Redman and Don Bowen who reported that contributions were such that all expenses of the convention were met. Resolutions Committee Report. Be it resolved that this convention:

- Renders grateful thanks to God, whose presence among the singers assembled here from many places, has graced us with a true sense of fellowship and community.
- Gives gratitude to those persons whose hard work has smoothed the way for all of us to enjoy this singing fellowship. In particular, thanks be given to: the Arranging Committee; Finance Committee; Memorial Committee; the food suppliers, all those wonderful cooks who have fed us so royally these days, ably organized by Ann Ballard and Charlie Ballard.
- Respectfully thanks those talented individuals whose pitching has guided us throughout the convention.
- Expresses its delight in the fellowship felt each day, realizing that much of it is due to the hand of Buell Cobb and his loyal, efficient, patient, and talented officers.

Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Committee, Patricia Temple and Mary Wright.

Secretary Kathy Williams gave the following report: 467 people from 18 states, United Kingdom, and Australia registered during the three-day convention. Of those, 140 leaders stood in the square, leading 245 songs. The numbers by states and countries were: Alabama—324; Georgia—50; Massachusetts—13; Texas—12; Tennessee—10; Florida—10; Illinois—8; Mississippi—6; Louisiana—4; New York—3; North Carolina—3; Maryland—2; Minnesota—2; Virginia—2; New Mexico—1; Washington—1; South Carolina—1; Kentucky—1; United Kingdom—8; Australia—4.

A motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted and added to the minutes. The business session was closed.

The officers led song on page 62 as the closing song as those who wished took the parting hand to close the convention. Chaplain Jesse Roberts led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Chaplain—Elder Jesse Roberts; Secretary—Kathy Williams.

MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL SINGING **Addington Chapel, Cullman, Alabama** **Saturday, June 15, 2002**

The Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial Singing was held at Addington Chapel on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. Velton Chafin called the class to order by leading song on page 28t. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams.

Leaders: Danny Creel 123; Wilton Donaldson 225t, 348b; Uel Freeman 64, 65; Winell Sanders 108t; David Roberson 340, 274t; Ivalene Donaldson 42, 77t; Flarce Creel 275b, 299; Brenda Merritt 189, 336; Hershell King 35, 97; Travis Keeton 235, 129; Judy Caudle 283, 76t; Willodean Barton 314, 290.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class back to order leading song on page 89. Leaders: Ruth Noles 426b, 441; Larry Ballinger 158; Elder J.L. Hopper 402, 204; Kenneth Tate 343; Marie Guthrie 434, 389; Jackie Tanner 37b, 56t; Ann Jett 327, 269; Corene

White 171; Ozella Blackmon 335, 282; Cassie Franklin 34t, 480; Lucy Heidorn 186, 371; Shelley Capps 100, 47t; Lisa Geist, Rebecca Gottschalk, and June Ray 546, 288; Wanda Capps 53, 454; Eldagene Roberson 142, 313t; Cindy Tanner 73b, 157; Edith Tate 73t, 137.

LUNCH

Danny Creel called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 76b.

Leaders: Butch White 74b, 159; Elsie Moon 31t; Margaret Keeton 31b, 276; Billy Williams 28b; Elder J.L. Hopper 461; Travis Keeton 179.

Announcements were made. Danny Creel led song on page 47b as the closing song.

Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. The singing closed early so that the singers could attend a funeral that afternoon.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Roopville, near Ephesus, Georgia

June 16, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in June at the Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Roopville, near Ephesus, Georgia. Lonnie Rogers called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading songs on pages 75 and 106. Vice Chairman Felton Denney led songs on pages 31b and 277 and offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman—Felton Denney; Secretary—Karen Rollins; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith; Memorial Committee—Karleen Williams.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t, 204; Kathy Williams 276, 53; Hugh McGraw 235 (for George Rogers who was unable to attend); Karen Rollins 489, 143 (for her mother, Vivian Rogers); Margie Smith 393; Karleen Williams 136, 290 (for George Rogers); Jeff Sheppard 234, 232; Carlene Griffin 283, 77b; Louis Hughes, Jr. 138b, 31t; Shelbie Sheppard 327, 326.

RECESS

Lonnie Rogers brought the class to order leading song on page 298. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 267, 225t (for Gladys McGraw, Revy Williamson, and Reba Stanford); Everette Denney 127, 490; grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Felton Denney 294, 405; Berkley Moore 197, 348b; Rita Haley 268, 384; Louis Hughes, Sr. 74b, 201 (in memory of Polly Moore).

Chuck White gave a report for the committee that oversees the church. There is \$2,420.76 in a checking account at BB&T; \$2,284.74 in Regions bank; and 2 CDs at Regions bank worth \$12,065.19 and \$10,161.05. There are no current members of the church.

LUNCH

Felton Denney brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 299.

Leaders: Eunice Webb 284, 512; Bobby Jackson 568, 569b; Mary Florence Smith 289, 40.

Karleen Williams conducted the memorial lesson and spoke about the sacredness of the grounds of Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 335 for the deceased: Curtis Rogers, Lucille Bentley Cospers, Travis Kelley, Wilford Denney, Opal Bonner, Polly Moore, Jack Williams, and S.T. McClendon.

Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Louvorn, and Denney Rogers led song on page 45t for the sick and shut-ins: Ike Stanford, Lindy Stanford,

Jo Thornton, Mozelle Sheppard, and Vivian Rogers. Felton Denney closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Wesley Haley 282, 34b; Louise Holland 35, 273; Tommy McGraw 58, 477; Nancy Yeager 452b, 303; Oscar McGuire 344, 441; Josephine Denney 147t, 341; David Yeager 448, 504; John Plunkett 569t, 539; Phillip Langley 142, 271t; Jimmie Denney 155, 313t; Rev. Gerald Rogers and Harold Rogers 59, 294; Philip Denney 84; Richard DeLong 467 (for Alice Edwards); Webster Denney 345b, 339; Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, and Denney Rogers 318 (by request for Vivian Rogers).

Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers, Felton Denney, and Louis Hughes, Sr. led song on page 343 as the closing song. Louis Hughes, Sr. dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman—Felton Denney; Secretary—Karen Rollins.

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Section, Alabama

June 16, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was called to order by Chairman Dennis George leading song on page 82t. Lamar Smith led the class in the morning prayer.

Leaders: Dennis George 81t; Bud Oliver 32t, 39b; Randall Smith and Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Boyd Scott 68b, 127; Tommy George 354b; Jarrod George 358, 270; Jackson Harcrow 274t, 63; Milton Oliver 224; Russell Varner 101t; Bob Harper and L.O. Harper 45t, 48t; Stuart Ivey 171, 189; Donna Wootten 335, 155.

RECESS

Dennis George brought the class to order leading song on page 124. Leaders: Aaron Wootten 128; Coy Ivey and Lela Crowder 59, 99; Hayden Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Jared Wootten 282; Henry Johnson 539; Loretta Smith 37b; Martha Henderson 499b, 406; Joel Jenkins 480, 35; Elvie Elias 448t, 300; Sandra Jordan 47t; Shane Wootten 276; Betty Shepherd 216; Eloise Wootten 318.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 517 (WB). Leaders: Mark Brown, Andrew Brown, Rebecca Brown, and Maltese Brown 145, 49b; Terry Wootten 131; Sarah Jenkins 222; David Ivey 172; Wayne Wootten 31t; Allison Schofield 67, 542; Phill Wisor 285; Laura Clawson 29t; Ruth Hancock 490; Alexa Gilmore 33b, 330t; Max Berueffy 564; Karen Ivey and Coy Ivey 405, 384; Lela Crowder 106; Elene Stovall 142; Jackie Tanner 182; Nate Green and Norma Green 147b, 112; Syble Adams 203, 49b; Marlon Wootten 426t; S.T. Reed 284; Cindy Tanner 507; Susan Harcrow 426b; Rodney Ivey 512; Shane Wootten 492 (WB); Dennis George 568.

Announcements were made. Dennis George led 501 (CB) as the closing song. S.T. Reed led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dennis George; Vice Chairman—Jarrod George; Secretary—Sandra Jordan.

CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL
King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church),
Natural Bridge, Alabama
June 16, 2002

The ninety-fourth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Natural Bridge, Alabama on the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. Velton Chafin led the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 566.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Arranging Committee—Faye Donaldson and Josie Hyde; Secretary—Debbie Wakefield.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 146; John Merritt 329, 294, 168 (in memory of Gene Wakefield), 284; Chris Rice 384, 276; Willodean Barton 460, 349; Velton Chafin 348, 34b; Jayne Fulmer 203, 300; Kermit Adams 192, 78; John Hyde 124, 297; Brenda Merritt 332, 277.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading song on page 129. Leaders: Lavaughn Ballinger 401, 424; Roma Rice 157, 327; Ila Ingle 145b, 335; Earl Ballinger 331, 155; Debbie Wakefield 546, 436; Larry Ballinger 49, 425, 45b; the family of the late Sim and Catherine Wakefield (Cecil Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Julie Poston, Wayne Wakefield, Faye Donaldson, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, Wendell Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Debbie Wakefield, and Kathy Wakefield) 333, 153, 339, 480, 408.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the afternoon session to order leading songs on page 104 and 209. Leaders: Latrive Bailey 36b, 111t; Sharon Spangler 282, 290; John Merritt 101t; Jayne Fulmer 99; Chris Rice 34t; Brenda Merritt 274; Larry Ballinger 119; Faye Donaldson 270, 213t; Lavaughn Ballinger 63; Ila Ingle 87; Velton Chafin 68b; Earl Ballinger 40; Roma Rice 109; Cecil Wakefield 491, 268; Betty Baccus 396, 454, 426t (in memory of Gene Wakefield); Clara Stults 288, 100; Helen Langston 391, 505 (CB); Wendell Wakefield 108b, 421; Larry Wakefield 569b, 400; Debbie Wakefield 426b; Josie Hyde 73t, 43.

Travis Keeton led song on page 44 as the closing song in memory of Elmer Conwill. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class in prayer.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Secretary—Debbie Wakefield.

LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Empire, Walker County, Alabama
June 16, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Henry Guthery leading songs on pages 59 and 283. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 213t, 138b; Jim Hendrick 30t, 37b; Cecil Sanders 225t; Betty Jones 361, 375; Robert Done 178, 163b; Billy Williams 213b, 161; Julianna Jett 88t, 146; Bob Parr 200, 39b; Gene Hauptmann 34b, 149, 99; Steve Fletcher 448b, 148; Geoff Himes 128, 268.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Harrison Creel leading song on page 111b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Kathleen Robbins.

Leaders: Harrison Creel, Danny Creel, Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, Cassie Franklin, and Emily Creel 342; Cassie Franklin 74b, 76b; Ann Jett 339, 327; Edith Tate 336, 192; Tony Singleton 86, 300; Mary Wright 108t, 71; Wanda Capps 142, 430; Diane Mennella 314, 340; Gary Smith 523, 31t; Sarah Smith 100, 61; Flarce Creel 475.

LUNCH

Harrison Creel called the class back for the afternoon session leading song on page 498. Leaders: Chip Ward 442, 222; Helen Brown 373, 53; Kathleen Robbins 434, 45t; Pat Temple 457, 312; Buell Cobb 83t, 107; Elsie Beasley 192, 460; Cathryn Baker 91, 318; Jill Thompson 473, 198; Emily Creel 480, 276; Terre Schill 225b, 329; Hannah Cooper 40, 276; Ruth Cooper 559, 36b; Ginnie Ely 564, 313t; Ken Tate 503; Danny Creel 383, 269; Kay Sirco 143, 84; Brenda Pena 569t, 490; Richard Schmeidler 120, 155; Sherry Turner 546; Chris Green 176b.

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led song on page 521 as the closing song. Brother G.C. Brumly offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Kathleen Robbins.

OXFORD SACRED HARP SINGING **Seacourt Hall, Botley, Oxford, England** **Saturday, June 22, 2002**

The fourth Annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Chairman Edwin Macadam called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 287. Alan Weeks offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sheila Girling Smith 535; Bernard Collard 32t; Rachel Jordan 66; Judy Whiting 171; Alan Weeks and Lin Cawthorne 34b; Steve Fletcher 48t; Mick Verrier 201; Ros Clements 510; Claire Singleton 40; Ian West 30t; Arwen Lockley 335; Margaret Gillanders 49t; Ruth Cooper 441; Jon Price 454; Phil Tyler 40; Mandy Townsend 318.

RECESS

Ken Baddley called the class back to order leading song on page 481. Leaders: Adrian Bolge 147; Paul Setford 448t; Sheila Girling Smith 142; Bernard Collard 34t; Edwin Macadam 538; Rachel Jordan 155 (for her son, Dafydd Charles); Judy Whiting 222; Alan Weeks 228; Emily Verrier and her father, Mick 146; Steve Fletcher 38b; Ros Clements 50b; Mick Verrier 272; Claire Singleton 86; Ian West 480; Arwen Lockley 47t; Margaret Gillanders 515; Ruth Cooper 273; Jon Price 49b; Phil Tyler 101t; Mandy Townsend 106; Ken Baddley 350 (for Claire Singleton, about to move from England to New Mexico); Adrian Bolge 452b; Paul Setford 497; Bernard Collard 63; Rachel Jordan 269; Sally Jones and Mick Verrier 122; Alan Weeks 84; Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Smith “Shelwin Grace” (composed by Christopher Gardner).

LUNCH

At the end of the lunch break, the class was taught a new song, “New England”, by the composer, Mick Verrier.

The afternoon session resumed with Edwin Macadam leading song on page 150.

Leaders: Judy Whiting 523b; Rachel Jordan 503; Steve Fletcher 36b.

Ken Baddley conducted the memorial lesson, recalling the words of Tom Mitchell, posted after his near-fatal heart attack a month earlier, and reminding us that life is not a rehearsal. “For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward [man] is renewed day by day.” Ken Baddley read the list of names of

the deceased and led song on page 163b. Those remembered: Tony Rose, Tony Jenner, Barbara Griggs, Winston Renford Smith, Ralph Lynn, Dudley Moore, Nesrin Boyson, Kenneth Annable, Christopher Turner, Joan Gillanders, Ray Stride, Vera Richardson, Leslie Greaves, and Marilyn Hood (Florida).

The sick and housebound were recalled by Bernard Collard, who exhorted us to be true to ourselves and to God. Those remembered were: Richard DeLong, Gordon Ashman, Roy Bryan, Sue Gould, Helen Bray, Leon Treloar, Liz Rowe, Win Tyler, Tom Mitchell, Mary Collins, Tom Mattock, and Helen Brown. Sheila Girling Smith led song on page 68b. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Ruth Cooper 178; Mandy Townsend 442; Jon Price 299; Ros Clements 143; Dave Green 31t; Claire Singleton 148; Ian West 312b.

RECESS

The afternoon session resumed with Mick Verrier leading song on page 107.

Leaders: Bernard Collard 347; Arwen Lockley 288; Margaret Gillanders 99; Phil Tyler 348b; Ken Baddley 504; Adrian Bolge 370; Paul Setford 114; Sheila Girling Smith 37b; Edwin Macadam 236.

RECESS

Announcements were made and invitations extended to other Sacred Harp singing events around the country.

Leaders: Judy Whiting 546; Claire Singleton 294; Ruth Cooper 349; Steve Fletcher 277; Bernard Collard 474; Ken Baddley 27; Alan Weeks 291; Rachel Jordan 189.

In recognition of the class's enjoyment of his composition, Mick Verrier was asked to lead "New England" again.

Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Smith thanked all those who had:

- Helped during the day;
- Everyone for coming; and
- For the continued support, not only of the annual singing day, but of the monthly Sacred Harp singing sessions held in their home, now in their fourth year.

Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Smith led song on page 198 as the closing song especially for Helen Brown, unable to be present through ill-health. Ken Baddley led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Secretary—Sheila Girling Smith.

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama Saturday, June 22, 2002

The first session of the annual singing at Salem United Methodist Church in Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama was called to order by Henry Johnson leading song on page 59. Pastor Jack Gilbreath extended a very warm welcome to everyone who came, and offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffery Richardson; Secretary—Ceil Morrison; Chaplain—Jack Gilbreath; Welcoming Committee—Gayle Richardson; Arranging Committee—Jim Morrison.

Leaders: Jeffery Richardson, Jim Morrison, and Ceil Morrison 45t; Henry Johnson 125; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 36b; Jackie Tanner 47t; Bobby Jackson 270; Elene Stovall 39b; B.M. Smith 475; Martha Beverly 383; J.L. Hopper 163t; Mary Lambert Smith 440; Don Clark 203; LaRue Allen 142; Ted Mercer 410b; Eunice Webb 434; David Yeager 64; Judy Caudle 227; Kenneth DeLong 365; Eliza Cavanaugh 350.

RECESS

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading song on page 418, and recognized those from other states. Leaders: John Plunkett 286; Evelyn Harris 155; Eric Morgan 328; Jeannette DePoy 55; Jackson Harcrow 153; Margie Smith 499; S.T. Reed 271b; Peter Irvine 319; Nate Green and Norma Green 271, 80b; Don Bowen 137; Louis Hughes 496; Betty Shepherd 299; Ed Thacker 108t; Charlene Wallace 218; Darlene Dalton 454; Hugh McGraw 413; Lou Cotney 384; Milton Oliver 314; B.J. Harris 503; Teenie Moody 347; Ann Gilbreath 85.

At this time the floor was given over to Pastor Jack Gilbreath for the lunch prayer.

LUNCH

Dennis George brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 208. Leaders: Karen Clark 474; Verlon Stiefel and Mary Ruth Stiefel 348b; Jeff Sheppard 322; Laura Clawson 95; Philip Gilmore 39t; Judy Mincey 538; Tony Ivey 139; Syble Adams "Song of Praise"; Shelby Sheppard 272; Max Berueffy 392; Cassie Franklin 349; Bud Oliver 480; Susan Harcrow 430; Shane Wootten 172; Cindy Tanner 224; Rodney Ivey 186; Lela Crowder 168; Mark Brown 277; Sarah Jenkins 222.

RECESS

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading song on page 135. Leaders: Eloise Wootten 99; Stan Jensen and Jenny Jensen 171; Coy Ivey 486t (WB); Donna Wootten 274; May Witt and Lee Williams (Slonan twins) 215, 358; Eric Morgan 340; Bill Beverly 547; Eliza Cavanaugh 228; Peter Irvine 387; Janice Paulk 478; Judy Caudle 448t; Martha Beverly 269.

Announcements were made. Syble Adams led her own composition, "Song of Praise," by request of the congregation as the closing song. Pastor Jack Gilbreath offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffery Richardson; Secretary—Ceil Morrison.

SHADY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Winston County, Alabama

June 22-23, 2002

Saturday, June 22

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 song on page 56t. Cecil Wakefield led the morning prayer. Dawson Adams led song on page 77t.

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

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

Arranging Committee—John Hyde and Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Corene White 37b, 73t, 379; Stella Pratt 36b, 68b, 100; Wilton Donaldson 225t, 348b, 285b; Nellie Alexander 81t, 124, 340; Ivalene Donaldson 145b, 270; Roma Rice 63, 48t, 49b; Billy Williams 78.

RECESS

Chris Rice called the class back to order leading songs on pages 34t, 384, and 282.

Leaders: Winell Sanders 111b; Emily Jones 288, 212, 45t; Lera Pollock and Margaret Keeton 146 (in memory of Levi and Lucretia Godsey), 159; Kermit Adams 383, 99, 426t; Cecil Wakefield 339, 480, 153.

LUNCH

Dawson Adams called the class back to order leading song on page 147b. Leaders: Velton Chafin 425, 144, 57; Margaret Keeton 129, 127, 422; Jayne Fulmer 300, 203, 299; Julie Poston 30t; Travis Keeton 490, 335, 566; Loretta Whitman 294, 58; Jennifer Allred 192, 39t; Carol Fannin 421; Laura Hale, Ryan Hale, and Adam Hale 68b, 348b; Joan Gilbreath, Edna Earl Pace, and Pernie Pelfrey 335, 67, 47t; Lorene

Gray 111t, 457; Vernice Phillips 155, 168; Kenneth Fannin 313t, 108b; Faye Donaldson 108t, 40; John Hyde 61, 75; Josie Hyde 39b, 310.

Dawson Adams and Chris Rice led song on page 62 as the closing song. Billy Williams dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 23

Chairman Dawson Adams opened the Sunday morning session leading song on page 47t. Margaret Keeton led the morning prayer. Dawson Adams led song on page 44. Leaders: Kermit Adams 43, 40, 37b; Azilee Adams 337, 317; Travis Keeton 73t, 72b, 499; Faye Donaldson 78, 138t, 124; Margaret Keeton 89, 73b, 321; Roma Rice 52t, 290, 109; Vernice Phillips 143, 318, 112.

RECESS

Chris Rice called the class back to order leading songs on pages 312b and 371.

Leaders: Julie Poston 274t, 74b; Cecil Wakefield 61, 282, 159; Roxie Keeton 45t, 349; Joan Gilbreath 491b (WB); Barbara Cooksey 155, 108t, 43.

A memorial lesson was held for those who have passed away since last year. Roma Rice led songs on pages 39t, 145b, and 425 for the following deceased: Hubert Godsey, Milford Watts, Irene Godsey Hulsey Hipp, Mertie Mae Thomas, Roger Adams, Silas Curtis, and Morris Gray. The memorial lesson was concluded.

LUNCH

Dawson Adams called the class back to order leading songs on pages 179 and 358.

Leaders: Alicia Murray 146, 294; Loretta Whitman 129, 147t, 373; Betty Sue Claborn 59, 77t; Edith Barton, Loretta Whitman, and Nellie Alexander 101t, 81t; Ila Ingle 32t, 63, 29t; Leah Pollock, Lorene Gray, and Chris Godsey 111b, 75, 74b; Lera Pollock 312b; Carla Morris 183, 145t; Viola Young 144, 517 (WB), words of 45t sung to the tune of 146; Lera Pollock and Leah Pollock 297, 296; Josie Hyde 460, 236, 496, 457; Kermit Adams 408.

Dawson Adams led song on page 39t as the closing song. Margaret Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman—Chris Rice; Secretary—Roma Rice.

NEW HOPE CHURCH **Cullman County, Alabama** **June 23, 2002**

The sixty-eighth session of the annual singing at New Hope Church was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading song on page 312b. Elvin Guthrie led the morning prayer. Glenn Keeton led song on page 32t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman—David Roberson; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams.

Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 73b; Stella Pratt 335, 480; Ruth Smith 146, 517 (WB); Marie Guthrie 89, 35; Eldagene Roberson 63, 81t; David Roberson 274t, 274b; Aubrey Tyree 186, 189.

RECESS

Marie Guthrie brought the class to order leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Ruth Walker 290, 460; Kenneth Calvert 142, 45; Maggie Lee and Nancy Tuck 388, 358, 84; Amanda Denson 378t, 379; Buell Cobb 75, 565; Betty Shivers 454, 155; Geraldine Watkins 535, 229; Corene White 314; Amber Springfield 143, 192; Ercyl Vidrine 358, 164; Billy Williams 294.

At this time the floor was given to the church for a financial meeting for the church and cemetery. The business session was closed.

Elvin Guthrie led song on page 369.

LUNCH

Elvin Guthrie called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 448b and 482. Leaders: Joyce Hicks 210, 300; Jane Knight 218, 147; Trina Ubherty 168, 36b; Corene White 171; Butch White 74b, 159; Ruth Burluson 108, 40 (in memory of Everette Kilgo); Doc Hopper 282, 47b; Glenn Keeton 361 (for his daughter, Ashley Keeton, who was unable to attend); Amber Springfield 142; Glenn Keeton and Corene White 97; Billy Williams 64.

Announcements were made. Elvin Guthrie led song on page 46 as the closing song. Aubrey Tyree led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman—David Roberson; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Fayette, Alabama

June 23, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Linton Ballinger leading song on page 32t. James L. Ballinger led the morning prayer.

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

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Leon Ballinger; Secretary—Johnny Humber; Arranging Committee—Gravis Ballinger.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 119; Leon Ballinger 137; Johnny Humber 460; Gravis Ballinger 300; Leslie Brady 101t; Jimmy Ballinger 565; Sherry Stover 155; Emily West 222; Dwayne Ballinger 168; David Ballinger 340; Charles Humber 480; Jerry Jenkins and Jennifer Jenkins 108t; Janet Litton 371; Albert Humber 176b; Amanda Ballinger 454; Will Thompson 111b; Miranda Gilbreath 58; Beverly Nelson 299.

RECESS

Buddy Ballinger brought the class back to order leading song on page 354b. Leaders: John Merritt 358; Clarence McCool 203; Jill Ballinger, Amber Ballinger, and Tory O'dell 30t; Bill Stewart 186; Cassie Thomas 490; Coy Ivey 282; Earl Ballinger 331; Tim Cook 235; Edwin Ballinger 110; S.T. Reed 177; Randall Smith 76b; Joan Aldridge 198; Wilton Donaldson 348b.

RECESS

Ronnie Ballinger called the class back to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: Wayne Baines 59; Lavaughn Ballinger and children 45t; David White 405; Jacob Cockrell and Zackery Cockrell 454; Cassie Franklin 402; Teresa Guyton 216; Brenda Robbins and Carol Robbins 100; Velton Chafin 202; Marlon Wootten 33b; Wanda Capps 142; Jackson Harcrow 274t; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 128; Chris Ballinger 350; Robert Dupree 117.

LUNCH

Larry Ballinger brought the class back to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Clayton Ezell 182; Loyd Ivey 438; Eloise Wootten 373; Bud Oliver 343; Julietta Haynes 269; Harrison Creel 342; Rodney Ivey 212; Max Berueffy 196; Gordon Wilkinson 475; Ozella Blackmon 436; Elene Stovall 189; Nate Green and Norma Green 406; Kenneth Tate 270; Willodean Barton 416; Marlin Beasley 336; Hobert Ivey 426t; Judy Caudle 57; Henry Guthery 304; Shane Wootten 208; Susan Harcrow 192; Beth O'dell, Teresa Ballinger, and Lisa Geist 200; Ricky Harcrow 138t; Jayne Fulmer 273; Bunk Beasley 72b; Ida Lee Starnes 39b; Betty Baccus 396; Lena Keeton 298; Jack Pate 341; Ivalene Donaldson 166; Coy Ivey 284; Lisa Geist and Teresa Ballinger 327; Jackson Harcrow 354b; Shane Wootten and Loyd Ivey 424; Kate Davis 294.

Announcements of future singings were made. Larry Ballinger led song on page 46 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Leon Ballinger; Secretary—Johnny Humber.

DELONG MEMORIAL
Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia
June 23, 2002

The annual DeLong Memorial Sacred Harp singing was opened with Chairman Richard DeLong leading song on page 60. Junie Wooten offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Richard DeLong 57; Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong 303, 171; Nancy Yeager 288; Frances Mary D'Andrea 328; Andy Anderson 178; Brady DeLong 47t; Rachel Carlisle 145t; David Yeager 148; Laura Ackerman 86; Don Bowen 390; Martha Beverly 546; Scott DePoy 74b; Lee Rogers 135; Matt DeLong 530; Cathy White 270; Ted Mercer 185; Lela Crowder 131b; Bill Beverly 120; Martha Ann Stegar 84; Andrew Snyder 454; Judy Mincey 367.

A business session was conducted with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Kenneth DeLong;

Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson. Further, a motion was made and carried that today's singing be dedicated to Buck and Ollie Kinnard, long time supporters of the DeLong Memorial singing.

Kenneth DeLong put forth the following resolution for consideration. Be it resolved that:

- In appreciation of faithfulness and support in times past;
- And, because of the great love bestowed on the DeLong and Roberts families by our Heavenly Father;
- And, further since this same love has been long manifested between these two families;

That this singing, on the fourth Sunday in June at Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, be forever after known and published as the "DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing."

Voting will occur later in the day. Kenneth DeLong led song on page 318 (by special request).

RECESS

Jesse Roberts called the class to order by leading song on page 300. Leaders: Junie Wooten 503; Charlene Wallace 159; Louis Hughes 492; Jeannette DePoy 387; Earlis McGraw 225t; Jessica Roberts 306; John Plunkett 465; Carlene Griffin 276; Raymond Hamrick 78; Violet Thomason 434.

Richard DeLong conducted the memorial lesson. The deceased remembered were: Polly Moore—Alabama; Ike Stanford—Georgia; Elizabeth Wilson—New York.

Jesse Roberts asked that we also remember the DeLong men and women who have so graciously shared their love with everyone over the years, and led songs on pages 101 and 460.

This year the sick and shut-ins we remember are: Barbara DePoy, Lyndi Nix, Mozelle Sheppard, Jo Thornton, Buck Kinnard, Lois Stanford, and Frances McDaniel—Georgia; Tom Mitchell—Minnesota; John Etheridge—Florida.

Richard DeLong remarked that each of us are special and we need to appreciate each other today and tell each other just how much we mean to each other, and then led song on page 61. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Mary Lambert Smith 383; Stan Jensen 475; Faye Holbrook 532; Reuben Ball 497.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 374. Leaders: Helen Bryson 392; Dennis George 142; Shelbie Sheppard 263; Jesse Roberts 98; Laura Clawson 189; Henry Johnson 330t; Violet Thomason 170 (by special request); Jeff Sheppard 316; Mike Castleberry 354; Jenny Jensen 299; Teenie Moody 317; Dan Bailey 66; Susan Roberts 155; Janice Paulk 446; Ashley Roberts 456; Leon Carnell 481.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class back to order leading songs on pages 277 and 125. Leaders: Andy Morse 160b; Frances Carnell 543; Dennis Wall 63; Bob Goodman 34b; Diane Wall 496; Alice West 35; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 344; San Jensen and Jenny Jensen 353; Andrew Snyder 504; Matt DeLong and Richard DeLong 34t.

The business session continued with the approval of the resolution put forth by Kenneth DeLong. Hereafter, this singing will be known as the “DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing,” held at Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led song on page 146 as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

MIDWEST CONVENTION

Chicago, Illinois

June 29-30, 2002

Saturday, June 29

The seventeenth annual Midwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois, with outgoing Chair Jim Helke leading 178. The morning prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts. Leaders: Last year’s Vice Chairs Cathryn Baker and Doug Stapleton 276; Jim Swanson 564; Bruce Holmes 146; Rachel Adelstein 327; Al Frank 361; Wally Bloch 68b; Becky Allen-Powell 66; Nick Pasqual 139; Martha Henderson 428; Jeff Gauthier 436; Berkley Moore 42; Susan Geil 474; Jarrod George 300; Cathy Lutz 384; Don Keeton 32t; Bill Beverly 272.

Outgoing Chair Jim Helke called a business meeting to elect officers and committees for the convention. The officers and committees elected and appointed were: Chairs—Cathryn Baker and Doug Stapleton; Vice Chairs—Jerry Enright and Karen Freund; Secretaries—Rachel Adelstein, Judy Holst, and Karen Freund; Chaplain—Herb Schroeder; Arranging Committee—Megan Jennings, Bruce Holmes, Judy Hauff, Ted Mercer, James Page, and Richard DeLong; Memorial Committee—Kathy Williams and David Lee; Finance Committee—Randy Neufeld and Janet Miller; Resolutions Committee—Lisa Grayson.

RECESS

Cathryn Baker and Doug Stapleton called the class together leading song on page 99. Leaders: Kiri Miller 224; Steven Schmidgall 473; Leanne Wiberg 47b; Jeremy York 442; Scott DePoy 282; Gary Smith 569b; Sue Kessell 304; Judy Caudle 193; David Rust 74t; Terre Schill 234; Brad Oglesby 192; Mark Bruns 112; Samuel Sommers 426b; Randy Neufeld 32t; Louis Hughes 448t; David Wright 411; Johanna Fabke 122; Beth Todd 319; B.J. Harris 303; Herb Schroeder 56b; Beverley Rose Enright 196; Dick Dunagan 340. The lunch blessing was asked by Herb Schroeder.

LUNCH

Jerry Enright and Karen Freund called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Cathryn Baker and Doug Stapleton 318; Wanda Capps 430;

Henry Johnson 435; Jessica Roberts and Jesse Roberts 203; Gary Gronau 362; Reba Windom 216; Coy Ivey 137; Denise Kania 217; David Lee 299; Jerry Enright 168; Shelbie Sheppard 543; Dennis George 198; Kathy Williams 142; Paul Wyatt 182; LaRue Allen 528; Michele Cull 183; Pauline Childers 498; Grace Scrimgeour 33b; Ted Johnson “A Joyful Noise”; Lela Crowder 328; Sarah Beasley Smith 129; Jimmie Denney 63; Robert Cull 388; Julie Veal 522.

RECESS

Judy Holst brought the class back to order leading song on page 131b. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 448b; David Stech 337; Judy Mincey 475; John Plunkett 250; Carol Ruth Kimmel 117; Dean Slaton 211; Matt Wells 497; Wendy Wahn 39t; Robert Dworkin 277; Joe Todd 102; Nancy Van Den Akker 515; Martha Beverly 383; Chandler York 270; Paul Streeter 85; Mary Bachmann 391; Violet Stark 496; Joanne Bowman 59.

Following announcements, Cathryn Baker and Doug Stapleton led song on page 347, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Herb Schroeder.

Sunday, June 30

The Sunday session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at Ida Noyes Hall on the campus of the University of Chicago with Chairs Cathryn Baker and Doug Stapleton leading song on page 40. The morning prayer was given by Herb Schroeder.

Leaders: Suzanne Flandreau 49t; Natalia Cecire 474; Evelyn Harris 155; Everette Denney 405; Nate Green and Norma Green 297; Pawel Plaszczak 52; Harvey Austin 335; Felton Denney 489; Don Bowen 492; Eugene Forbes 208; Joan Yeatman 143; Judy Holst 89; Dorothy Hack 175b; Jim Pfau 215.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Rachel Adelstein leading song on page 479.

Leaders: Megan Jennings 542; Karen Freund 101b; James Page 284; Lou Cotney 218; Lynne deBenedette 36b; Aaron Girard 245; Alexandra Gilmore 278t; Jeff Gauthier 402; Jeff Sheppard 220 (for Rene Greene, his daughter); Judy Hauff 536; Lisa Grayson 278b; Philip Denney 84; Jeanette Lowry 475; Melanie Hauff 485; Marcia Johnson 434; Mike Hinton 373.

RECESS

Cathryn Baker and Doug Stapleton brought the class back together leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Floy Wilder 293; Kim Bahmer 171; Ted Mercer 332; Julie Veal 324.

The memorial lesson was conducted by David Lee and Kathy Williams. David Lee spoke of the memorial lesson as a time set aside to honor the memory of those who have gone on before us. Jesse Roberts led 229 for the following sick and shut-in: Stephanie Rubin—Illinois; Bob Scorgie and Don Wise—Wisconsin; Elaine Hoff Norton—New York; Curtis Owen, Kelly Beard, B.E. Matthews, and Harold Lackey—Texas; Tom Mitchell, Regina Kania, and Val Eng—Minnesota; Vivian Rogers and Wilford Denney—Georgia; Bron Gibson—Pennsylvania; Annie Grieshop—Iowa; John Etheridge—Florida; Elsie Beasley and George Wyatt—Alabama; Linda MacDonald and Jaqui Nickerson—Michigan; Barbara Boles—Missouri; Nellie Miller and Roy Driskell—Kentucky.

Kathy Williams spoke of the first time she met Jerilyn Schumacher, her introduction to “the biggest heart that I’ve known in a long time,” saying that she was an active member of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers and that she traveled to the South to sing, and became a dear friend. Kathy Williams led song on page 369 for Jerilyn Schumacher.

David Lee spoke of singing for his ailing grandfather as a child and of being told by his father to “sing for each other while you can—you don’t know when it will be your last time.” David Lee led song on page 503 for the following deceased: Jerilyn

Schumacher, John Bailey, Norman Cutler, Tim Sporrang, Joseph Mirabella, and Jackie Long—Illinois; John Lacy, Bobby Lacy, Oakie Austin, Freeman Wootten, Lucille Creel Tolbert, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Tommye Denson Mauldin, Polly Moore, Helen Connor Smith, Helen Smith Hall, and Ethel McGough—Alabama; Cortona Phelan—Iowa; Peter Vea—Wisconsin; Johnny Coulter and Ruby Driskell—Kentucky; E.V. Yoder—New Mexico; Randy Wells and Frances Beasley Lee—Florida; Palmer Rogers—Minnesota; Bill Stark—Ohio; Philip Page, Jr.—New Jersey; Roger Norton—New York; Richard Dudley Shewmaker—Missouri; Richard Hooke—Massachusetts; Nobie Smith—Texas; Nell Temple—Georgia; Fleta Jonassen—Indiana. Jesse Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Herb Schroeder offered the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Karen Freund and Jerry Enright reconvened the class after lunch leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Jesse Roberts and Jessica Roberts 455; Becky Browne 304 (in memory of Marie Aldridge, and in honor of Pauline Childers and Edith Tate); Laura Clawson 430; Richard DeLong 411; Cassie Franklin 216; Edith Tate 73t; Jeannette DePoy 540; Catherine Pfaff and Jeff Gauthier 388; John Seaton 147t; Pearl Guier 45t; Daphene Causey 222; Coy Ivey and Jarrod George 384; David Lee 49b (walked time); Shelbie Sheppard 269; Dennis George 383; Kathy Williams and Louise Holland 107; David Wright 343; Carolyn Deacy 456; Grace Scrimgeour 287.

RECESS

Karen Freund, Jerry Enright, and Reba Windom brought the class back leading song on page 172. Leaders: Henry Johnson 418; Reba Windom 186; Lori Graber 299; Lela Crowder 382 (for Rodney Ivey); Kit Pfau 159; Louis Hughes 76b; Kiri Miller 419; Felton Denney and Philip Denney 120; Wanda Capps 546; LaRue Allen and Floy Wilder 454; Judy Mincey and two newcomers 538; John Plunkett 539; Jeremy York 285t; Cassie Franklin and Jessica Roberts 192.

Reports were given by the Finance Committee, the Secretaries (noting that there were leaders at the convention from 18 states and the United Kingdom), and the Resolutions Committee, with special thanks to Mrs. Ruth Brown for organizing the bus trip of singers from Alabama and Georgia to attend the convention.

It was announced that next year's Midwest Convention will take place Memorial Day weekend, May 24-25, 2003.

Following announcements, Cathryn Baker, Doug Stapleton, Ruth Brown, Jerry Enright, Karen Freund, and Rachel Adelstein led song on page 62, and those who wished took the parting hand. The convention was dismissed with prayer by Herb Schroeder.

Chairs—Cathryn Baker and Douglas Stapleton; Vice Chairs—Karen Freund and Jerry Enright; Secretaries—Rachel Adelstein, Judy Holst, and Karen Freund.

INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING **Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama** **Thursday, July 4, 2002**

The nineteenth session of the Independence Day Singing met at Muscadine Methodist Church on Thursday, July 4, 2002. Chairman Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 76b. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer. Leaders: B.M. Smith 28b (for his mother, Myrtle Smith); Mary Lambert Smith 318; Shelbie Sheppard 242; Margie Smith 373.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith.

Leaders: Tommy McGraw 475; Martha Beverly 492; Keith Willard 32t; Teenie Moody 171; Shane Wootten 37b; Jenny Willard 422; Rodney Ivey 436; Donna Wootten 274t; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 335; Reba Dell Windom 441; Allison Dodson 145b; Henry Johnson 138b; Thomas J. Willard 106; Bobby Jackson 568; LaRue Allen 306; Bill Beverly 86.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class together leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Laura Clawson 110; Lela Crowder 224; David Yeager 137; Elene Stovall 430; Jerry Enright 168; Bud Oliver 145t; Liz Bryant 542; Louis Hughes 384; Karen Freund 411; Kenneth DeLong 560; Carlene Griffin 155; Max Berueffy 392; Charlene Wallace 396; Dennis George 240; Nancy Yeager 487; Gaston White 66; Lynne deBenedette 300; Philip Denney 55; Evelyn Harris 47t; S.T. Reed 397; Eunice Webb 512; Milton Oliver 222; Lois Owen 75; Lonnie Rogers 97, 225t.

In observance of this day, July 4th, Lonnie Rogers gave a short talk on the importance and meaning of this day. He reminded us of what it should mean to each of us to have our freedom to meet together to sing and enjoy the fellowship of one another.

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 82.

Leaders: Bob Goodwin 84; Pam Nunn 269; Harvey Austin 108t; Lou Cotney 172; Earlis McGraw 284; John Plunkett 346; Susan Roberts 40; Martha Ann Stegar 479; Felton Denney 448b; Everette Denney 179; Bill Hogan 420; C.W. Garner 63; Jesse Roberts 227; Mary Lee Smith 358; Lewis Norton 418; Ted Mercer 36t; B.M. Smith 408.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 186. Leaders: Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 112; Nancy Yeager and David Yeager 163b; Liz Bryant and Bob Goodwin 178; Jerry Enright and Karen Freund 101b; Martha Beverly and Bill Beverly 497; Donna Wootten and Shane Wootten 217; Elene Stovall and Max Berueffy 182; Reba Dell Windom and Bill Windom 196; Bill Hogan 501; Susan Roberts and Jesse Roberts 430; Bud Oliver and Rodney Ivey 270; Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Rene Greene, and Pam Nunn 220.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. Donald Payne, pastor of the church, dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith.

PIONEER VALLEY ALL DAY SINGING **First Congregational Church, Sunderland, Massachusetts** **Saturday, July 6, 2002**

The second annual session of the Pioneer Valley All Day singing was held on the first Saturday in July. The class was called to order by Laura Timmerman leading song on page 171. Kelsey Wessels offered the morning prayer and led song on page 475.

Chair—Laura Timmerman; Vice Chair—Kelsey Wessels; Treasurer—Linda Shea; Arranging Committee—Dan Hertzler and Cath Oss; Secretary—Kitty Kagay. Leaders: George Seiler 68b; Kitty Kagay 375; Chris Noren 485; Paula McGray 150; Paul Butler 64; Inga Knets 82; Bob Mills 160b; Fran Ross 455; Mirjana Lausevic 217; Thom Metzger 101b; Diane Mennella 192; Peter Irvine 203; Sally House 146; Kshama Ananthapura 318; Eric Morgan 274t; Katie Mahoney 144; Andrew Magee 399b; Martha Lang 504; Tim Eriksen 216.

RECESS

Matt Wojcik called the class to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Bob Parr 215; Kitty Lowenthal 84; Rachel Speer 417; Guy Bankes 162; Kim Bahmer 48t; Jeff Colby 335; Kara Morin 178; Eileen Metzger 383; Kelly House 384; Heather Andrews 300; Anna Maria Nygren 70b; Ginnie Ely 196; Charles Taylor 122; Bradford West 426.

Kate Richardson opened the memorial lesson by speaking of the community that extends beyond this room, and of being lifted up on waves of sound. She then led song on page 452 for these sick and homebound loved ones: Ruth Pomfret, Jean Seiler, Katie Meyers, Mary Ann Morrison, Dinah Breunig, and Mary Ann Haagen. Allison Schofield spoke about being afraid of being confronted with someone's grief. She said that is why we sing, to struggle to convey some part of what we feel and need to express, and to feel the comfort of things that one can not say in words. With this message of love, we pray that all here have found some comfort and go away a bit lighter. She then led song on page 285t in remembrance of the following deceased: Alice Gauthier, Tera Alston, Al Whitehead, Rose O'Ryan, Caroline Henderson Frost, Trim Bissell, Gus Butcher, Leonard Rudd Spencer, Winifred Bruner, Frances Beasley Lee, Wally Nelson, Harriett Henry, Bryce Butler, Jim Nichols, Vaughn Ward, Dean Cowles, John Lathrop, Daniel Shea, J. B. Parker, Juan Infante, Linda Smart, Christopher Sargent, Kyra Fisher, and Dorothy Cummings. Tim Eriksen closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Linda Shea 229; Barbara Swetman 333; Meg Larson 503; L.H. Spencer 260; Laura Timmerman 282. Martha Lang offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Kelsey Wessels called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 81. Leaders: Paul Gauthier 542; Kate Richardson 484; Rosie Wojcik and Matt Wojcik 306 (in celebration of the marriage of Sheila Girling Smith and Edwin Macadam taking place on this day); Tim Eriksen 245; Marie Brandis 319; Rowen White 114; Dan Hertzler 270; Katie Servos 65; Carly Goss 386; Eric Morgan 328; Aldo Ceresa 475; Liz Meitzler 107; Katherine Collett 86; George Pomfrett 163; Bob Parr 528; Eliza Cavanaugh 73t; Paula McGray 299; Patricia Geritz 34b; Bill Dunn 347; Allison Schofield 95.

RECESS

Sheila Kelley called the class to order leading song on page 474.

It was announced that in 2003 this singing will be held on July 5, and Kelsey Wessels will be Chair.

Diane Mennella presented the Resolutions Committee Report with thanks extended to all those who worked so hard to make the day a success.

A special thanks was extended to Kshama Ananthapura for generously opening her home to all of us for the evening social.

Leaders: George Seiler 480; Rachael Keith, joined by her father, Brian Keith 276; Victoria Bolles 327; Denise Morris 58; Thom Metzger 99; Guy Bankes 441; Kim Bahmer 39t; Brian Collett 254; Rachel Speer 340; Jeff Colby 448t; Sally House 569b; Dana Welch 442; Peter Irvine 36b; Martha Lang 312; Bradford West 228; Kara Morin 155; Linda Shea 495.

Laura Timmerman led song on page 62 as the closing song. Eric Morgan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Laura Timmerman; Vice Chair—Kelsey Wessels; Secretary—Kitty Kagay.

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

July 6-7, 2002

Saturday, July 6

The eighty-sixth session of the Henagar-Union Convention was called to order with Vice Chairman Shane Wootten leading songs on pages 82t and 101t. The morning prayer was led by Pastor Tony Ivey.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey 142; Secretary Norma Green 283; Jackie Tanner 48t; Tony Ivey 47t; Betty Wright 323b; Sam Schofield 406; Sandie Scott 38b; Bill Beverly 515; Nancy Yeager 178; B.M. Smith 441; Ivalene Donaldson and Wilton Donaldson 30t; Gary Rogan 384; Teenie Moody 270; Keith Willard 101b; Nate Green and Norma Green 100; Michelle Rogan 215; Earl Ballinger 430; Shelbie Sheppard 440.

RECESS

Chairman David Ivey brought the class back together leading song on page 371.

Leaders: Phil Summerlin 29t; Vivian Rogan 84; Tommy George 388; Allison Dodson 89; Thomas Willard 36b; Neila Nicholson 312b; Zach Rogan 280; Jenny Willard 426; Velton Chafin 144; Amanda Owen 318; Josh Rogan 224; Syble Adams 99; Louis Hughes 496; Mary Ruth Stiefel 322; John Plunkett 113; Liz Owen 328; Milton Oliver 321; LaRue Allen 198.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Wayne Wootten leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Tommy McGraw 475; Judy Caudle 302; Jeff Sheppard 448t; Catherine Rogan 171; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Martha Beverly 56b; Jeb Owen 421; Pam Nunn 528; Frank Hataway 348b; Charlene Wallace 481; Tom Owen 354t; Becky Browne 276. The lunch blessing was offered by Elder Philip Gilmore.

LUNCH

Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten called the class together for the afternoon session leading song on page 208. Leaders: Darlene Dalton 454; Aaron Wootten 282; Mike Jones 285t; Charlie Derleth 137, 68b; Karen Freund 365; David Yeager 148; Karen Ivey 532 (for Edith Tate); DeVan Jackson 159; Cheryl Foreman 300; Bob Meek 474; Linda Sides 192; Philip Gilmore 39t; Sarah Harcrow Jenkins 35; David Sault 569b; Cassie Franklin and Harrison Creel 378b; Stuart Ivey and Richard Ivey 182; Terry Wootten 542 (for his mother, Myrtle Wootten, and Zelma Harcrow); Laura Clawson 186.

RECESS

Bud Oliver and Jerry Enright called the class together leading song on page 42.

Leaders: Lela Crowder 546; Gary Gronau 436; John Hollingsworth 460; Reba Windom 196; Bob Bonnell 229; Elene Stovall and Betty Shepherd 216; Bill Ellason 268; Susan Harcrow 316 (for her husband, Ricky Harcrow); Charles Franklin 274t; Loyd Ivey, Bud Oliver, and Marian Biddle 482; Henry Johnson 205; Dennis George 455; Shane Wootten and Coy Ivey 486t (WB) (by request).

The following election results were announced: Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

Following announcements, Shane Wootten and Rodney Ivey led song on page 146. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Louis Hughes.

Sunday, July 7

The Sunday session was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading songs on pages 61 and 131b. Prayer was led by Pastor Tony Ivey.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Shane Wootten 73t; Secretary Norma Green 63; Rodney Ivey 81t; Marlon Wootten, Andrew Wootten, and Anna Wootten 445; Laura

Clawson 367; S.T. Reed 505; Joan Aldridge 373; Betty Wright 390; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Boyd Scott 358; Bill Ellason 78; Nate Green and Norma Green 394; David Light 110; Milton Oliver 224; Linda Sides 274t; Henry Johnson 341; Bill Hollingsworth 250; Neila Nicholson 317; Frank Hataway 452.

RECESS

Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten brought the class together leading song on page 56t. Leaders: Charles Franklin 74b; Gravis Ballinger 475; Joel Jenkins 186; Lynne deBenedette 340; Lela Crowder 106; Steve Killingsworth 47b; Bob Meek 454; Becky Browne and Chris Lowery 200; Hershell King 35; Jerry Enright 77t; Stuart Ivey 189; Linda Thomas 350; John Hollingsworth 155; Gary Gronau 163t; Linton Ballinger 457; Loretta Smith 37b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Ivey leading song on page 334. Leaders: Karen Freund 278t; Scott Ivey 186; Hayden Wootten, Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 282; Dennis George 349; Eloise Wootten 137; Loyd Ivey 511b (CB) (for John Henry Busby); Chris Green and Pam Green 129; Bud Oliver 170; Charlie Derleth, Linda Biggs, and Sally Suhri 99; Lisa Geist 377; Coy Ivey 384.

The Memorial Committee, Tony Ivey and Reba Windom, presented the memorial lesson. Tony Ivey read from I Corinthians, Chapter 9 and Reba Windom read the names of the deceased: Osee Tanner, Jane Lester, Ruby Wilks, Freeman Wootten, Roie Alexander, Lydia Phillips Baswell, Mary Stiefel, Bonnie Meadows, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, John Lacy, Bobby Lacy, Nelda Tolbert, Dr. James Howell, Ruth Smith, Jerilyn Schumacher, John Bailey, Lucille Tolbert, Edward Black, Larry Davis, Joanna Collins, Joseph Brooks, Ruby Driskell, Roger Brooks, Barbara Bolles, Paul Funk, Roland Garner, Hubert Anderson. Henry Johnson led song on page 285t.

Reba Windom read the names of the sick and shut-ins on the list: Eldora Moody, Leola Smith, Bill Green, Beufa Green, B.E. Matthews, Richard DeLong, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Roy Driskell, Zelma Harcrow, and John Etheridge. Charlie Derleth gave an inspiring talk and led song on page 348b. Dewayne Wootten closed the memorial with prayer.

Chris Green offered the lunch blessing on the food.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 314. Leaders: Elene Stovall 142; Max Berueffy 564; Beth O'Dell 442; Allison Ivey and Richard Ivey 222; Jackie Tanner and Rodney Ivey 208; Susan Harcrow 217; Marty Wootten 546; Larry Ballinger 215; Cassie Franklin 440; Betty Shepherd 299; Karen Ivey 112; Jeffery Wootten 542; Sarah Jenkins 168; Bob Watkins 225t; Chris Ballinger 528; Reba Windom 216; Cindy Tanner 362; Cassie Franklin, Allison Ivey, and Richard Ivey 559 (CB); Tony Ivey and Sandy Ivey 503; Donna Wootten and Anna Wootten 335; Hobert Ivey 426; David Ivey and Rodney Ivey 490 (for Aunt Bob Greeson, the last living child of Jack and Annie Ivey).

RECESS

Coy Ivey brought the class back together again leading song on page 59. Leaders: J.C. Rutledge 501 (CB); Levon Wootten and Bud Oliver 400; Charles Stiefel 448t; Sam Schofield 324; Wayne Wootten 358; Melvin Stiefel 512; Marian Biddle and Loyd Ivey 147t; Coy Ivey 486t (WB); Bob Meek 484b (CB); Frank Hataway 138t (CB); Bob Watkins 58.

Chairman David Ivey expressed the thanks of the convention to the Arranging Committee, Jackie Tanner and Laura Clawson, for a job well done.

Following announcements, David Ivey and Shane Wootten led song on page 62, and those who wished took the parting hand. The convention was dismissed with prayer by Elder Jeffrey Wootten.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

CROSS ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **July 7, 2002**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cross Roads Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in July. Louis Hughes called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. with songs on pages 32t and 37b. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer. Miranel Swafford led song on page 441; Belinda Stansberry 119; Mary Florence Smith 99, 53; and Margie Smith 313t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Louis Hughes; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Belinda Stansberry; Memorial Committee—Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith.

Leaders: Louis Hughes 138b; Keith Willard 100; David Yeager 497; Martha Beverly 538; Vivian Rogan 56t; Tom Owen 477; Earlis McGraw 389; Allison Dodson 335; Haley Morris 119; Gary Rogan 155; Hugh McGraw 567; Shelbie Sheppard 139; Liz Owens 273; Jeb Owen 163b; Terry Wootten 157; Cheryl Foreman 203; Joyce Clackum 63; Josh Rogan 442; Thomas Willard 145b.

RECESS

Louis Hughes brought the class back to order leading song on page 68b. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 276; Michele Rogan 267; Amanda Owen 503; Zach Rogan 282; Catherine Rogan 300.

Mary Florence Smith conducted the memorial lesson. The following deceased were remembered: Rube Allred, Oakie Austin, Ike Stanford, John Bailey, Freeman Wootten, Polly Moore, and Wilford Denney. James Newman led song on page 45t in memory of Rube Allred; Louis Hughes led song on page 303 in memory of Polly Moore; and Mary Florence Smith led song on page 499 for the rest of the deceased remembered.

Teenie Moody led song on page 81t for the following sick and shut-ins: I.V.

McWhorter, Mozelle Sheppard, Alice Edwards, Richard DeLong, Vivian Rogers, Irvin Roberts, Evelyn Newman, Myrtle Wootten, and Zelma Harcrow. Mary Florence Smith closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Louis Hughes, Jr. 208; Jenny Willard 318; Aaron Wootten 270; Lee Willamon 215; Bill Beverly 523; Carlene Griffin 222.

LUNCH

Louis Hughes, Jr. opened the afternoon session leading song on page 569b. Leaders: Tommy McGraw 566; Evelyn Harris 89; John Plunkett 41; Mildred Patterson 87; Arron Little 378t; Nancy Yeager 510; Felton Denney 385b; Judith Green 384; Lonnie Rogers 348b; Herstine Bussie 339; Jimmie Denney 101t; Inez Chandler, Theo Waddle, and Ceford Wood 490; Jeff Sheppard 436 (for Flora Skinner); Eunice Webb 283; Eschol Hughes 340; Josephine Denney 75; B.J. Harris 225t; Cynthia Fielder 59; B.M. Smith 475; Elaine Newman, Louis Hughes, and Lynn 146; Oscar McGuire 573; John Merritt 232; Cheryl Foreman 430; Tom Owen 347; Martha Beverly 383; Jeb Owen 480; Jenny Willard and Keith Willard 392; Amanda Owen 454; Bill Beverly 106; Liz Owen 171; John Merritt 312b.

Announcements were made. Louis Hughes and Miranel Swafford led song on page 46 as the closing song. Eschol Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Louis Hughes; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Belinda Stansberry.

DUTTON, GREEN, AND JACKSON MEMORIAL
Liberty Grove Primitive Baptist Church (New Flatwoods Church),
South of Nauvoo, Alabama
July 7, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for the Duttons, Greens, and Henry “Doc” Jackson was held on the first Sunday in July. Travis Keeton called the class to order with song on page 48t. Elder Ronald Gilmore led the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 129.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Elder Ronald Gilmore;

Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 319 (in memory of Henry Jackson); John Hyde 61, 124, 313t; Ivalene Donaldson 30t, 56t; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 421, 73t, 318, 34t; Ozella Blackmon 75, 123t; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 225t; Clarence McCool 68b, 47t, 47b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Elder Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore leading songs on pages 32t, 36b, 235, and 111t. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 138t, 78; A.A. Malone 138b, 112, 203; Wilton Donaldson 503, 565, 348b; Anita Naramore 111b, 145b, 142; Alene Woodley 131t, 159.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 285t and 343. Leaders: Julie Poston 274t, 83; Tim Cook 147t, 448t, 49t; Steve Rutledge 45t, 294; Margaret Keeton 448b, 213, 571 (CB) (by request); Ozella Blackmon 335; Clarence McCool 334, 569; Tim Cook 566, 178; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 176b, 108t, 100; Willodean Barton 460, 101, 145; Josie Hyde 155, 297, 212; Travis Keeton 179; John Hyde 499; Elder Ronald Gilmore 475, 418 (for Dovie Jackson who was unable to attend).

Travis Keeton led song on page 482 as the closing song. Tim Cook offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Elder Ronald Gilmore;

Secretary—Josie Hyde.

QUEBEC CONVENTION

St. George’s Church, Lennoxville, Quebec, and
Massawippi Community Centre, Massawippi, Quebec
July 12-13, 2002

Friday, July 12

The Friday session of the eighth annual Quebec Convention was held at St. George’s Church in Lennoxville, Quebec. The class was called to order by Cheryl Stroud leading song on page 47t. David Dutton offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Bill Holt 32t; Dan Hertzler 65; Margaret Bornick 276; Laura Timmerman 87; Patricia Geritz 501; Phil Dutton 147t; Roger Giroux 448; Ron Bornick 84; Christopher Wesolowski 143; Bobbie Goodell 64; Bob Parr 142; Chuck Neville 49.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Cheryl Stroud leading song on page 344. Leaders: Howard Katz 99; Cathy Brochet 163; Rachel Speer 328; Mary Neville 47b; Bruce Kokono 183; Wendy Gilchrist 569; Bill Holt 101; Dan Hertzler 274.

Announcements were made, and David Dutton offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Saturday, July 13

The Saturday session was held in the Massawippi Community Centre, Massawippi, Quebec. Cheryl Stroud brought the class to order leading song on page 146, followed by Phil Dutton leading song on page 276. Cheryl Stroud offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Bill Holt 346; Janet Ross-Snyder 547; Bruce Kokono 84; Wendy Gilchrist 565; Rachel Speer 335; Walt Colteryahn 452; Ann Whitcomb 228; Howard Katz 362; Dan Hertzler 67; Margaret Bornick 117; Cathy Brochet 66; Laura Timmerman 138b; Ingrid de Buda 569b; Patricia Geritz 268; Susanne Garmsen 31; Cheryl Stroud 214.

RECESS

Cheryl Stroud called the class to order leading song on page 106. Leaders: Dan Hertzler 171; Ian Smiley 312; Mary Neville 48t; Roger Giroux 313; Phil Dutton 410t; Christopher Wesolowski 324; Ron Bornick 277; Bobbie Goodell 229; Bill Holt 269; Janet Ross-Snyder 567; Bruce Kokono 524; Wendy Gilchrist 56b; Rachel Speer 203.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Cheryl Stroud. The list of those who have passed away was read, followed by song on page 260. The deceased included Harriett Henry, Bryce Butler, Jim Nichols, Vaughn Ward, Dean Cowles, Richard Hooke, Polly Rowe, Rose O’Ryan, Elisabeth Bollinger, Caroline Henderson Frost, Linda Smart, Janet Snyder, Lois Snyder, and Earlston Doc.

The list of those who were sick or shut-ins was read, followed by song on page 122. This list included Grey Osterud, Mary Ann Morrison, Annie Molnar, Sybil Thompson, Mary Ann Haagen, Lee Stewart, and Micki Woodbridge. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Walt Coteryahn 82t; Ann Whitcomb 71; Howard Katz 196; Margaret Bornick 236; Mary Neville 47b; Laura Timmerman 270. Cheryl Stroud then led song on page 180 as grace before lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Cheryl Stroud leading song on page 107. Leaders: Phil Dutton “Lancaster”; Bob Parr 112; John Brunskill and Bill Holt 551; Ingrid de Buda 497; Cathy Brochet 86; Lynnette Combs “Millbrook”; Patricia Geritz 479; Susanne Garmsen 504; Dan Hertzler 128; Ian Smiley 351; Roger Giroux 347; Christopher Wesolowski 143; Ron Bornick 178; Bobbie Goodell 162; Bill Holt 376; Janet Ross-Snyder 38b; Rachel Speer 340; Walt Colteryahn 455; Ann Whitcomb “Harmony”; Howard Katz 54.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Cheryl Stroud leading song on page 53. There were participants from two Canadian provinces, Ontario and Quebec, and five states: Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, and Maine. There were 60 registered participants and 26 leaders.

After announcements were made, committee members were thanked, especially Cathy Brochet and Julia Doerfler, who organized the food.

Leaders: Joan Shelton and Rachel Speer 155; Sue Held 346 (with words of “Happy Birthday”); Chuck Neville 163; Ann Whitcomb 528; Laura Timmerman “Oh Turn”; John Holbrook and Dan Hertzler 319; Bill Holt 428; Phil Dutton 538; Ron Bornick 454; Bob Parr 288. Cheryl Stroud led song on page 183 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairpersons—Chuck Neville and Cheryl Stroud; Secretaries—Phil Dutton, Mary Neville, Bill Holt, Bob Parr, and Cheryl Stroud.

CULLMAN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION
Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama
July 13-14, 2002
Saturday, July 13

The annual Cullman County Courthouse Singing Convention was convened at the Cullman County Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama on the second Sunday and Saturday before in July. Elvin Guthrie called the convention to order leading song on page 49t. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 52t; David Roberson 146, 274t; Marie Guthrie 192, 131t; Corene White 171, 215; Travis Keeton 129, 75; Hershell King 204, 97; Uel Freeman 65, 64; Kenneth Tate 68b, 480; Tyler Newman 358, 340.

RECESS

John Merritt called the class back to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Gennie Nelms and Butch White 159, 74b; Charles McCravey 143; Marlin Beasley 74t, 82t; Gaston White 66, 35; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405; Cassie Franklin 167, 304; David Carlton 163b, 442; Ashley Keeton 475, 145b; Bud Oliver 39b, 73; Danny Creel 112, 76b; Lucy Heidorn 200; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 545; Bill Stewart 569, 48t; Juanita Newman 30t, 335; Ruth Walker 490, 298; Cindy Tanner 198; Elvin Guthrie 369. Ulysses Walker offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Elvin Guthrie called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 225t.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 465, 140; Eldagene Roberson 399b, 142.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson; Memorial Committee—Marie Guthrie; Finance Committee—Billy Williams. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 543; Sandie Scott 173, 408; Judy Caudle 428; Josie Hyde 302, 204; Ann Jett 546, 269; Hubert Nall 47t, 403; Rachel Allred 276; Brenda Pena 108, 29t; Jennifer Allred 186, 30; Larry Ballinger 50b; Ivalene Donaldson 343b; Amanda Denson 126, 428; Earl Ballinger 56t, 177t; Lisa Geist 532; Bobby Watkins 58, 217; Glenn Keeton 350, 178; Aubrey Tyree 434, 189; J.C. Rutledge 401; Buell Cobb 139; Elsie Moon 76t; John Merritt 123t; Billy Williams 161; Linda Thomas and Gennie Easter 31b; Brenda Merritt 436, 336.

Henry Guthery led song on page 421 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, July 14

The Sunday session of the Cullman County Convention was called to order by Chairman Henry Guthery who welcomed everyone and then led song on page 135. Billy Williams offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: A.D. Chandler 42, 72t, 176b; Velton Chafin 535, 225t; David Roberson 220, 275b; Kenneth Tate 111b, 101t; Corene White 37b, 73; Amanda Denson 145t, 111t; David Light 192, 110; Hershell King 460, 426t; Aubrey Tyree 329, 208; Elvin Guthrie 298, 479, 266; Ruth Walker 340, 217.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class to order leading song on page 358. Leaders: Guy Banks 350, 556; Marie Guthrie 25 (JB); J.C. Rutledge 490, 105; Reedie Powell 497, 412; Danny Creel 123t, 327; Buell Cobb 31b, 138b; Edith Tate 88t, 389.

Marie Guthrie conducted the memorial lesson and read the names of the deceased and the sick and shut-ins.

The names of the deceased remembered were: Bertha Humphries, William Ryan, Bob Sawyer, Lydia Baswell, Freeman Wootten, Roie Alexander, Callie Calvert, I.V.

Cockrell, George Cox, Willard Hopper, Lucille Tolbert, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, and Ethel McGough—Alabama; Frances Beasley Lee—Florida; Frank Sills—Tennessee; Linda Smart and Juan Infante—New York.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Kim Watkins, Charlotte Hinkle, Mavis Price, Ruth Tillman, Edgar Graves, Runyan Graves, Markus White, Chrystal Crocker, Elsie Beasley, Tressie Adkins, and Gertrude Woods. David Ivey led song on page 176t and Buell Cobb led song on page 235 for all those friends and loved ones who have passed away, and for those who are sick and shut-ins. Ulysses Walker closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Flarce Creel and granddaughter, Emily Creel 178, 480, 475; Geraldine Watkins 299, 66; Eldagene Roberson 144, 385b.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 532. Leaders: David Ivey 121, 90; Gennie Nelms 411, 328; Judy Caudle 189, 107, 540; Beatrice Yancey 565, 452; Edis Guthrie 100, 91; Harrison Creel 498, 530; Tyler Newman 30t, 119; Juanita Newman 108t, 335; Manilia Hudson 551, 43; Sherry Guthery 58, 64; Roscoe Knight 127; Henry Guthery and Scott Guthery 153, 445; Guy Bankes 481; David Ivey 280, 67; Buell Cobb 294.

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led song on page 521 as the closing song. Danny Creel gave the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION **Zion Church, Eight Miles North of Gordo, Alabama** **July 14, 2002**

The eighty-fifth session of the annual Lamar and Pickens County Convention was held at Zion Church on the second Sunday in July. Chairman Clarence McCool called the class to order leading song on page 82t. Glenn Keeton offered the morning prayer. Clarence McCool led song on page 36b.

The class organized for the day by electing and appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman—Toney Smith; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Wayne Baines.

Leaders: Wayne Baines 155, 159; Glenn Keeton 354t, 278t; Brenda Merritt 142, 430; Amber Springfield 49b, 454 (for Paula Springfield); Josie Hyde 361, 104; Lisa Geist 171, 54; Travis Keeton 475, 480; John Merritt 232, 278b; Ashley Keeton 101t, 389; Lena Keeton 497, 496; Tim Cook 330b, 348b (in memory of George Cox).

RECESS

Clarence McCool brought the class back to order leading song on page 318. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 313t (for John Hyde); Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 335, 426t; Max Berueffy 89, 88t; Marlin Beasley 111b, 47b; Robert Dupree 145b, 40; Johnny Humber 172, 208; Gravis Ballinger 84 (for his brother, Lavaughn, who was unable to attend), 36t; Annie Lou Price 77t, 138b (in memory of her parents); Earl Ballinger 144.

LUNCH

Toney Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 225t. Toney Smith conducted the memorial lesson and led song on page 229 for the following sick and shut-ins: Cecile Cox, Martha Howell, Etna Barton, Lavaughn Ballinger, Kim Watkins, Zelma Harcrow, Cecil Sanders, Rupert Yarbrough, and Emma Pugh.

Toney Smith led song on page 403 for the deceased. Those remembered were: Frances Lee, Freeman Wootten, Thedus Keeton, Silas Curtis, Doris Vickery,

George Cox, and Dr. James Howell. Jack Pate closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Jack Pate 341, 535; Ann Ballard 393, 278t (in memory of Frances Lee); A.A. Malone 203, 183; Bill Stewart 186, 569; Becky Briggs 336, 460; Max Berueffy 222; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 438, 163b.

RECESS

Clarence McCool and Joe Brown brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 45t and 63. Leaders: John Beasley and Joe Brown 294; Beth O'dell 477, 560; Debra Wakefield 300, 457; Faye Donaldson 299, 270; John Beasley, Marlin Beasley, Ann Ballard, and Becky Briggs 358; Clarence McCool and Elder Tim McCool 100. Announcements were made, and everyone was invited back again next year. Clarence McCool led song on page 349 as the closing song. Elder Tim McCool offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman—Toney Smith; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Oak Grove (near Sylacauga), Alabama July 14, 2002

The annual Boiling Springs Convention was held at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in the Oak Grove community, near Sylacauga, Alabama on the second Sunday in July.

The day of singing began with the class singing song on page 59. Elder Bufrey Dean offered the morning prayer. Elder Jonathan Blakeley led song on page 81t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Elder Jonathan Blakeley; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson;

Secretary—Lacey Blakeley; Arranging Committee—Daniel Dean.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 30b, 164; Daniel Dean 39b, 39t; Deborah Ritch 40, 168; Kyle Blakeley 30t, 101t; Floy Wilder 373, 155; Gavin Blakeley 141, 123; Lacey Blakeley 67, 77; Elder Bufrey Dean 274, 46; Brenda Dean 417, 490.

RECESS

Jack Nelson brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 491 and 313t.

Leaders: Hilda Morrison 147t, 49b; Chita Blakeley 312b, 503; Ted Price 164, 300; Joseph Ritch 354b, 133, 108b; Virginia Futral 145b, 566.

LUNCH

Elder Jonathan Blakeley brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 100, 64, and 278. Leaders: William Futral 340, 36b; Maudie Fredrick 426t, 317b; Douglas Conn 277, 159; Myra Goss 200, 145t; Kay Dean 59, 58; the class (special requests) 482, 480, 45t.

Songs on pages 126 and 418 were led in memory of O'dell Cleveland and song on page 369 was led in memory of A.L. Beckett.

Announcements were made. Elder Jonathan Blakeley, Jack Nelson, Lacy Blakeley, and Daniel Dean led song on page 129 as the closing song. Doug Conn led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Elder Jonathan Blakeley; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson;

Secretary—Lacey Blakeley.

MICHIANA SINGING
New Testament Baptist Church, Goshen, Indiana
Saturday, July 20, 2002

The fifteenth annual Michiana Singing was called to order by James Nelson Gingerich leading song on page 171. Herb Schroeder offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 217; Matthew Lind 85; Molly Williams 479; Natalia Cecire 538; Rachel Miller Jacobs 148; Jeff Gauthier 340; Jim Swanson 377; Susan Geil 178; Warren Steel 179; David Rust 165; Nancy Yeager 510 (for Richard DeLong); Mitchell Brothers 46, 45t; Sue Probert 528; John Plunkett 466; Karen Freund 68t; Lela Crowder 430.

RECESS

James Nelson Gingerich brought the class back to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: Megan Jennings 282; Joe Todd 103; Reba Windom 192; Don Keeton 335; Cathryn Baker 318; Coy Ivey 137; Wendy Wahn 546; Regina Bayer 383; Herb Schroeder 128; Lori Graber 350; Mark Brown 448t; Suzanne Flandreau 424; James Page "Nebraska"; Carolyn Craig 195.

RECESS

Samuel Sommers called the class to order leading song on page 319. Leaders: Jan Wright 155; Rachel Adelstein 280; Dick Dunagan 65; John Seaton 47t; Kay Huener 99; Judy Hauff 373.

Rachel Miller Jacobs, Syble Adams, Mark Brown, and Louis Hughes conducted the memorial lesson.

Rachel Miller Jacobs spoke briefly about how Sacred Harp music is big enough for our sorrow and grief, as well as our joy, read the list of the sick and shut-ins, and led song on page 56b. Those remembered were: Harold Lackey, Kelly Beard, Catherine Kohn, Bob Scorgie, Stephanie Robin, Mary Hackney, Linda MacDonald, Richard DeLong, Pricilla Susan Davis, and Carol McCurry.

Syble Adams commented on the power of Sacred Harp music to lift up our hearts and spirits and equip us to live and to die.

Rachel Miller Jacobs read the list of the deceased: Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Freeman Wootten, Polly Moore, John Lacy, Bobby Lacy, and Lucille Tolbert—Alabama; Lynn M. Heaton—Michigan; Alan Lomax, Randy Wells, and Frances Beasley Lee—Florida; Dick Hollihnger, and Fleta Jonassen—Indiana; Bill Stark—Ohio; Joseph Mirabella, Ed Carey, Jackie Long, Jerilyn Schumacher, and John Bailey—Illinois; Phillip Page, Jr.—New Jersey; Linda Smart and Juan Infante—New York; Everett Yoder—New Mexico. Mark Brown sang "Sweet Beulah Land" in memory of the deceased. Louis Hughes closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Anne Heider 455; Judy Mincey 475. Randy Neufeld offered prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

James Nelson Gingerich, Niklas Oelerich, and Luke Jacobs brought the class back to order for the afternoon session with song on page 59. Leaders: Debbie Hall 362; Jeremy York 504; Janet Fraembs 284; Ann Miczulski 71; Mary Bachmann 43; Dennis George 270; Guy Bankes 352; Annie Grieshop 63; Fred Todt 34t; Pauline Childers and Andrew Irving 428; Marcia Johnson and Pauline Childers 288; Jerry Enright and Coy Ivey 384; Loraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 347; Roger Williams 298; Syble Adams 515; Steve Warner 84; Berkley Moore 197; Charlotte Wolfe 72b; Lee Steinmetz 149; Melanie Hauff 564.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Matthew Lind leading song on page 277. Leaders: Beth Todd 234; Susie Kauffman 299; Bill Beverly 547; Louis Hughes 112; Nicholas Pasqual 58; Al Frank 376; Anne Steel 480; Randy Neufeld 32t; Ted Mercer 349; John Bayer 75; David Yeager 276; Martha Beverly 274t; Dean Slaton 359. Announcements were made. Matthew Lind led song on page 62 as the closing song while the class took the parting hand. John Bayer led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Matthew Lind; Treasurer—James Nelson Gingerich;
Secretary—Samuel Sommers.

MT. OAK METHODIST CHURCH
Six Miles Northwest of Arab, Alabama
Saturday, July 20, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July and was called to order by Hershell King leading song on page 59. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Hershell King; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Eunice Kimbrell.

Leaders: David Light 274, 100; Rhoda Norris 39b; David Roberson 63, 279; Milton Oliver 32t; Eldagene Roberson 335, 40; Marie Guthrie 31t; S.T. Reed 30, 31b; Wilda Holmes 480; Bud Oliver 145b; Glenda Hopper 145t, 33; Athelia Gibbs 569b, 147t; Sandra Light 143, 354; J.C. Rutledge 490, 105; Linda Thomas 125, 73b; Ramona Light 413, 189.

RECESS

Hershell King brought the class back to order leading song on page 35. Leaders: Gennie Nelms 186, 322; Mary Light, Anna Light, Ramona Light, and David Light 176, 384; Philip Gilmore 306, 33; Rebecca Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 445; J.L. Hopper 34b, 103, 369, 496, 301.

LUNCH

David Light brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 110. Leaders: Bud Oliver 42; David Roberson 146, 220; Milton Oliver 85; Marie Guthrie 192, 434; Eldagene Roberson 313t, 215; Ramona Light and David Light 137, 441; Philip Gilmore 312, 82; S.T. Reed 495, 144; J.L. Hopper 506, 540, 383; David Light 200; J.C. Rutledge 45; Linda Thomas and Bud Oliver 39t.

Hershell King led song on page 80 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Hershell King; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Eunice Kimbrell.

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION
Sardis Church, Walker County, Alabama
Saturday, July 20, 2002

The eighty-eighth session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Convention met on Saturday before the third Sunday in July at Sardis Church and was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 31b. Charles Kitchens offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led songs on pages 30t and 35.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee—Brenda Merritt; Memorial Committee—Brenda Merritt and Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 36b; Willodean Barton 101t, 111t; Uel Freeman and Sharon Long 65, 45t; Wilton Donaldson 565, 348b; John Merritt 426t, 294; Travis Keeton 392, 129; Ivalene Donaldson 204; Winell Sanders 569b; Bill Stewart 480, 145b; Clarence McCool 159, 349; Corene White 171.

RECESS

Velton Chafin led song on page 144 to reassemble the class. Leaders: Edith Tate 532; Josie Hyde 151, 507; Margaret Spurlock 112, 212; John Hyde 297, 124; Danny Creel 182, 269; Billy Williams 213b, 154; Glenn Keeton 163b, 300; Wanda Capps 299, 146; Charles Kitchens 205, 97; Tim Cook 160b, 150; Bobby Watkins 217, 58; Brenda Merritt 460.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 130.

Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 193, 551; Stanley Smith 330, 271t.

Josie Hyde and Brenda Merritt conducted the memorial lesson and led song on page 163t for the sick and shut-ins and for the deceased. John Merritt closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Cassie Franklin 302, 383; Tommie Spurlock 42, 273; Lena Keeton 78, 436; Don Clark 41; Karen Clark 40, 38b; John Etheridge 158, 385t; Aubrey Barfield 306; Karen Clark 99; Tommie Spurlock 376; Stanley Smith 482; Don Clark 542; Tim Cook 287; Clarence McCool 137; Glenn Keeton 163b, 546.

Announcements were made. The class voted that this singing would be moved to New Hope Primitive Baptist Church on the Sipsy Cut-off Road next year, 2003.

Velton Chafin led song on page 225t as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Willodean Barton.

KALAMAZOO SINGING **Wesley Foundation, Kalamazoo, Michigan** **July 21, 2002**

The fourth annual Kalamazoo Singing was held at the Wesley Foundation on the campus of Western Michigan University on the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Chair Ann Miczulski leading song on page 146. Louis Hughes offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bill Beverly 272; Molly Williams 183; Bill Venema 40; Lori Graber 368; John Plunkett 500; Pamela Carson 361; Judy Mincey 540; Joe Todd 375; Joan Aldridge 198; Berkley Moore 512; Annie Grieshop 107; Cathryn Baker 472; Guy Banks 481; Eloise Clark 28b; Dennis George 220; Kay Huener 178; John Fink 186; Pauline Childers 480; James Page 182.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jan Wright leading song on page 556. Leaders: Mark Brown 203; Beth Todd 501; Ted Mercer 333; Reba Dell Windom 224; Mary List 72b; Louis Hughes 348b; Melanie Hauff 216; James Nelson Gingerich 34t; Mary Postellon 346; John Seaton 39t; Lela Crowder 440; John Bealle 217; Mary Bachmann 158; Samuel Sommers 524; Marcia Johnson and Coy Ivey 454; Coy Ivey 222; David Rust 131b; Syble Adams “Song of Praise” (by request).

Martha Beverly conducted the memorial lesson and led song on page 434 after these comments. “This is our fourth annual singing, and we have never had a memorial lesson before. We have no local elders to commemorate, but what we have developed are bonds of love and appreciation of those people who have welcomed us at their singings and have come to Kalamazoo to share these traditions with us. People from Elkhart, Auburn Hills, Goshen, and Chicago, from Ohio and Ann

Arbor, from Georgia and Alabama and elsewhere who have brought with them the wonderful legacy, which we now claim as ours. As we sing and strengthen our own experience of these tunes, of sharing the gift of food, and of socializing together as we travel and meet other singers; as we pass along our own investment in this tradition to yet newer singers, we become another step in the continuous path of this rich heritage. I wish to note this loving bond to other singers and to the singers of the past who have preserved and generously shared these tunes which give us joy, which comfort us, and which nurture us. I belong to this band, hallelujah!”

Leaders: Roger Williams 489; Nancy Yeager and Gloria Anne Lowe 47t; Henry Schuman 344; David Yeager and Gloria Anne Lowe 68b (for his mother). Mark Brown offered the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Samuel Sommers brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 121. Leaders: John Plunkett 539; Pamela Carson 113; Joan Aldridge 228; Judy Hauff 456; Louis Hughes 76t; Pauline Childers 318; Berkley Moore 114; Annie Grieshop 128; Mark Brown “Sweet Beulah Land” (by request); Marcia Johnson 163t; Guy Bankes 162; Syble Adams 532; Judy Mincey 497; Dennis George 442.

RECESS

James Nelson Gingerich brought the class back to order leading song on page 29t. Leaders: John Fink 254; Reba Dell Windom 142; John Bealle 436; Lela Crowder and Coy Ivey 99, 384; Lela Crowder, Coy Ivey, and Martha Beverly 137; James Page 411; Nancy Yeager 87; Eloise Clark 212; John Seaton 269; Kay Huener 503; David Yeager 148; Melanie Hauff and Judy Hauff 215; Joe Todd 208; Beth Todd 101t; David Rust 123b.

Announcements were made and thanks given to Grace Flesche, kitchen wizard. Ann Miczulski and Martha Beverly led song on page 49b as the closing song. Mark Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Ann Miczulski; Vice Chairperson—Jan Wright; Treasurer—Molly Williams; Secretary—Martha Beverly.

HILLABEE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama** **July 21, 2002**

The one hundred-thirtieth session of the Hillabee Sacred Harp Convention was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church in Daviston, Alabama on the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Chairman Eugene Forbes leading song on page 32. John Ramsey offered the morning prayer. Nell Estes led the Introductory Lesson with the following songs selected: 39b, 63, and 40.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Charlotte Bishop.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 87, 438; Leonard Price 290, 335; Mary J. Payne 496, 339; Elder C.V. Estes 489; Margaret Ray 127, 100; John Ramsey 512, 224; Myrline Redmon 452, 569b.

RECESS

Chairman Eugene Forbes brought the class to order leading song on page 119. Leaders: Jenny Acton 25 (JB), 340; Audress Gurley 36b, 517 (WB); Annie Lee Price 384, 300; Douglas Kirk 49b; Nell Estes 34b, 358; Edna Ruth Phillips 480, 143; Floy Wilder 155, 373; Myra Goss 145t, 188; Eugene Forbes 59 (for his brother, M.B. Forbes), 405 (for his daughter, Lori Hinesley).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Chairman Eugene Forbes.

A memorial lesson was held. Eugene Forbes led song on page 341 for Frank Story's brother, Franklin Story, and 438 for Shannon Wilson. John Ramsey led song on page 288 for his father-in-law, Linus "Bud" Hook. Charlotte Bishop led 339 for Elizabeth Rose Acton, daughter of Jenny Acton, who passed away on March 12, 2002. Myra Goss led 380 for Joan Railey. The memorial lesson was closed.

Business Lesson:

- Union Singings-none reported.
- Location for this singing next year (2003)-Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama.
- Singing Schools-One reported from Rocky Mount, July 18-19, 2002. Reported small attendance with good singers.
- Introductory Lesson to be led by Charlotte Bishop for the 131st session in 2003.
- Voted to send \$50 to the singing school, which will be held on Friday and Saturday before the singing. End of business.

Leaders: Charlotte Bishop 268, 196, 491; Jack Nelson 165, 30b; Thomas Futral 147t, 45t; Carla Smith 63, 145b; Virginia Futral 566, "A Light At The River"; Renee Bishop 143, 128; William Futral 100, 36b; Jack Nelson 145 (in little hymn book) (by request); Myra Goss 236 (by request for her sister, Sylvia Wesson); John Ramsey 449 (for Maxine Marlett who was unable to come due to sickness). Chairman Eugene Forbes led song on page 46 as the closing song. Thomas Futral offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

We would like to thank the class for \$76.00 in minute money.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL **New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama** **July 21, 2002**

The one hundred twenty-ninth session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at New Prospect Church in Cullman County, Alabama on the third Sunday in July. Velton Chafin called the class to order leading song on page 31b. Clayton Ezell offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led song on page 30t.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35; Rodney Ivey 208, 142; Larry Ballinger 339, 373; Bud Oliver 47t, 343; Travis Keeton 99, 441; Tommie Spurlock 454, 430; Alex Makris 63; Marie Guthrie 280; Henry Guthery 517, 456; S.T. Reed 278t, 493; David Roberson 222, 146; Amanda Denson 203, 328.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading song on page 445b. Leaders: Clayton Ezell 475, 137; Max Berueffy 309, 189; Gravis Ballinger 78, 300; Margaret Spurlock 108b, 112; Wilton Donaldson 565, 225t; Bill Aplin 480, 177; Vicki Aplin 535; Marlin Beasley 204, 34t; Stanley Smith 316, 491; John Merritt 176b, 358; Tyler Newman 340; John Etheridge 74b; Willodean Barton 290; Corene White 314, 403; Nate Green and Norma Green 471, 88t; Josie Hyde 200, 507. John Merritt offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 318. Leaders: Betty Shepherd 216, 299; Lisa Geist 91, 546; Elene Stovall 436, 172; Ashley Campbell 196, 143; Bob Watkins 58, 171; Leah Commer 312b, 569b; Elsie

Moon 202, 494; Eldagene Roberson 89, 306; Amber Springfield 85, 192; Laura Clawson 95; Donald Robertson 28b, 120; Elvin Guthrie 69t, 234; Freda Bledsoe and Elsie Moon 166, 87; Cindy Tanner 198; Juanita Newman 335, 108t; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 163b; Ann Jett 348b, 141; Edith Tate and Max Berueffy 532; Cassie Franklin 187, 368, 352; Cindy Tanner 336, 327; Wanda Capps 73, 159, 104. Announcements were made. Harrison Creel led song on page 111b as the closing song. John Merritt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

COTACO CONVENTION **Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Gum Pond, Alabama** **Saturday, July 27, 2002**

The one hundred-fourteenth session of the Cotaco Convention was called to order by Chairman Jonathon Thompson leading song on page 45t. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Leaders and selections were as follows: Brandon Thompson 274t, 335; Arvid Holmes 64, 460; Ken Tate 47t, 426b; Elvin Guthrie 138t, 138b; David Roberson 146, 275b; Tim Cook 330b, 29b; Travis Keeton 179, 480; Eldagene Roberson 175, 100; Marie Guthrie 411, 446; Lomax Ballinger 166, 144; Flarce Creel 203, 475.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jonathon Thompson leading song on page 68b. Leaders and selections: Nancy Thompson 65, 56b; Edith Tate 336, 389; Bud Oliver 345t, 145b; Margaret Keeton 78, 187; Linton Ballinger 142, 217; Harrison Creel 498, 512; Craig Holmes 80b, 111t; Charles McCravey 143, 176b; Sandie Scott 176t, 40; Larry Ballinger 56t, 101t; Zena Tucker 268, 29t; Buell Cobb 31t, 177; Lavaughn Ballinger 528, 546. Buckley Hopper led the class in prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

After enjoying a bountiful lunch and sweet fellowship, the class was reassembled by Jonathon Thompson leading song on page 313t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jonathon Thompson; Vice Chairman—Buckley Hopper; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Brandon Thompson.

Chairman Jonathon Thompson opened the floor and gave the opportunity for anyone desiring to host the next session of the convention, and to make that request known. None were received, so the 115th session of the convention will remain with Gum Pond Church for July 2003. The business session was closed.

Leaders and selections: Billy Williams 297, 496; Amanda Denson 276, 278b; Leah Commer 159, 42; Uel Freeman 317; Uel Freeman and Sharon Long 35; Carol Newman 220, 358; Delone Cobbs 75; Wilda Holmes 44, 384; Glenda Hopper 310, 343; Buckley Hopper 457, 489; Daniel Hopper 479, 269; J.L. Hopper 198, 304. Jonathon Thompson led song on page 62 as the closing hymn, and the class was dismissed with prayer offered by Elder J. L. Hopper.

Chairman—Jonathon Thompson; Vice Chairman—Buckley Hopper; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

MARILOU AND DON JOLLY MEMORIAL **Poway, California** **July 27, 2002**

The sixth annual Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July in the Grand Room of the Porter House at Old

Poway Park. The first session was called to order by Carroll Lunsford with song on page 59. Norma Ruptier offered an opening prayer. Jerry Schreiber led song on page 128.

A motion was made and seconded to go into a business meeting. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Midge Harder; Vice Chairman—Mary Linn Bergstrom; Secretary—Jerry Schreiber; Chaplain—Norma Ruptier; Arranging Committee—Carla Smith; Resolutions Committee—Carolyn Deacy and Anitra Kaye.

Leaders: Carla Smith 100; Anitra Kaye 146, 45t; Beth Webb 479, 183; Midge Harder 52t, 532; Marsha Tucker 163b, 497; Norma Ruptier 84, 34b; Bruce Hayes 476, 502; Jane Campbell 510, 228; Mary Linn Bergstrom 312b, 148.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Laura Russell leading song on page 35.

Leaders: Pat Keating 272, 91; Carroll Lunsford 92, 426t; Dean McNeil 428, 141; Susanna Ball 178, 66; Marilyn Murata 171, 274t; Ronn Huss 327, 477; Duncan McLeod 138t, 67.

RECESS

The class was called together by Pat Keating leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 367, 408; Karen Huss 236; Carolyn Deacy 72b, 457; Rick Russell 349, 350. Norma Ruptier offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Norma Ruptier leading song on page 63. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 373, 550; Laura Russell 498, 320; Anitra Kaye 369; Dean McNeil 410t, 445; Duncan McLeod 168; Beth Webb 203; Mary Linn Bergstrom 424; Bruce Hayes 180; Pat Keating 192; Carolyn Deacy 448b; Marilyn Murata 319; Rick Russell 269; Carroll Lunsford 390; Susanna Ball 40.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Carolyn Deacy leading song on page 299.

Leaders: Karen Huss 151; Midge Harder 324, 45t; Ronn Huss 38t; Jane Campbell 49b, 49t; Norma Ruptier 155; Ann Norris, Mary Ann Norris, and Fred Norris 213t; Laura Russell 95; Jerry Schreiber 454; Carla Smith 436; Carolyn Deacy 196; Marsha Tucker 86.

RECESS

The class was called together with Rick Russell leading song on page 335. Leaders: Dean McNeil 89; Duncan McLeod 179; Carolyn Deacy 456.

A business meeting was then held. The Secretary and the Resolutions Committee presented reports.

Midge Harder and Mary Linn Bergstrom led song on page 56t, and then song on page 62 to conclude the session, and all who wished took the parting hand. Norma Ruptier offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Midge Harder; Vice Chairman—Mary Linn Bergstrom; Secretary—Jerry Schreiber.

MT. ZION MEMORIAL
Mt. Zion, Georgia (off Hwy. 16)
July 27-28, 2002
Saturday, July 27

The one hundred-tenth session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in July.

Earlis McGraw called the class to order leading song on page 37b. Rev. David Sanders led the morning prayer.

Earlis McGraw led song on page 225t for his mother, Gladys McGraw. Leaders: Phillip Langley 67, 224; Charlene Wallace 192, 106; Hugh McGraw 423; Carlene Griffin 77t, 77b; Cindy Cole 145b, 143; Judy Henry and Rev. David Sanders 117, 45t; Jimmie Denney 313t, 46; Mildred Patterson 339, 141; Wilton Donaldson 285t, 348b; Eunice Webb 460, 298 (for George Rogers who is sick); Everette Denney 490, 489; Sheri Taylor 336, 148; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Mary Lambert Smith 213, 335.

RECESS

Phillip Langley called the class to order leading song on page 299. Leaders: Felton Denney 277, 523b; Joyce Clackum and Katherine Benefield 294, 358; Andy Anderson 99, 39t; Lois Owen 129, 212; Philip Denney 168, 120; Ivalene Donaldson 61; Nick Pasqual 93, 569t; Donna Duke 276, 101t; Bobby Jackson 445, 81t; Lonnie Rogers 560, 318 (for Vivian Rogers); S.T. Reed 124, 125.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Earlis McGraw leading song on page 544.

A motion was made and duly seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Charles Woods; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Chaplain—Rev. David Sanders; Arranging Committee—Carolyn Huckeba and Judy Henry; Memorial Committee—Judy Henry.

Leaders: Charles Woods 483, 512; B.M. Smith 448b, 499; Shelbie Sheppard 333, 481; Dennis George 165, 417; Jeannette DePoy 179 (for Doug Allison and Laurie Allison), 542 (for Richard DeLong); Henry Johnson 435, 138t; Lela Crowder 31t, 374; John Plunkett 471, 88b; Jeff Sheppard 140, 322; Tommy George 388, 354b; Bernard Collard 63, 300; Martha Ann Stegar 66, 180; Laura Clawson 85, 142; Teenie Moody 384 (for Judith Green), 430; Nick Griffin 139, 551; Dennis George 88t; Henry Johnson 375; Nick Pasqual 84; Jeff Sheppard 156.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw and Charles Woods led song on page 283 (a song that their grandfather wrote) as the closing song. Rev. David Sanders dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, July 28

The class was called to order by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 435. Rev. David Sanders led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charles Woods 547; Charlene Wallace 105; Carlene Griffin 448b; Hugh McGraw 450; Margie Smith 569b; Cindy Cole and Brady Cook 117, 144; Teenie Moody 171, 391; B.M. Smith 222, 204; Jan House 148, 151; Sharon Hamrick 276, 306; Tommy George 388; Laura Clawson 278b, 269; Mary Lambert Smith 53, 107; Phillip Langley 384, 271t; Glenda Collins 182, 124.

RECESS

Charles Woods called the class together leading song on page 482. Leaders: George Garner 434; Lela Crowder and Laura Clawson 186, 430; Mark Brown 36b; Jeannette DePoy 565, 176b; Nick Pasqual 134, 451; Bud Oliver 480, 215; Mimi Wright 146, 27; Bernard Collard 454, 347.

The memorial lesson was held by Judy Henry. Hugh McGraw led song on page 159 in memory of Berta Woods, Polly Moore, and Ike Stanford. The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Revy Williamson, Mozelle Sheppard, James Vaughn, Arnold Lambert, Steve Lambert, Alice Edwards, I.V. McWhorter, Gladys Simmons, Vivian Rogers, Joyce Walton, and Jap Walton. Rev. David Sanders, pastor of the church, closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 573, 155; Eunice Webb 229, 318; Raymond Hamrick 354t, 139; LaRue Allen 187, 300; Earlis McGraw 284.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Charles Woods 82t, 466; Martha Ann Stegar 268, 47t; Rodney Ivey 382, 273; Shelbie Sheppard 272, 505; Milton Oliver 314; Louis Hughes, Sr. 350; Kathy Kaiser 203, 29t; Jeff Sheppard 301; Dennis George 108b, 419; Floy Wilder 224, 183; John Plunkett 381, 220; Gene Duke 452, 68b; Danny Griffin 137, 145b; Richard DeLong 322; Mark Brown 84; Bernard Collard 198; Rodney Ivey 317; Eunice Webb and Mary Lambert Smith 418 (for Reba Norton and Hester Edwards); LaRue Allen 373; Laura Clawson and Lela Crowder 274t; Nick Pasqual 496; Nick Griffin 96. Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw, Charles Woods, Charlene Wallace, and Rev. David Sanders led song on page 62 as the closing song. Rev. David Sanders offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Charles Woods; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION **Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia** **August 2-4, 2002**

Friday, August 2

The one hundred fiftieth session of the Chattahoochee Convention convened on Friday evening, August 2, at the Carrollton Community Center, Carrollton, Georgia, for a barbeque dinner. John Plunkett welcomed everyone to the dinner. Richard DeLong made a presentation on "Sacred Harp Today," and Lonnie Rogers talked on "Remembering the People of the Chattahoochee Convention."

John Plunkett presented a book edited by Kiri Miller entitled "The Chattahoochee Convention, 1852-2002," which is a Sacred Harp historical sourcebook. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the group with prayer.

Saturday, August 3

The one hundred fiftieth session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held at Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia, on the first Saturday and Sunday before in August 2002.

Chairman Sheri Taylor called the class to order by leading songs on pages 84 and 215. Richard Mauldin led the class in prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Richard DeLong 57; Secretary Donna Duke 46; Jeannette DePoy 32t; Richard Mauldin 36b; Kiri Miller 224; Kathy Williams 437; Laura Frey 178; Cathy White 270; Lela Crowder 300; David Yeager 45t; Diane Wall 318; Jimmie Denney 155; Nancy Yeager 335; Harry Eskew 146; Eunice Webb 196; John Merritt 66; B.M. Smith 273; Diane Mennella 203.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Sheri Taylor leading song on page 354. Leaders: Kenneth DeLong 369; Karen Rollins 34b; Bobby Jackson 408; Mandy Brady 40. A motion was made and seconded to go into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Donna Duke; Chaplain—Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee—Jeannette DePoy and Lela Crowder—Saturday, and Dean Slaton and Kathy Williams—Sunday; Finance Committee—Andy Anderson and David Yeager; Memorial Committee—Richard DeLong and Kiri Miller; Resolutions Committee—Richard Mauldin, Oscar McGuire, and Judy Mincey.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey called the class to order leading song on page 142. Leaders: Matt Wells 49b; Amanda Denson 189; Dan Huger 474; Laura Clawson 53; Ted Mercer 30t; Pam Rosser 42; Bert Meitzler 496; Katharine Manning 179; Jeff Sheppard 280; Barbara Swetman 390; John Plunkett 86.

John Plunkett recognized Kiri Miller as editor of “The Chattahoochee Musical Convention, 1852-2002,” which Kiri has worked on for the past year.

LUNCH

Chairman Sheri Taylor and daughter, Lisa Webb, called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Dennis George 269; Colin Denson Brady 345b; Jesse Roberts 296; Susan Harcrow 518; Henry Johnson 205; Jessica Roberts 99; David Ivey 217; Megan Jennings 383; Aaron Girard 165; Allison Ivey 182; Shelbie Sheppard 29b; Lou Kujawinski 477; Natalia Cecire 547; Mike Grimes 347; Reba Dell Windom 216; Dan Brittain 245; Martha Beverly and Bill Beverly 481; Bernard Collard 63.

RECESS

Louis Hughes called the class to order by leading song on page 135. Leaders: Syd Caldwell 441; Nate Green and Norma Green 510; Dean Slaton 498; Julie Vea 377; Nick Pasqual 116; Carol Selleck 326; Annie Grieshop 159; Bill Caldwell 344; Martha Henderson 406; David Carlton 332; Sandie Scott 29t; Pat Temple 72b; Nicole Buchanan 426b; Brian Black 340; Mary Badarak 59; Sandra Wilkerson 177.

The afternoon session ended with Chairman Sheri Taylor and Vice Chairman John Plunkett leading song on page 323t. Chaplain Lonnie Rogers closed Saturday's session with prayer.

Sunday, August 4

The Sunday session began at 9:30 a.m. with Chairman Sheri Taylor leading song on page 430. Louis Hughes offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 492; Donna Duke 475; Charlene Wallace 283; D.J. Hatfield 171; Terre Schill 218; Elsie Brock 460; John Hollingsworth 236; Judy Mincey 540; Everette Denney 405; Bill Hollingsworth 56b; Andy Anderson 117; Karen Clark 421; Jan House 168; Philip Denney 120; Lee Rogers 538; B.J. Harris and Evelyn Harris 503; Lori Goode 401; Mary Frances D'Andrea 328; Myron House 191; Teenie Moody 317; Lonnie Rogers 225t.

RECESS

Chairman Sheri Taylor, Laura Frey, and Lisa Webb called the class to order and led song on page 313b. Leaders: Lisa Webb 566; Andy Morse 353; Don Bowen 494; Judith Green 374; Felton Denney 299; Cindy Cole 146; Lou Cotney 189. Richard DeLong and Kiri Miller conducted the memorial service. Richard DeLong read scripture from Matthew 7:24-27. Kiri Miller read the list of deceased. Those remembered were: Frances Beasley Lee, Tommye Denson Mauldin, Ethel McGough, John Lacy, Bobby Lacy, and Polly Moore—Alabama; Donald Edwin Meitzler—Connecticut; Berta Woods, Sambo Wilder, Ike Stanford, Wilford Denney, and Rusty Thompson—Georgia; John Bailey and Jerilyn Schumacher—Illinois; Dorothy Williard—Maryland; Dorothy Ebert—Ohio; Frank Sills—Tennessee; and victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Charlene Wallace led song on page 285 for the deceased.

Kiri Miller read the list of sick and shut-ins, led song on page 35t, and reminded everyone to write and visit the ones who are sick and shut-in before they are on the deceased list. Those remembered were: Jimmy Gilmore, Mary Gardner, Arnold Lambert, Eldora Moody, Steve Lambert, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Richard Mauldin, Sr., Herschel Coffey, and Elsie Beasley—Alabama; Beau Caldwell and Jim Danor—Arkansas; Bobby Jackson, Vivian Rogers, George Rogers, Mozelle Sheppard, and Jo Thornton—Georgia; Steve Warner—Illinois; Rick Welsh—Pennsylvania; B.E. Matthews, Ophelia Matthews, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Kelly Beard, and Ernestine Pipkin—Texas; Peggy Leo—Vermont.

The singing resumed with the following leaders called: Charles Woods 470; Oscar McGuire 276; Dan Brittain 505; Earlis McGraw 389; Penny Kujawinski 203; Alice Moran 40; Bill Caldwell 497; Chloe Webb 159; Susan Geil Neufeld and Randy Neufeld 220; Philip Langley 440.

LUNCH

Dean Slaton opened the afternoon session with song on page 112. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 436; Molly Kovel 107; Brad Ogletree 192; Deborah Gross 49b; Margie Smith, Syd Caldwell, and B.M. Smith 101t (in memory of Carl Hughes and J.L. Edge); Lee Denney 143; Martha Henderson 288; Ted Mercer 419; David Yeager, Nancy Yeager, and Jane Yates 303; Reba Windom 208; Bernard Collard 454; Laura Clawson and Lela Crowder 442; John Plunkett 424; Shelbie Sheppard 211; Louis Hughes 76b; Laura Ackerman 224; Laura Frey 358; Dan Huger 61; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 269; Dennis George 198; Barbara Swetman 142; Kathy Williams 222.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor called the singing together by leading song on page 114. Leaders: John Plunkett 418 (for the Dumas and Reese families); Shaffiq Wellji 86; Louise Holland 273; Megan Jennings 455; Natalia Cecire 312b; Matt Wells 318; Aaron Girard 131t; Carol Selleck 129; Nick Pasqual 569t; Julie Vea 209; Nate Green and Norma Green 414b.

A motion was made to go into the business session.

David Yeager, Finance Committee, reported contributions of \$780 from the convention with \$60.00 for minutes and balance to the Wilson family.

Resolutions Committee, Richard Mauldin, Oscar McGuire, and Judy Mincey presented the following resolution.

“Be it Resolved, that we, the members of the 150th Session of the Chattahoochee Musical Convention, do thank:

- God, our creator, who is the fount of our many blessings and our sustainer during times of trial and adversity;
- God who has brought us together at this location and time to sing these wonderful old tunes, hymns, and anthems with voices uniting in sweet accord with the harmony of a fellowship made sweeter by our sharing the music He inspired;
- God who has brought through time and distances many hearts and minds to make the moments of this special session a beautiful memory to be shared as we too soon part and go our separate ways, always bound together in our kindred love of Sacred Harp music.
- We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for being able to live in a nation that allows us the opportunity to meet without interference, at our pleasure and sing as we wish. Also, we thank our fore-bearers and our men and women that have served, died, and are presently serving daily to safeguard and preserve these hard-won freedoms.
- The men and women who have written the words and music which stirs our hearts, minds and inner-beings and encourages us to travel to meet and sing together. May we continue to “Seek the old paths and walk therein.”

We wish to give thanks to:

- The Wilson Family for the gift of this special location for this Chattahoochee Musical Convention;
- Everyone that provided bountiful food and drink to sustain us in these two days of vigorous, enthusiastic, delightful and melodious singing. And we give a special appreciation to Bennett Brown for the delicious barbeque supper Friday evening;

- Those that helped with setting up, cleaning up, and other chores behind the scenes that make this convention run so smoothly;
- All the officers and committees who have worked together to provide a wonderful singing full of fellowship and love;
- Bennett Brown, again, for allowing the convention to clear land that he owns adjacent to our location for the purpose of making another driveway and increasing the parking. Glenn Hill for grading the cleared area so ably;
- John Plunkett and Kiri Miller for their tireless superlative efforts in making the 150th session a memorable and a historical experience, as well as a celebration of the past convention organizers, supporters, and leaders;
- All our singers, leaders and visitors that have given support to all with their voices, encouragement, and prayers;
- Every first-time attendee at this convention who has made us better by their presence, and which are extended a warm and sincere request to come back again soon;
- To all of our regular convention members, singers, and friends with our heartfelt appreciation for your desire and efforts in keeping this grand musical convention growing from the 19th Century into the 21st Century and beyond.

Therefore, we would once again lend our support to the words of Mr. Earl Thurman from his paper produced at the 100th Session of the Chattahoochee Musical Convention held in 1952: “The Chattahoochee Convention is not simply a musical association. The songs of the Sacred Harp have become an IDEAL in the singing life of the multitudes for which we owe allegiance for their support of the Chattahoochee. Through all the years, hundreds of brave men and women have found these gatherings a foundation of inspiration and never-failing food and strength for their spiritual lives.”

And also Mr. Lonnie Rogers as he so eloquently stated in 1972:

“This particular convention has been held frequently at a church that was built especially for Sacred Harp singing by Mr. Matthew Wilson. His family who maintains the church graciously welcomes singers and friends.

The supporters of Sacred Harp music have maintained their humility, friendliness, faith, love, and respect for the time-honored songs of their ancestors. There seems to be a fellowship and openness among Sacred Harp singers and listeners that exists among no other groups in the world. This comes through in singers who learned Sacred Harp at a course in college as well as those who learned the songs at their father’s knee.

So, there seems to be no reason to believe that Sacred Harp will not continue to grow, thrive, and inspire future generations.”

We close these resolutions with a prayerful request for safety to all while traveling, and a commitment to encourage all singers present to continue celebrating Sacred Harp by attending singings, as able. We encourage you to support your fellow singers in the year ahead, to return again to the Chattahoochee Musical Convention, and to renew its fellowship and love in 2003 as it continues towards the 200th Session celebration in 2052.

The Resolutions Committee composed of Judy Mincey, Oscar McGuire, and Richard Mauldin, Jr. respectfully submits these resolutions to the 150th Session of the Chattahoochee Musical Convention today, Sunday, the 4th day of August in the year of our Lord 2002. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Cathy Manning 429; Jeff Sheppard 81t.

Announcements for future singing were announced. Chairman Sheri Taylor and Vice Chairman John Plunkett led song on page 62 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers closed the convention with prayer.

Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Donna Duke.

WARRIOR RIVER - CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama
Saturday, August 3, 2002

The one hundred twenty-eighth session of the Warrior River Convention and the one hundred-third session of the Clear Creek Convention were held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in August.

Elder Philip Gilmore called the class to order at 9:45 a.m. leading song on page 32t. Marlin Beasley offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Elder Philip Gilmore 36b, 37b; Terry Hullett 129, 63; Jewel Wootten 72t, 155; Doug Conn 430, 436; Carmon Brothers 480, 340; Willie Mae Moon 441, 460; Hershell King 97; S.T. Reed 337, 379; Genora Whitworth 378t, 70t; Marlin Beasley 318, 290; Bob Watkins 384, 371; Bud Oliver 274t, 42.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Elder Philip Gilmore leading song on page 75.

A motion was made and seconded to go into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Elder Philip Gilmore; Vice Chairman—Chris Green; Secretary—Jewel Wootten; Arranging Committee—Terry Hullett; Memorial Committee—Linda Thomas and Elder Philip Gilmore; Finance Committee—Carmon Brothers and Doug Conn; Resolutions Committee—Chita Blakeley. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Milton Oliver 282, 405; Donna Wootten 56t, 348b; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 111b; Herby Bailey 489, 569b; Eloise Wootten 108t, 299; Pininia Kane 222, 82t; Earnest Phillips 280, 424; Marlon Wootten 48t; Paula Gilmore 68b, 145b; Hannah Green 358; Mary Grace Green 66; Shane Wootten 176t, 276.

LUNCH

Chris Green brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 144 and 204 in memory of Uncle John Galbreath. Leaders: Billy Williams 448b, 297; Chita Blakeley 29t, 383; Pam Green 111t, 354b; Beacher Yancey, Allison Shelton, and Christy Endsley 565, 403.

Elder Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas conducted the memorial lesson, and led song on page 317 for the deceased: Roie Alexander, Freeman Wootten, Lydia Phillips Baswell, Gladys Phillips Adamson, Annie Brothers, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Russell Gilliland, Ethel McGough, Frances Lee, Curtis K. Brothers, and George Glass.

Chris Green led song on page 97 for the sick and shut-ins: Eldora Green Moody, Alvin Hill, Leola Green Smith, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Lillie Lybrand, Bill Green, and Calvin Phillips. Hershell King closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Onette Watkins 146, 143; Vella Dailey 28b, 452 (in memory of her mother, Lydia Baswell, and aunt Gladys Adamson); Zena Tucker, Lorraine Tucker, and Nicole Tucker 268; Cassie Franklin and Kili Knight 338, 225t.

A business session was held. Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church will again host the convention on Saturday before the first Sunday in August in 2003.

Chita Blakeley gave the following Resolutions Committee report. "Be it resolved that we continue in the old paths of those gone before to worship the Lord in songs of praise. We must encourage one another as we support the traditions of Sacred Harp. We thank Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church and our officers who carried out their duties. We are grateful to each singer who supports us in love, friendship, and presence. No matter how small or large the crowd, the love that flows from breast to breast and within that square is our blessing from God. This convention

first met in 1874, so we must not get discouraged, just pray that God will continue to bless our convention and the beautiful form of Sacred Harp singing.”

The Finance Committee reported a balance of \$42.45; a collection was given in the amount of \$81.00; a total of \$30.00 was taken for the minutes and \$51.00 was given to the church, leaving a balance of \$42.45 on hand. The business session was closed. The convention gave a welcome to Tom Mitchell from Minnesota, his first singing since his heart attack.

Elder Philip Gilmore led the following songs by request: 285t, 101t, 61, and 74b. Announcements were made. Elder Philip Gilmore led song on page 39t as the closing song. Carmon Brothers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Elder Philip Gilmore; Vice Chairman—Chris Green; Secretary—Jewel Wootten.

UTAH SINGING **Heritage Park, Salt Lake City, Utah** **Saturday, August 3, 2002**

The morning session of the Utah Singing was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Stan Jensen leading song on page 448b. Libby Hunter offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Jenny Jensen 171; Stan Jensen 112; Stephen Jardine 163b; Pam Carson 361; Jerry Schreiber 369; Robert Handel 36t; Barbara Losse 99; Neal Anderson 85; Karen Willard 349; Jerry Wait 122; Lynn Carson 159.

RECESS

Stan Jensen brought the class to order leading song on page 162. Leaders: Ryan Hollist 113; Carla Smith 136; Nancy Anderson 35; Beth McIver 198; Gray Bennion 148; Libby Hunter 268; Stephen Jardine 284; Pam Carson 114; Jerry Schreiber 460; Stan Jensen 426b; Robert Handel 489; Neal Anderson 482; Karen Willard 36b; Jerry Wait 335. Libby Hunter offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Karen Willard leading song on page 274t. Leaders: Lynn Carson 139; Marlene Little 164; Ken Hallock 276; Carla Smith 124; Nancy Anderson 277; Ryan Hollist 178; Barbara Losse 408; Beth McIver 454; Gray Bennion 84; Libby Hunter 40; Jenny Jensen 350; Stephen Jardine 306; Pam Carson 551; Jerry Schreiber 260.

RECESS

Stephen Jardine called the class to order leading song on page 128. Leaders: Stan Jensen 32t; Laraine Miner 569b; Robert Handel 393; Karen Willard 368; Jerry Wait 100; Lynn Carson 146; Marlene Little 48t; Ken Hallock 313b; Carla Smith 415; Barbara Losse 232; Ryan Hollist 117; Gray Bennion 223; Beth McIver 503; Libby Hunter 143.

RECESS

Jenny Jensen brought the class to order leading song on page 353. Leaders: Stephen Jardine 57; Pam Carson 133; Jerry Schreiber 236; Robert Handel 234; Carla Smith 213t; Karen Willard 330b; Stan Jensen 50t; Laraine Miner 63; Marlene Little 72b; Lynn Carson 102; Barbara Losse 28b; Ryan Hollist 457; Libby Hunter 547; Gray Bennion 384; Jenny Jensen 68b.

Libby Hunter offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

On Saturday evening, a social and informal singing from the Cooper Book was held at the home of Lynn and Pam Carson.

Chairman—Stan Jensen; Secretary—Jenny Sterne Jensen.

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION
Bevill State Community College, Fayette, Alabama
August 4, 2002

The one hundred-third session of the annual Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Bevill State Community College on the first Sunday in August.

Gravis Ballinger called the class to order leading song on page 36b. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

Following welcoming comments, the class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gravis Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Johnny Humber; Secretary—Amanda Ballinger; Arranging Committee—Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger.

Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 99; Johnny Humber 212, 460; Linton Ballinger 186, 187; Edwin Ballinger 168, 124; Amanda Ballinger 300, 155; Wilton Donaldson 225t, 499; Rachel Richards 490, 235; Lomax Ballinger 565; John Hyde 61; Emily West 477, 171; Bickett Howton 101t, 290; Flarce Creel 389; Winell Sanders 111b; Wayne Baines 100, 112; Jill Ballinger 82t, 405.

RECESS

Buddy Ballinger called the class to order leading songs on pages 354 and 385b.

Leaders: Jimmy Ballinger and Lavaughn Ballinger 123t, 424; Margaret Keeton 517; Marlin Beasley 286, 336; Jayne Fulmer 454; Velton Chafin 419; Donna Wootten 217; Max Berueffy 196, 542; Sarah Smith 318; Travis Keeton 343; Gary Thomas and Edwin Ballinger 45t; Faye Donaldson 40, 284; Amber Ballinger and Julie Ballinger 108t, 400; Gary Smith 523b, 31t; David Ballinger 340, 358.

LUNCH

Leon Ballinger brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 480 and 269. Leaders: Julietta Haynes 211, 421; Rodney Ivey 434; Elene Stovall 442, 142; Bud Oliver 278b, 170; Karen Ivey 446, 201; Shane Wootten 345b, 384; Josie Hyde 104, 507; Cecil Wakefield 268, 282; Edith Tate 73t; David Ivey 402; John Merritt 294, 312b, 572; Debbie Wakefield 546, 283; Toney Smith 227, 383; Ken Tate 76b, 306; Buell Cobb 303; Harrison Creel 512; Lisa Geist and Chris Ballinger 327, 324; Robert Dupree 103, 66; Clarence McCool and John Merritt 86, 163b; Bill Stewart 569b; Wanda Capps 222; Larry Ballinger 224; Earl Ballinger 331.

The class approved the following: Next year, 2003, the Fayette County Convention will be held at Kirkland Community Center located 9 miles NW of Fayette.

Announcements were made. Gravis Ballinger led song on page 62 as the closing song. Lavaughn Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Gravis Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Johnny Humber; Secretary—Amanda Ballinger.

EUGENE SINGING

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon
Saturday, August 10, 2002

The fifth annual Eugene Singing was held in the sanctuary of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in August. Karen Stingle called the class to order at 9:30 a.m., and led song on page 47t. Reed Schilbach offered the invocation. Karen Stingle gave a brief welcome and read the slate of officers: Chairpersons—Karen Stingle and Dave Tobin;

Secretary/Treasurer—Carolyn Gilkey; Arrangements—Jean Murphy, Suzanne Denker, Rachel Foster, Fran Ross, Jim Brock, Martha Johnson, and Gerry Currens; Memorial Committee—Tom Payne; Chaplain—Reed Schilbach;

Registration—David Landazuri; Publicity—Jane Grant; Food—Jean Marcotte, Will Marcotte, Maureen, and Jane Grant.

Leaders: Jane Grant 171; Peter Irvine 448b; Reed Schilbach 324; Carolyn Gilkey 178; John Carson 335; Marie Brandis 319; Kathy Vlach 24b; Jean Murphy 66; David Wright 546; Meg Larson 350; David Landazuri 74b; Anne Huckins 272; Betty Jones 421; Dave Tobin 288; Marcia Stedman 200; Fran Ross 380; Martha Johnson 280; Jack Lofton 198; James Brock 551; Gerry Currens 479.

RECESS

Bruce Rowland brought the class back to order leading song on page 426b. Leaders: Rachel Foster 106; Gerry Currens 117.

Tom Payne conducted the memorial lesson. Tom Payne read a poem and then led song on page 122 for the deceased. Those remembered were: Monaco Jensen, Dee Gilles, Donna Lou Tunison, Trim Bissell, Mike Choppy, Ralph Hames, Neila Campbell, and Patricia Gray—Oregon; Alan Lomax—Florida; Edna Merle Grant—North Carolina; Howard Stingle—Virginia; Elinor Burke and Jerilyn Schumacher—Illinois; Mary Jane Wiesmor—Wisconsin.

Reed Schilbach led song on page 61 for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were: Sid Baum, Frank Gilles, Bernadine Murphy, Crosswhite family, and Barbara Boye.

Leaders: Suzanne Denker 56; Leigh Van Sickle 35; Julie Rogers 146; Anne Huckins 37b; Karen Stingle 220; Peter Irvine 426; Carolyn Gilkey 503; John Carson 361; Marie Brandis 148; Kathy Vlach 273; Jean Murphy 268; David Wright 365; Meg Larson 497; David Landazuri 496; Betty Jones 290; David Tobin 47b. Reed Schilbach offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Dave Tobin brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 47b (last two verses). Leaders: Marcia Stedman 143; Fran Ross 31; Jack Lofton 344; Reed Schilbach 39; Jim Brock 68b; Bruce Rowland 75; Rachel Foster 454; Martha Johnson 34b; Suzanne Denker 504; Gerry Currens 479; Leigh Van Sickle 86; Scott Kennedy 507; Jane Grant 119; Julie Rogers 299; Karen Stingle 277.

RECESS

Anne Huckins brought the class to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Teri Reich 457; Peter Irvine 430; Carolyn Gilkey 183; John Carson 40; Callie Jordan 455; Marie Brandis 245; Kathy Vlach 84; Jean Murphy 209; David Wright 300; Meg Larson 549; Tom Payne 81t; David Landazuri 128; Betty Jones 108t; David Tobin 385b; Marcia Stedman 63; Fran Ross 254; Jack Lofton 236; Reed Schilbach 87; Bruce Rowland 284; Callie Jordan 65; Jack Lofton 414.

Reed Schilbach led song on page 62 as the closing song and offered the closing prayer.

The class was invited to a party at the home of Jim Brock. Fran Ross was thanked for hosting the Friday night party.

Chairpersons—Karen Stingle and David Tobin; Secretary/Treasurer—Carolyn Gilkey.

EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Henderson Community Center, Henderson, Texas

August 10-11, 2002

Saturday, August 10

The one hundred thirty-fourth session of the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Henderson Community Center in Henderson, Texas. At 9:30

a.m., while John Morris was still greeting singers at the front, the class spontaneously began to sing "Mercy Seat." This quickly brought John to the front and he officially brought the class to order by leading song on page 76b. Tom Owen offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Emmie Morris 171; Marion Grant 36t; Sam Craig 145; Doris Hanks 36b; Floyd Bennett 451b; Victoria Aplin 421; Leon Ballinger 559; Georgia Kanode 358; Amanda Owen 99.

RECESS

Henderson Mayor, Foy Brown, welcomed the group to the city.

The class was called to order by Frank Hataway leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Myrl Jones 142; Bill Aplin 106; Dale Redmon, Jr. 540; Carlene Griffin 146; Curtis Owen 558b; Ester Huckaby 411; Gaylon Powell 272; Stanley Smith 98; Edith Owen 47t; Sarah Huckaby 416t; Rodney Ivey 497.

RECESS

John Morris called the class to order and led song on page 275. Leaders: David Moseley 450; Monnie Ross 49t; Tommie Spurlock 402; Diane Ross 419; John Etheridge 552; John Kanode 571; John Beard 384; Zach Rogan 128; Charlene Wallace 567; Owen Ross 383; Myra Palmer 414; Billy Huckaby 522; Kelly Beard 250; Mike Jones 447; Jeb Owen 470; Catherine Rogan 186; Ryan Ross 365; Josh Rogan 299; Aubrey Barfield 202; Liz Owen 212; Tim McClain 82; Amanda Blevins 155.

LUNCH

John Morris brought the afternoon session to order and led song on page 395b.

Leaders: Reed Coates 270; Bob McLemore 58; Kevin Powell 200; Beverly Coates 489; Shane Wootten 543b; Donald Ross 95; H.P. O'Mary 103; Earl Ballinger 203; Tom Owen 544; Vivian Rogan 32t; Henry Schuman 280; Bob Meek 484b; Troxel Ballou 508; Neil Vaught 563; Michele Rogan 215; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Bruce Coates 201; Olivia Powell 235; Charlie Vaughn 549.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell brought the class to order leading song on page 149. Leaders: Gary Rogan 54t; Stanley Smith and Rade Humphries 174; Cheryl Foreman 183; David Rousseau 87; Robert Vaughn 40; Shane Wootten 478; Aubrey Barfield 192; Rodney Ivey and John Etheridge 292b; Tommie Spurlock 468; Henry Schuman 572; Earl Ballinger 176; Seth Howard and Owen Howard 133.

Tom Owen led song on page 69 as the closing song. Gary Rogan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 11

The Sunday morning session was opened by John Morris leading song on page 282. Bill Aplin offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 562b; David Moseley 137; Charlene Wallace 276; Gaylon Powell 193; Mike Jones 384; David Rousseau 119; Tommie Spurlock 574; Gary Rogan 300; Phyllis Costner 434; Cheryl Foreman 140; Bob Meek 38t; Curtis Owen 73t; Carlene Griffin 155; Joan Aldridge 515; Donald Ross 539; Kevin Powell 240; Dale Redmon, Jr. 507b; Bill Aplin 453t; Myrl Jones 189.

RECESS

John Morris called the class to order and led song on page 331t. Leaders: Vivian Rogan 100; Victoria Aplin 508; Earl Ballinger 217; Owen Howard 146; Henry Schuman and John Etheridge 319; Rodney Ivey 559; Floyd Bennett 127; Diane Ross 224; John Etheridge 336t; Jeb Owen 74b; Seth Howard 38b; Myra Palmer 497; Stanley Smith 450; Aubrey Barfield 220; Beverly Coates 385t; Shane Wootten 331b; Frank Hataway 138t; Georgia Kanode 395b; Bruce Coates 39; Michele Rogan 386; Doris Hanks 422b.

The memorial lesson was held. Diane Ross led song on page 406, and David Rousseau read the names of Sacred Harp singers and supporters of Sacred Harp who had passed away in the last year. Those listed were: Walter Clark, Nobie Smith, Bob Craig, Pauline Cathy—Texas; Lane Albritton—Florida; J.B. Chapman, Robert Spurlock, Betty Etheridge, and Lucille Tolbert—Alabama; Betty Jane Craig—Arkansas.

Mary Craig brought a moving devotional entitled “Children of the Resurrection”: “Blessed is the man who dies in his own bed” (my beatitude). The events of September 11, 2001, soon to be a year away, brought home the fact that life is fragile, gives true meaning to the Bible’s descriptions: “Life is like a vapor,” “Life is like grass that springs up, withers, and blows away.” The thousands of deaths on 9-11 were unexpected and violent in a way never before experienced. These deaths were untimely. The nine miners, trapped in a mine two miles below the earth’s surface, faced what, all things considered, must be certain death. But, time permitted, and prayers of intercession lifted up holy incense from all parts of the globe. The miners, too, had time to pray and to reflect on the condition of their souls. God intervened and nine lives were spared. This was a miracle in our time. The age of miracles is not in the past, friends. About the lives lost in the towers, we can only conjecture. But should we? I think not. We can rest assured that they are in the hands of a just and loving God, who asserts that all souls are His. He created them and they returned to Him. But, where does this leave us? It leaves us pondering our own mortality. It says, “Be ready!” We are admonished to “Lay hold” of our faith. To me this means ‘activate.’ Do not let it become passive. At a time when turmoil tormented Texas, Sam Houston was quoted as saying: “The times are getting yeasty. We must be stirring.” We can be ready by taking spiritual inventory and rectifying anything that threatens our hope of eternal life. Each of us is responsible for the condition of our spiritual house. We are admonished to “set our houses in order.” In Ecclesiastes 12:1 we read: “Remember now your Creator in the days of youth, before the difficult day come. Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well. Then the dust will return to the earth it is, and the spirit to God, who gave it.” You do not need me to interpret these metaphors. They speak clearly. To continue with Ecclesiastes: “Let us hear the conclusion of the matter: fear God, and keep His commandments, for this is mans all: For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing. Whether it be good or evil.” Friends, the Kingdom is not about what we eat or wear. It is not about whether we have high church or low; it is about a relationship, a personal relationship with Christ. With that, all other things fall into place, and we can be “God’s children; children of the resurrection.” Think about it!

Diane Ross led song on page 406, and Curtis Owen closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

John Morris brought the class to order for the afternoon session and led song on page 330b. Leaders: Reed Coates 225t; Amanda Blevins 148; Charlie Vaughn 387; Monnie Ross 108b; Olivia Powell 168; Tom Owen 179; Neil Vaught 159; Josh Rogan 444t; Billy Huckaby 47b; Catherine Rogan 489; John Kanode 505; Edith Owen 410; Zach Rogan 299; Sarah Huckaby 112; Leon Ballinger 120; Amanda Owen 68t; Sam Craig 57; Burl Russell 75; Robert Vaughn 521; Joan Aldridge 84; Mike Jones 435; Rodney Ivey 511b; Bob Meek 516; Floyd Bennett 447; Gaylon Powell 250 (by request).

Sam Craig led song on page 45t as the closing song. Judge Donald R. Ross offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—John Morris and Emmie Morris; Secretary/Treasurer—Marion Grant.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Haleyville, Alabama
August 11, 2002

The third annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in August was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Tate leading song on page 47t. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer.

Officers: Chairman—Kenneth Tate; Vice Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson.

Leaders: Kenneth Tate 75; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 32t; Ivalene Donaldson 129; Josie Hyde 220, 434; L.E. Hannah 389, 500; Debra Wakefield 521, 208; Gravis Ballinger 300, 78; Corene White 171, 403; Bud Oliver 343, 345t; A.A. Malone 432, 183; Danny Creel 182, 269; Jeff Sheppard 155, 480; Linton Ballinger 144, 142; Emily Creel 101t, 178; Lisa Geist 224, 202.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class back to order with songs on pages 117 and 163b.

Leaders: Vernice Phillips 318, 40; Sarah Smith 445; Max Berueffy 157, 527; Shelbie Sheppard 418, 448b; Clarence McCool 328, 349; Gary Smith 523, 565; Jayne Fulmer 203, 273; Chris Rice 276, 297; Travis Keeton 388, 321; Brenda Merritt 440, 428.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Wilton Donaldson leading song on page 225t. Leaders: Harrison Creel 378b, 512; Wanda Capps 448t, 430; Ann Jett 37b, 43; Cecil Wakefield 134, 290; John Merritt 66, 240; Elene Stovall 236, 455; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 84; John Hyde and Lavaughn Ballinger 313t, 63; Roma Rice 290 (for Bernice Watts and her sister), 161; Edith Tate 88t; Billy Williams 76b; Larry Ballinger 71; Margaret Keeton 181; Kermit Adams 99; Julietta Haynes 216; Dawson Adams 68b.

Announcements were made. Kenneth Tate led song on page 46 as the closing song. John Merritt led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kenneth Tate; Vice Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

ELMORE-CENTER SINGING
Elmore-Center United Methodist Church, near Gordo, Alabama
Wednesday, August 14, 2002

The one hundred fifty-eighth annual session of the Sacred Harp Singing at Elmore-Center United Methodist Church was called to order by Jack Pate leading song on page 35. Wayne Blankenship offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Johnny Humber 145t, 212; Raymond O'Mary 75; Annie Lou Price 159, 73t; Wilton Donaldson 225t, 348b; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 111b; Clarence McCool 111t, 133; A.A. Malone 300, 432; Travis Keeton 336, 566; Marlin Burkhalter 46, 30t; Tim Cook 73b, 171.

RECESS

Jack Pate called the class back to order leading song on page 341.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Clarence McCool; Honorary Chairman—A.A. Malone; Vice Chairman—Jack Pate; Arranging Committee—Johnny Humber; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Clarence McCool 45t; John Hyde 297, 63; John Van Horn 224, 196; Billy Williams 448b, 445; Ivalene Donaldson 544; Bill Stewart 68b, 569b; John Merritt “Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus”, 358; Dessie Goodman 332; Josie Hyde 43, 298. Jim Nap offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Clarence McCool leading song on page 503.

A memorial lesson was held for those who had passed away since last year, and for the sick and shut-ins.

Toney Smith led song on page 229 for the following sick and shut-ins: Gladys Bonds, Martha Howell, Cecile Cox, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Pugh, Clara Smith, Walter Hamilton, and Lavaughn Ballinger.

Toney Smith led song on page 129 for the deceased: Dr. James Howell, George Cox, Doris Vickery, Silas Curtis, Thedus Keeton, Freeman Wootten, Milford Watts, Irene Hipp, Dovy Jackson, Bernice McGough, and Ethel McGough. Jack Pate closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Margaret Keeton 498, 268; Hugh Bill McGuire 430, 477; Dorothy Elmore 480, 145t; Toney Smith 57; Cecil Sanders 123t; Wayne Baines 89, 59; Raymond O’Mary 405; James Cummings 46, 452; John Merritt 294, 358, 58 (by request); Clarence McCool 480 (request by Aunt Dessie Goodman).

Announcements were made. John Merritt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Clarence McCool; Honorary Chairman—A.A. Malone; Vice Chairman—Jack Pate; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

ROCK CREEK-MOUNTAIN HOME AND RYAN CREEK CONVENTION New Hope Church, Cullman, Alabama Saturday, August 17, 2002

The one hundred-sixth session of the Rock Creek-Mountain Home and the one hundred twenty-ninth session of the Ryan Creek Convention was held at Mt. Hope Church in Cullman, Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. Billy Williams opened the convention leading songs on pages 33b and 39b. Uel Freeman offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Billy Williams 76b; Cecil Sanders and Juanita Sanders 225t; Stella Pratt 335, 317; Clarence McCool 569b, 68b; Corene White 37b, 146; Don Robinson 215, 212; John Hyde 124, 566; Charles McCravey 143, 176b; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 32t; Ivalene Donaldson 426t.

A business session was held, and the class voted to retain the same officers:

Chairman—Billy Williams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

RECESS

John Merritt called the class back to order leading song on page 176t. Leaders: Uel Freeman 65, 64; Sarah Smith 29, 288; Edith Tate 336, 389; Judy Caudle 97 (by request), 57, 78; Brenda Merritt 340, 172; Elvin Guthrie 186, 266.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class back to order leading song on page 43.

A memorial lesson was held. Billy Williams read a verse from the Bible, and Josie Hyde read the list of the deceased who have passed away since the last convention. Those remembered were: Callie Calvert, William Ryan, David Holcomb, Lucille Tolbert, Harold Calvert, Dovy Jackson, Silas Curtis, Doris Vickery, Elbert Hale,

Bernice McGough, Lessie Grant, Bertha Humphries, Irene Hipp, Freeman Wootten, and George Cox. Josie Hyde led song on page 129 in memory of the deceased.

Marie Guthrie read the list of the sick and shut-ins and led song on page 373 for these friends and loved ones who were unable to attend. Those remembered were Mavis Price, Chrystal Crocker, Ruth Price, Charlotte Hinkle, Ulys Walker, Tressie Adkins, Sharon Doe, Elsie Beasley, and John Hocutt. Velton Chafin closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: John Merritt 28b, 360; Hershell King 67, 175; Uel Freeman and Sharon Long 35, 45t.

LUNCH

Brenda Merritt called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 76b.

Leaders: Aubrey Tyree 358, 434; Brenda Pena 325, 231; Josie Hyde 507; Marie Guthrie 189, 446; Eldagene Roberson 89, 29t; Travis Keeton 53, 392; Harrison Creel 348t; Margie Lee and Willodean Butler 36b, 445; Judy Caudle 412 (for Reddie Powell), 369; Brenda Merritt 475 (for Flarce Creel and John Hocutt).

Announcements were made. Billy Williams led song on page 46 as the closing song. John Merritt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Billy Williams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

CHATTANOOGA SACRED HARP SINGING

Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee

August 17, 2002

The sixth annual Chattanooga Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. Phil Summerlin called the class to order at 9:30 a.m., leading songs on pages 34b and 33b. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Joe Hildreth.

Bill Thomas, Linda Sides, and Karen Ivey served as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Linda Sides 276; Tim Reynolds 159; Susan Harcrow 35; Lela Crowder 106; Dan Huger 99; Duane Chesney 146; Norma Green 42; Mel Kersey 515; Sandie Scott 176t; Floyd Peters 68b; Karen Henderson 45t; Elder Ricky Harcrow and Jackson Harcrow 36b; Dennis George 319; Tim Russell 39b; Bud Oliver 39t; Michael Thompson 384; Jackson Harcrow 274t.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back to order leading song on page 192. Leaders: Virginia Douglas 49b; Cora Sweatt 73t; Karen Ivey 371; Sarah Jenkins 171; Judy Mincey 50b; David Ivey 162; Betty Julian, Julie Hughes, Allan Pritchett, Wayne Hartman, and Linda Sides 63; Butch White 74b; John Lamb 47b; Susan Harcrow 480; Rita Downer 452; Devann Jackson 59; Duane Chesney 143; Norma Green 119; Mel Kersey 120; Sandie Scott 408; Floyd Peters and Don Bryson 82t; Karen Henderson 457; Ricky Harcrow 335, 32t; Dan Huger 86; Lela Crowder 186; Dennis George 358; David Sault 437; Phil Summerlin 196; Tim Russell 101b; Bud Oliver 343.

LUNCH

Phil Summerlin brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 405.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 270, 299; Daryl Chesney 340, 155; Linda Sides 454; Judy Mincey 475; Devann Jackson 128; Sarah Jenkins 350, 354; Elder Andrew Huffman 566; Wayne Hartman 72b; Donald Rackley 312b; Michael Thompson 290; Butch White 77t; Virginia Douglas 268, 455; Karen Ivey 567; David Sault 465; David Ivey 76b; John Lamb 442; Alan Pritchett 448t; Nick Dobbs 348b; Judy Mincey 347; Virginia Douglas 288; Duane Chesney 84; Dan Huger 532.

After announcements, Phil Summerlin and Linda Sides led song on page 225. Tim Reynolds offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

We express our appreciation to Elder Andrew Huffman and the members of the church for the use of the facilities. Next year's singing will be on August 16.

Chairman—Phil Summerlin; Secretary—Linda Sides.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL
SACRED HARP SINGING
Santa Cruz, California
August 18, 2002**

The tenth annual Northern California Regional Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Senior Center Opportunities Building in Santa Cruz, California on the third Sunday in August. Shelley Phillips called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. by leading song on page 59. Patrick Teverbaugh offered the opening prayer. Tammy Heinsohn welcomed everyone and led song on page 31t.

Leaders: Barry Phillips 84; Celia Brown 210; Janet Herman 30t; Arnold Zwicky 72b, 497; Patrick Teverbaugh 73b, 163b; Mark Miller 29t, 186; Michael Armstrong and Janet Herman 47b, 106; Kathleen Eschen-Pipes 178, 254.

RECESS

Tammy Heinsohn brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 66 and 504. Leaders: Paul Kostka 503; Chris Thorman 287, 501, 278b; Karen Schaffer 71, 40; Iona Singleton 474, 122; Jeannette Ralston 421, 203; Celia Brown 51, 312b; Sue Lindner 216, 126; Barbara Davis and Barry Phillips 269; Barbara Davis and Shelley Phillips 547.

RECESS

Carolyn Deacy brought the class back to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Barbara Saxton 192, 86; Janet Herman 532, 442; Rachel Lee 39t, 42.

Celia Brown conducted the memorial lesson, and read the names of the sick and shut-ins: Bob Brown, Fran Sargenti, Kelley Tott, Peggy Belland, Loren Dick, Laura Downin, Nadine Patterson, and Jacques Tranfue—California. Celia Brown and Shelley Phillips led song on page 161 for those remembered.

John Brunk continued the memorial lesson by reading the names of those that passed away this last year. Those remembered were: Craig Adams, Liz Brewer, Michelle Croke, Betty Dunipace, Lydia Grayson, Kenra Greene, Robbie Heilbron, Dennis Heinsohn, Patty Hennings, Royce Kanlanovich, Don Millar, Flora Owen, and Fr. Joe Watt—California; Bud Hambleton—Massachusetts; Alan Lomax—Florida. Shelley Phillips led 420 for the deceased. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Ruth McGurk 148; Ruth McGurk and Barry Phillips 271t; Jeff O'Toole 63; Carolyn Deacy 299, 448b. Chaplain John Brunk offered the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

Arnold Zwicky called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 146. Leaders: Stephen Holland 350, 455; Janet Herman 454; Arnold Zwicky 551; Shelley Phillips 448t; Mark Miller 270; Barry Phillips 288, 198; Tammy Heinsohn 159; Chris Thorman 212; Celia Brown 361; Barbara Saxton 209; Peter Ross 344; Michael Armstrong 56b; Karen Schaffer 128; Barbara Davis and Janet Herman 48; Kathleen Eschen-Pipes 268; Iona Singleton 453.

RECESS

Mark Miller and Shelley Phillips brought the class back to order leading song on page 480. Leaders: Paul Kostka 200; Stephen Holland 481; Jeff DeMarco 117; Jeannette Ralston 567; Rachel Lee 276; Ruth McGurk and Arnold Zwicky 183; Jeff

O'Toole 28b; Carolyn Deacy 168; Shelley Phillips and Barry Phillips 236; Arnold Zwicky 36b; Celia Brown 380; Mark Miller 362; Janet Herman 76b.
Barbara Davis gave the Resolutions Report.
Janet Herman led song on page 62 as the closing song. John Brunk offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Co Chairs—Tammy Heinsohn and Shelley Phillips; Arranging Committee—Carolyn Deacy; Secretary—Janet Herman.

CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION **Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Near Heflin, Alabama** **August 18, 2002**

The one hundred-thirteenth session of the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church near Heflin, Alabama on the third Sunday in August.

Chairman Billy J. Harris called the class to order leading song on page 72b. Harvey Austin offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Billy J. Harris 303; Eunice Webb 283, 30b, 282; Mary Lambert Smith 103, 421 (for I.V. McWhorter on her birthday, August 18th).

Eunice Webb led the Introductory Lesson from a 1936 Edition of "The Sacred Harp" which was presented to the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention in memory of the late J.W. Laminack. Stipulations for the use of the book are that the person conducting the Introductory Lesson should choose selections from this book, and that the book not be used at any other time. The selections chosen were songs on pages 73b and 45t.

Leaders: Glenda Collins and husband 81t, 290; Jimmie Denney 101t; LaRue Allen 371, 336; Earlis McGraw 271, 225t (for his mother, Gladys McGraw); Betty Wright 503, 569b; Everette Denney 323b, 405.

A business session was held with the class electing or appointing the following officers: Chairperson—Eunice Webb; Vice Chairman—Harvey Austin; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith; Arranging Committee—Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee—Mary Lambert Smith.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Harvey Austin called the class together leading song on page 335. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 135, 139; Bobby Jackson 489, 568; Milton Oliver 176t, 155; Charlene Wallace 73b, 299; Louise Holland 186, 143; B.M. Smith 284, 276; Virginia Dyer 63, 546; Hugh McGraw 545; Evelyn Harris 47t, 89; Lois Owen 168, 460. Mary Lambert Smith conducted the memorial lesson and spoke of the memories that God has given to us of loved ones that have passed away. Her comments were concerning admonitions from the book of Psalms to sing praises, and that God gave us a joyful heart to sing and be happy, and that God is always there to comfort us. She reminded us to think happy of the deceased, and when it is time for someone to sing in our memory, we will all have happy memories to leave.

Jeff Sheppard led song on page 280 for the following deceased: George Rogers, Sr., John Eric Reaves, Ike Stanford, Flora Skinner, Polly Moore, and Oakie Austin. B.M. Smith led song on page 318 for the sick and shut-ins which included: Lonnie Rogers, Vivian Rogers, Alice Edwards, I.V. McWhorter, Mozelle Sheppard, and many others. We miss all these folks who are unable to attend, and we are grateful to have Betty Wright and Gladys Simmons with us today. Moena Denney closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Eunice Webb called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 235. Leaders: Reba Norton 177, 164; Bud Oliver 278b, 170; Teenie Moody 98, 384;

Howard McGuire 340, 354; Margie Smith 512, 494; Henry Johnson 138t, 138b (the class sang “Happy Birthday” to Henry whose birthday is tomorrow, the 19th); Ruth Daniel 68b, 378t; Shelbie Sheppard 277, 288; Nellie Mae White 100, 119; Lewis Norton 76b, 418; Lou Cotney 172, 358; Jeff Sheppard 86, 410t (for Karen Reaves in memory of her husband, John Eric Reaves).

The Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention will meet again in 2003 at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Heflin, Alabama on the third Sunday in August.

Announcements were made. Eunice Webb and Harvey Austin led song on page 62 as the closing song. Elder Lewis Norton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Eunice Webb; Vice Chairman—Harvey Austin; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith.

BEASLEY-LEE MEMORIAL SINGING **Concord Primitive Baptist Meeting House, Winfield, Alabama** **August 18, 2002**

The thirty-fourth annual Beasley-Lee Memorial Singing was called to order by Chairman Marlin Beasley leading songs on pages 82 and 32t. Harrison Creel offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde; Secretary—Gary Smith.

Marlin Beasley then led song on page 75. This session is dedicated to the memory of Frances Beasley Lee.

Leaders: Josie Hyde 103; Gary Smith 523, 565; John Beasley 67; Don Keeton 406, 61; Sarah Beasley Smith 108t, 30t; Clarence McCool 112, 172; Winell Sanders 225t; Becky Beasley Briggs 384, 480; Johnny Humber 460, 426b; Ann Beasley Ballard 274t, 159; Kermit Adams 277, 76b; Ricky Beasley 49b, 47b; Cora Beasley Sweatt 268 (for Virginia Douglas), 312b.

RECESS

Marlin Beasley called the class to order leading song on page 317. Leaders: A. A. Malone 68b; Brenda Pena 229, 569t; Velton Chafin 573; Edith Tate 532, 333; Tim Cook 160b, 147b; Gravis Ballinger 99, 535; Jayne Fulmer 217, 454; John Merritt 271t, “Nothing But the Blood”; Margaret Keeton 321; Harrison Creel 498, 111b. John Merritt offered grace.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 270 and 235. Leaders: John Hyde 39b, 297; Brenda Merritt 430, 455; Emma and Belton Beasley’s grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild 354, 30t; Emma and Belton Beasley’s children (David “Chug” Beasley, Sarah Beasley Smith, John Beasley, Cora Beasley Sweatt, Marlin Beasley, Alvin “Bunk” Beasley, Ann Beasley Ballard, and Becky Beasley Briggs) 72; Wanda Capps 142, 474; Earl Ballinger 283; Elene Stovall 216 (in memory of her father, Demas Aldridge, who would have been 101 years old on August 17), 440; Buell Cobb 141; Amber Springfield 192; Larry Ballinger 350; Julietta Haynes 200, 298; Max Berueffy 91, 196; Amanda Denson Brady 213b, 213t; Elsie Beasley and Brenda Pena 460, 436. Dan McCurry and Ann Beasley Ballard conducted a moving, inspirational memorial lesson, and led song on page 285 (the song Frances Lee was listening to when she passed away). Those memorialized were: Frances Beasley Lee, Ethel Harper McGough, Odie Beasley (Amber Springfield’s great-grandmother), George Cox,

James Howell, Doris Vickers, Lucille Creel Tolbert, Milford Watts, Helen Connor Smith, Helen Smith Hall, and Dovy Jackson.

Those listed as sick and shut-ins were Cecil Cox, Gladys Bonds, and Tressie Adkins. Dan McCurry and Ann Ballard led song on page 340 for the sick. Dan McCurry closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Billy Williams 161; Dorothea McCowan and Dustin McCowan 442, 294; David (Chug) Beasley and Alvin (Bunk) Beasley 33b; Lisa Morton and Tara Morton 77t; Seth Holloway 388; David Jackson 45t, 146; Tina Davis and Scott Davis 63.

After announcements, Marlin Beasley and Travis Keeton led song on page 62 as the closing song. John Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Gary Smith.

BEAR CREEK CONVENTION

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama

Saturday, August 24, 2002

The one hundred-fourth session of the Bear Creek Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County, Alabama on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August.

The class was called to order by Kermit Adams leading song on page 43. Dawson Adams offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton;

Secretary—Roma Rice; Arranging Committee—Chris Rice.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 37b; Emily Jones 39t, 73t, 471; Dawson Adams 61, 77t; Julie Poston 274t, 421; Don Robertson 100, 101t, 28b; Azilee Adams 337, 34t, 285t; Cecil Wakefield 153, 157, 480.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back together leading songs on pages 490, 388, 56t, and 288. Leaders: Carla Morris 183, 145b, 145t; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 123t, 111b; Faye Donaldson 406, 59, 108t; Margaret Keeton 297, 129, 97; Roxie Keeton 498, 349; John Hyde 179, 124, 63.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the afternoon session to order and led songs on pages 98 and 78. Leaders: Chris Bell 53, 358, 85; Vernice Phillips 155, 112; Jayne Fulmer 203, 217, 454; Roma Rice 343b, 475, 225t; Josie Hyde 546, 104, 47t; Dawson Adams 68b, 147t; Don Robertson 100, 212; Chris Rice 72b, 384; Pernie Pelfrey 74b, 312b, 67; Carla Morris 143; the class 317, 321 (in memory of Howard Godsey), 426t (for Rose Altha Taylor who is in the nursing home); Don Robertson 428; Travis Keeton 544; Kermit Adams 387.

Announcements were made. Kermit Adams led song on page 146 as the closing song. Chris Bell 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 24-25, 2002

Saturday, August 24

The ninety-ninth 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.

Bud Oliver called the class to order, and led songs on pages 32t and 82t. Samuel Sommers offered the opening prayer.
Leaders: S.T. Reed 30t; Milton Oliver and Paula Oliver, his granddaughter 45t; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Max Berueffy 157; Wilton Donaldson 503; Lou Cotney 218; Boyd Scott 58; William Shetter 362; Michelle Cull 361; Harvey Austin 335; Amanda Ballinger 454; Edward Howton 436; Jewel Wootten 224; John Morris 448t; Ivalene Donaldson 544; Louis Hughes 57; Sarah Jenkins 460; Betty Wright 146; Willie Mae Moon 498.

RECESS

Doyle Ashley brought the class to order leading song on page 192. Leaders: Donna Wootten 217; Mattie Townsel 176b; Verlon Stiefel 138b; Hershell King 204; B.M. Smith 28b; Jackson Harcrow 274t; Tommy George 388; Mary Ruth Stiefel 322; Daryl Chesney 480; Karen Freund 99; Tim Reynolds 547; Mary Wright 121; Mel Kersey 515.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 42.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretaries—Pauline Oliver and Randall Smith; Arranging Committee—Max Berueffy and Henry Johnson; Memorial Committee—Becky Browne and Linda Thomas; Finance Committee—Scot Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Milton Oliver; Chaplain—Wayne Reed. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger, Lavaughn Ballinger, and Jimmy Ballinger 340; David Carlton 496; Mary Lambert Smith 441; Buell Cobb 295; Emmie Morris 142; Hubert Nall 186; Nate Green and Norma Green 50b; Bill Cortner and Roy Turrentine 49b; Bob Meek 31t; Katharine Hough 569b; Lomax Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, and Larry Ballinger 212; Duane Chesney 164; Jeannette DePoy and Rodney Ivey 282; Andy Morse 481; Clarence McCool 349; Mark Brown 277; Daphene Causey 442; Sandie Scott 29t; Don Bowen 475.

LUNCH

Max Berueffy brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 182. Leaders: David Ivey 328; John Etheridge 34b; Stuart Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Coy Ivey 384, 222; Charlene Wallace 365; Jackie Tanner 112; Jerry Enright 176t; Richard DeLong 336; Reba Windom 172; Lela Crowder 397; Samuel Sommers 422; Amanda Denson 211; Becky Browne 200; Lynne deBenedette 208; Cassie Franklin 304; Shane Wootten, Lavaughn Ballinger, and Loyd Ivey 424; Lisa Geist 273; Cindy Tanner 546; Dennis George 543; Shelbie Sheppard and Reba Windom 216.

RECESS

Shane Wootten brought the class to order and led song on page 345b. Leaders: LaRue Allen 396; Laura Clawson 542; Betty Shepherd 196; Susan Harcrow 215; Floy Wilder 297; Jeff Sheppard 313t; Judy Mincey 350; Judy Caudle 407; Eunice Webb 512; Doug Conn 455; Linda Thomas and Rodney Ivey 47t; Alanna Blanks 405; Melvin Stiefel 348b; Pat Temple 203; Kristy Finley and Randall Smith 137; Bob Meek, Will Dubose, and Mark Risinger 49t.

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver led song on page 46 as the closing song. Wayne Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 25

Bud Oliver called the Sunday morning session to order, and led songs on pages 48t and 82t. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 39b; S.T. Reed 39t; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Max Berueffy 309; Linda Thomas 33b; Louis Hughes 83t; Mel Kersey 565; Hubert Nall 84; Joel Jenkins 480; Mattie Townsel 112; William Shetter 149; Betty Wright 70t; Boyd Scott 358.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 73t. Leaders: Henry Johnson 111t; Jackson Harcrow 378b; Paula Oliver and Milton Oliver 45t; Scott Ivey 186; Terry Hullett 129; Martha Johnson 148; David Hough 371; Pat Temple 72b; Mary Ruth Stiefel 145b; Loretta Smith 37b; Willie Mae Moon 475; Mary Wright 114; Bob Meek 490; Katharine Hough 183; Johnny Johnson 128; Jewel Wootten and Shane Wootten 97.

RECESS

Max Berueffy brought the class to order leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Milton Oliver, Alanna Blanks, Cheryl Beard, and Bryant Beard 478t (WB); Stuart Ivey and Allison Ivey 306; B.M. Smith 495; Michelle Cull 300; Verlon Stiefel 457; Daphene Causey 151; Jackie Tanner 477; Judy Caudle 428; Eloise Wootten 456; Nate Green and Norma Green 98; Sarah Jenkins 208; Chita Blakeley 434; Wayne Wootten 276; Chris Green 543; Jeff Sheppard 556; Myra Dalton 122; Don Bowen 283.

LUNCH

The class reassembled for the afternoon session, and Bud Oliver led song on page 270. Leaders: Brenda Carroll 442; Jim Carnes 440; John Plunkett 446; Syble Adams 99; Shelbie Sheppard 484.

Becky Browne and Linda Thomas conducted the memorial lesson. Shane Wootten and Rodney Ivey led song on page 348b for Freeman Wootten, and Samuel Sommers led song on page 499 for other deceased. Those remembered were: Freeman Wootten, Roie Alexander, George Glass, Lydia Phillips Baswell, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Polly Moore, Elder Warren Meadows, Annie Brothers, Flora Skinner, Mary Stiefel, Robert Peek, John Lacy, Bobby Lacy, Lucille Tolbert, Jane Lester, Sheila Wilson, and Oakie Austin—Alabama; Osee Tanner—Pennsylvania; Frank Sills—Tennessee; Ruby Driskell and Rodger Brooks—Kentucky; Trim Bissell—Oregon; George Rogers and Berta Woods—Georgia; Barbara Bolles—Missouri; Alvin Reeves and Willie Mae Mullins. Becky Browne, Syble Adams, and Linda Thomas led song on page 540 (WB), and Mark Brown led “Sweet Beulah Land” for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were: B.E. Matthews, Ophelia Matthews—Texas; Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Nellie Miller, River Kennedy, Eldora Moody, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Beverly Norton, Doyce White, and Elmerine Mims—Alabama; Jill Gibbs—Colorado. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Wayne Reed.

Leaders: Tony Ivey 479; Hobert Ivey 47t; Susan Harcrow 518; Emmie Morris 189; Allison Davis 217; LaRue Allen 436; Reba Windom 224; John Morris 421; Cindy Tanner and Shelbie Sheppard 269.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 170. Leaders: Joan Aldridge 150; Becky Browne 299; Jonathan Blakeley 77t; Karen Freund and Lynne deBenedette 411; Dennis George and Lela Crowder 198; Jerry Enright 383; David Light 192; Melvin Stiefel 491; Samuel Sommers 528; Laura Clawson 318; Charles Stiefel 572 (CB); Floy Wilder 227; Christy Finley 63; Betty Shepherd, Shane Wootten, and Rodney Ivey 216; Scot Oliver, Alanna Blanks, and Cheryl Beard 213; Loyd Ivey and Betty Shepherd 491b (WB); Syble Adams “Song of Praise”; Coy Ivey, David Ivey, and Karen Ivey 486t (WB).

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver led song on page 146 as the closing song. Wayne Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

The Lookout Mountain Convention wishes to thank everyone who helped in any way with making this convention possible.

Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretaries—Randall Smith and Pauline Oliver.

MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION
Enon Primitive Baptist Church, Chickasaw County, Mississippi
August 24-25, 2002
Saturday, August 24

The seventy-fourth annual session of the Mississippi State Convention was held at Enon Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August. President Mark Davis called the class to order, welcomed everyone, and led song on page 37b. Pastor Charles Porter welcomed the class and offered the morning prayer. Leaders: President Mark Davis 48t, 47b; Vice President John Van Horn 215, 312t; Secretary Jean Gray 36b, 146; Andrew Albers 378b (CB), 524; John Merritt 263 (CB), 478 (CB); Hugh McGuire 155, 314; W.M. Allen 108, 75; Elder Charles Porter 137, 136; Tim Gray 222, 268.

RECESS

President Mark Davis called the class to order leading song on page 74b. Leaders: Linda Funderburk 318, 277; Tim Cook 147b (CB), 484 (CB); Bobby Caldwell 127, 82t; Joe Cobb 28b, 38b; Mike McNeil 573 (CB), 522; T.J. Funderburk 147t, 569b; Brenda Merritt 336, 192. T.J. Funderburk offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

President Mark Davis brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 348b. Leaders: Hugh Bill McGuire, Hugh McGuire, Henry McGuire, and Sarah McGuire 85, 84; Dr. Wilma Mitchell 480, 68b; George Easley 313, 299; Mako Cook 51, 67b (CH); Ester Mann 475, 454; Henry McGuire 327, 269; John Plunkett 16 (CH), 255 (CH); Robert Earl Alexander 339, 170; Junie McNeil 176b, 176t; Billy Hollingsworth 163, 236.

A business was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Secretary—Jean Gray; Chaplain—W.M. Allen; Arranging Committee—Junie McNeil and W.M. Allen; Business and Credentials Committee—George Easley and Hugh McGuire; Memorial Committee—Ester Mann and Wilma Mitchell; Locating Committee—Charles Porter and Tim Gray; Resolutions Committee—Andy Davis.

RECESS

President Mark Davis called the class back to order leading song on page 60 (WB). Leaders: Warren Steel 67, 440; Anne Steel 61, 47t; John Hollingsworth 230 (CH); Sarah Tidwell 81t (CH), 117 (CH); Virginia Carter 34b, 49b; Billy Williams 254b (CH); Tim Cook 73b (CH); Mike McNeil 172 (CH); Mikao Cook 301 (CH). President Mark Davis led song on page 46, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Chaplain W.M. Allen.

Sunday, August 25

President Mark Davis called the Sunday session to order leading songs on pages 42 and 49b. Chaplain W.M. Allen offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: President Mark Davis 129; Vice President John Van Horn 448t, 288; Chaplain W.M. Allen 59; Arlon Gardner 183 (CH), 316 (CH); Andy Davis 379, 400; Andrew Albers 338b (CH), 131 (CH); John Merritt 416t (CB), 45b (CB); Hugh McGuire 174 (CB), 172.

RECESS

President Mark Davis brought the class to order leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Charles Porter 31b, 460; Brenda Merritt 319, 384; Hugh Bill McGuire 385b, 40; Wilma Mitchell 63, 274t; George Easley 438 (CH), 82 (CH); Ester Mann 171, 143; Virginia Carter 99, 131b; Billy Hollingsworth 225t (CB), 131t (CB). Chaplain W.M. Allen offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

President Mark Davis brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 223. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 138t, 434; Arlon Gardner 155 (CH), 83t; Andy Davis 200, 254; Andrew Albers 492 (CB), 85 (CH); John Merritt 392 (CB), 507b (CB); Hugh McGuire 393t (CB), 503 (CB); Charles Porter 108b, 418; Brenda Merritt 142, 430; Hugh Bill McGuire 159, 222.

A business session was held to hear reports from the various committees.

The Business and Credentials Committee, George Easley and Hugh McGuire, reported that several counties and states were represented with delegates and visitors. We find a quorum present and collected \$165.00.

The Memorial Committee, Ester Mann and Wilma Mitchell, led song on page 119 in memory of Ms. Katherine Wilson Walls, and song on page 235 in honor of Ms. Katie Wilson.

The Resolutions Committee, Andy Davis, submitted the following report. We resolve to thank:

- Our Creator for the opportunity to praise Him in song;
- Elder Charles Porter and all the members of Enon Primitive Baptist Church for the invitation, work, and use of their fine facilities;
- All the singers and members of the community for a delicious dinner both days;
- The President and all officers for their labors to make the convention a success, and for their willingness to serve another year;
- Everyone who came to listen and sing both days;
- Everyone who worked, including members of all committees.

All reports were approved.

RECESS

President Mark Davis brought the class back to order leading song on page 101t. Leaders: John Lee Van Horn 163; Wilma Mitchell 39t, 569b; Ester Mann and family 358, 117, 490, 284 (CH); Chuck Howell 40, 45; Billy Hollingsworth 171 (CH); Virginia Carter 65, 122; Arlon Gardner 378b, 168.

President Davis led song on page 62 as the closing song, and Chaplain W.M. Allen dismissed with prayer.

President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Secretary—Jean Gray.

CHERRY TREE SINGING

James Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Itawamba County, Mississippi August 25, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing at James Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Itawamba County, Mississippi was held on the fourth Sunday in August. Travis Keeton brought the class to order and led song on page 48t. Lavaughn Ballinger offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 44 in memory of Elmer Conwill who was buried here in July 2001.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 179; Lavaughn Ballinger 317, 84, 528; Betty Baccus 100 (for Mae Conwill who was unable to attend), 285t, 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield); Beatrice Brewer 112, 460; Julie Poston 145b (in memory of Elmer Conwill), 166; A.A. Malone 68b, 110; Ivalene Donaldson 129; Gary Smith 523, 565, 31t; Vernice Phillips 318, 222; Julietta Haynes 40, 217, 430.

A business session was held for the purpose of changing the singing date to another time. The singers asked, and the James Creek Baptist Church agreed, that the date of this singing be moved to the fourth Sunday in July next year. Therefore, from

henceforth, this Cherry Tree Singing will be held on the fourth Sunday of July each year. The date for next year will be July 27, 2003.

RECESS

Larry Ballinger brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 56t, 28t, and 50b. Leaders: Clarence McCool 36b, 111b, 569b; Sarah Smith 159, 141; John Hyde 124, 313, 297; Linton Ballinger 457 (by request), 410t; Wayne Baines 155, 146, 319; Wilton Donaldson 348, 225t, 503; Faye Donaldson 299, 270.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the class to order and led songs on pages 418 and 142. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 300, 535, 49t; Chris Ballinger 49b, 163b, 56b; Jayne Fulmer 186, 203; Josie Hyde 234, 280, 477; Dale Kennedy 61, 294, 45t, 460; Lisa Geist 279, 350, 532; Earl Ballinger 530, 500; Warren Steel 340, 272, 286 (in memory of Elmer Conwill); David Jackson 47b, 480; Estes Jackson 426t, 302, 475; Margaret Keeton 456, 301.

Announcements were made. Travis Keeton led song on page 499 as the closing song. Estes Jackson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

The church invited everyone back again next year on the fourth Sunday in July.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION

Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama Saturday, August 31, 2002

The ninety-seventh session of the Mulberry River Convention was held at Liberty Church (McCormick) on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. Velton Chafin called the class to order at 10:00 a.m., and led song on page 108t. Charles Kitchens offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led song on page 111t.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Edith Tate; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t; Winell Sanders 111b; Corene White 146, 379; Uel Freeman 64, 65, 317; Willie Mae Moon 225t, 217, 283; Sharon Long 35, 45t; John Hyde 314, 313, 297; Wilton Donaldson 335, 32t; Margaret Keeton 349, 142.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading songs on pages 34b and 97 (in memory of Ira James). Leaders: Annie Lou Price 143, 535; Lucy Heidorn 343 (in memory of William Ryan), 88t (in memory of Marie Aldridge), 155 (for Fern Kitchens); Charles Kitchens 90, 336, 333 (in memory of Irene Parker Denson); Ivalene Donaldson 42; Travis Keeton 319 (in memory of Dovy Jackson), 421, 235; Billy Williams 448, 78, 28b.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the afternoon session to order and led song on page 318. Leaders: Clarence McCool and Dessie Goodman 68b, 490, 73; Kenneth Tate 503, 457; Edith Tate 336, 384, 460; Harrison Creel 378b; Josie Hyde 43, 278t, 312t, 312b; Ozella Blackmon 282, 322; Willodean Barton 159, 101b; Josie Hyde 429; Velton Chafin 162, 475, 521.

Announcements were made. Billy Williams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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

MAIDENCREEK SINGING
Maidencreek Friends Meeting House,
Near Leesport, Pennsylvania
Saturday, August 31, 2002

The Berks County Sacred Harp Singers hosted the seventh annual singing on Saturday before Labor Day at Maidencreek Friends' Meeting House near Leesport, Pennsylvania.

Guy Bankes called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading songs on pages 34b and 311. Gina Balestracci led song on page 386. Willie Israel offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Betty Hanf 155; Doron Henkin 335; Teresa Rodriguez Farrisi 333; Gabriel Kastle 328; Willie Israel 86; Dennis Leipold 59; Charlotte Ehrman 66; Thom Metzger 162; Donna Abrahams 532; Ted Stokes 72b.

RECESS

John delRe brought the class back to order leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Susan Bingham 361; Nancy Tkacs 178; Aldo Ceresa 288; Ginny Landgraf 447; John delRe 348t; Diane Mennella 460; Nancy Crawford 344; Barbara Swetman 145t; Guy Bankes 68b; Paula McGray 300; Stephen McMaster 142; Mary Ann Daly 492; Bradford West 245; Leyland delRe 313b; Kathy Manning 222; Laura Densmore 29t.

RECESS

Susan Munch brought the class back to order leading song on page 84. Leaders: Molly Sayvetz 287; Roland Hutchinson 553; Eileen Metzger 504; Nicola Collett 347; Peter Pate 176t; Juanita Heyerman 501; Claire Simon 481; Kathy Collett 217; John Daniel delRe 48b.

The memorial lesson for the deceased was conducted by Kelly Macklin leading song on page 70t. The following were remembered: Phyllis Jane Moore Brown—Indiana; G. Robert Jacks—New Jersey; Linda Smart—New York; son of Warren and Doris Nolt (3 years old), David Nagy, and Charles Rhyne—Pennsylvania; and the victims of 9/11 from all over the world.

Claire Simon led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins: Phil Shea—Nova Scotia; Marilyn Darch—California; George McClure—New Jersey. The memorial lesson was closed.

LUNCH

Guy Bankes brought the class back to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 63. Leaders: Diane Mennella "Iowa"; Roland Hutchinson "Bloomsburg"; Mary Ann Daly "St. Peter"; Thom Metzger "Dow"; Diane Mennella "Talitha Cumi"; Roland Hutchinson "Usher"; Ginny Landgraf "Ten Thousand Charms".

RECESS

Barbara Swetman brought the class back to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: John Hewes 434; Rosemary Greenaway 69t; Brenda Pena 490; Hal Kunkel 380; Daniel Henkin, Gilead Henkin, Hannah Henkin, and Nicola Collett 71; Kelly Macklin 240; Kurt Deffenbaugh 107; Dennis Leipold 200; Juanita Heyerman 495.

RECESS

Stephen McMaster brought the class back to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: John delRe, Leyland delRe, and John Daniel delRe 129; Eileen Metzger 383; Bradford West 362; Gina Balestracci 419; Donna Abrahams and Nancy Tkacs 198; Susan Bingham 454; Kathy Collett 86; Peter Pate 354; Kathy Manning and Kelly Macklin 442; Charlotte Ehrman 569b; Rosemary Greenaway 384; Aldo Ceresa 455; Brenda Pena 73b; Paula McGray 352; Doron Henkin 474; John Hewes 342; Teresa Rodriguez Farrisi 133; Hal Kunkel 179; Betty Hanf 350; Gabriel Kastle 531b; Molly Sayvetz 163b; Willie Israel 269.

Guy Bankes and Laura Densmore led song on page 62 as the closing song. Willie Israel led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Guy Bankes; Secretary—Laura Densmore; Treasurer—Ruth Schaffer.

FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL SINGING
Geneva, Illinois
September 1, 2002

The Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday before Labor Day at Island Park in Geneva, Illinois, as part of the Fox Valley Folk Festival. Herb Schroeder, the Chairman of the previous year's singing, led song on page 48t, and offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve for the day's sessions:

Chair—Suzanne Flandreau; Secretary—Karen Freund; Arranging Committee—Rachel Adelstein.

Leaders: Suzanne Flandreau 148; Marcia Johnson 212; Jerry Enright 52; Shaffiq Welji 86; Melanie Hauff 421; Debbie Barford 192.

Judy Hauff gave a short explanation of shape notes and Sacred Harp singing for newcomers. Leaders: Becky Allen-Powell 147t; Bruce Holmes and friend 146; John Seaton 49b; Karen Freund 278b; Rachel Adelstein and Josh Cohen 436; Jim Page 411. The class was dismissed until 12:45 p.m.

RECESS

The class was called to order at 12:45 p.m. with Suzanne Flandreau leading song on page 68b. Leaders: Ted Johnson 142; Emmie Barford 479; Paul Streeter 66; Nathan Barford 260; Kelly Brest van Kempen 155; Wally Bloch 169; Judy Hauff 216; Jim Laurie 63; David Barford 37b; Kris Richardson 217; Sue Kessell 455; Greg Freeman 376; Lissa Blood 383; Bob Borcharding 280; Orwin Youngquist 107; John Seaton and newcomer 47t; Marcia Johnson 163t; Shaffiq Welji 56b; Paul Streeter 85; Melanie Hauff 564; Becky Allen-Powell and newcomer 145t; Karen Freund 45t; Jim Page 284; Lisa Grayson 528; Kris Richardson 335; Jerry Enright 300; Herb Schroeder 332; Judy Hauff 172; Lissa Blood 446.

Announcements were made. Suzanne Flandreau led song on page 87 as the closing song. Herb Schroeder offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Suzanne Flandreau; Secretary—Karen Freund.

SHILOH-LITTLE VINE SINGING
Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church,
Near Tallapoosa, Georgia (Off Hwy. 100)
September 1, 2002

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing which was formerly held at Little Vine Church was held at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church near Tallapoosa, Georgia on the first Sunday in September. Charles Woods called the class to order at 10:00 a.m., and led song on page 52t. Everette Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charles Woods 40; Charlene Wallace 59, 72t, 117; Everette Denney 119, 146, 405; Mary Lambert Smith 72b, 127.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Bobby Jackson; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Judy Henry and Carlene Griffin; Memorial Committee—Mary Lambert Smith; Chaplain—Everette Denney.

Leaders: Teenie Moody 99, 171, 391; Felton Denney 155, 299, 143; Mildred Patterson 313t, 108b; Lonnie Rogers 285t, 298, 222 (for Vivian Rogers).

RECESS

Charles Woods brought the class to order and led song on page 540. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 284, 132, 225t; Joyce Clackum and Katharine Benefield 108b, 358; Bobby Jackson 32t, 34t, 354b; Shelbie Sheppard 30t, 36b, 341; Henry Johnson 56b, 375, 539; Hugh McGraw 484; Jeff Sheppard 82b, 83t, 130.

LUNCH

Bobby Jackson brought the afternoon session to order and led song on page 274t. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 235, 87, 101t.

Mary Lambert Smith conducted the memorial lesson and led songs on pages 271t and 111b for the deceased and song on page 97 for the sick and shut-ins.

The deceased remembered were Berta McGraw Woods, Polly Moore, George Rogers, Wilford Denney, and Ike Stanford.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were Vivian Rogers, Mildred McGraw Middlebrooks, Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, Alice Edwards, and Revy Williamson. Mary Lambert Smith closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Louise Holland 58, 63, 323b; Elder Homer Benefield 56t, 45t; Mildred Johnson 79, 208; Curtis Hamrick 77t, 137, 196; Daphene Ray 197, 216; Judy Henry 236; Hugh McGraw 369; Henry Johnson 418; Felton Denney 523; Jeff Sheppard 556; Bobby Jackson 290; Cecil Roberts 73b; Charles Woods 294 (by request).

A motion was made and seconded to make Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church the permanent home for this singing. The motion was carried.

Announcements were made. Charles Woods led song on page 373 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Bobby Jackson; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION WEST **Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House),** **Fayette County, Alabama** **September 1, 2002**

The Clear Creek Convention West Sacred Harp singing met at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House) on the first Sunday in September. Travis Keeton called the class to order and led song on page 48t. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 142.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Max Berueffy; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Max Berueffy 176b, 177; Elene Stovall 36b, 222; Josie Hyde 182, 183; John Hyde 39b, 124; Winell Sanders 108t; Lavaughn Ballinger 236, 528; Willodean Barton 480; Clarence McCool 147t, 225t; Julie Poston 101t, 166; Earl Ballinger 203, 224; Ivalene Donaldson 270; Vernice Phillips 186; Gravis Ballinger 325, 78; Faye Donaldson 138t, 40.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Max Berueffy leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Debra Wakefield 430, 365; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 317; Edith Tate 139, 161; Larry Ballinger 162, 158; Wanda Capps 146, 503; Chris Ballinger 350, 410t; Margaret Keeton 572, 517; Ozella Blackmon 172, 189; Lisa Geist 564, 470.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Max Berueffy leading song on page 31b. Leaders: John Merritt 128, 267; Sarah Smith 73t, 89; Don Roberson 217, 212. At this time Chairman Max Berueffy reminded the congregation that this convention was a moveable convention. Since no one called for the singing, the convention will

be held again in 2003 at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House) on the first Sunday in September.

Leaders: Brenda Merritt 392, 442; Gary Smith 565, 31t; Harrison Creel 498, 348; Donna Rush 445 (in honor of Willa Rush and Clearcy Rutledge), 571 (CB); Elene Stovall 316; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 285t; Faye Donaldson and Julie Poston 284; Edith Tate 532; John Hyde and Josie Hyde 200; Wanda Capps 299; Gravis Ballinger 49t; Margaret Keeton 29t; Earl Ballinger 47b; Clarence McCool 349; Travis Keeton 496; Lisa Geist 428; Larry Ballinger 215; Chris Ballinger 269; Don Roberson 196; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 163b; Gary Smith and Sarah Smith 384.

Announcements were made. Max Berueffy and Elene Stovall led song on page 46 as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

We would like to thank Willa Rush for paying for the minutes.

Chairman—Max Berueffy; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

LABOR DAY SINGING **Shoal Creek Church, North of Heflin, Alabama** **Monday, September 2, 2002**

The annual Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing met at Shoal Creek Church, Talladega National Forest, ten miles north of Heflin, Alabama on the first Monday in September.

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order and led song on page 32t. Harvey Austin offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 61; Richard DeLong 166, 81t; Mary Lambert Smith 63, 37b.

A business session was held, and the class voted to retain the same officers:

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith; Arranging Committee—Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 217; Bobby Jackson 480, 112; Teenie Moody 384, 222; Earlis McGraw 568, 435; Les Scott 153, 117; Felton Denney 385b, 565; LaRue Allen 428, 350; Jeannette DePoy and Lynn Allen 457, 318; Harvey Austin 40; Corene Laminack 75.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 45t. Leaders: B.J. Harris 225t, 303; Frances Jones 147t; Oscar Brown 335, 339; Charlene Wallace 171, 299; S.T. Reed 393, 403; Sonja Randall 87; Henry Johnson 535, 570; Lee Rogers 448t, 424; Lonnie Rogers 389, 348b; Laura Ackerman 218, 83b; John Plunkett 123b, 133.

Joe Jones gave some of the history of Shoal Creek Church, read the list of the trustees of the Preservation Society of Shoal Creek Church who must be a descendant of the settlers of that community, and told of some of the activities held at the church during the year.

Jeff Sheppard led song on page 35, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Richard DeLong leading song on page 337. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 155, 313t; Mary Smith 294, 358; Nate Green and Norma Green 319, 154; Louise Holland 137, 144; Curtis Hamrick 436, 196; Martha Ann Stegar 198, 268; Ivalene Donaldson and Wilton Donaldson 503; Shelbie Sheppard 440; Everette Denney 405, 146; Judy Mincey 501, 475; Bud Oliver 224, 434 (in memory of Flora Skinner); Ted Mercer 345b, 209; Eunice Webb 229, 284; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 203; Lou Cotney 300; Virginia Dyer 454, 340; Ginnie Prater 460, 220; Glenda Collins and husband 124, 282.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 46 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. A donation of \$215.00 was given to Shoal Creek Church from the Sacred Harp Singers.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith.

OBERLIN SACRED HARP SINGING

Oberlin, Ohio

Saturday, September 7, 2002

The fifth annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Christ Episcopal Church in Oberlin, Ohio on Saturday before the second Sunday in September. Charles Wells called the class to order leading song on page 49t. Jane Wells offered the opening prayer.

(OH) indicates songs from Oberlin Harmony.

Leaders: Beth Todd 68b; Jane Wells 47t; Will Reilly 47b; Joe Todd 335; Jo Schultz 84; Chloe Maher 273; Chandler Yorkhall 128; Jeremy York 229 (in memory of Kenneth DeLong); Gerry Hoffman 63; Beth Todd 319, 501; Jane Wells 270, 10 (OH); Will Reilly 34b, 28t; Joe Todd 497, 496.

RECESS

Charles Wells called the class back to order leading songs on pages 143 and 147t at the request of Becky Bynum. Leaders: Jim Herr 515, 383b; Jo Schultz 171, 107; Chloe Maher 63 (OH), 344; Chandler Yorkhall 179, 35; Jeremy York 234, 290; Gerry Hoffman 42, 79 (OH).

RECESS

Chandler Yorkhall called the class back to order and led song on page 77t. Leaders: Beth Todd 29t, 218; Jane Wells 44 (OH), 75 (OH); Will Reilly 569t, 569b; Joe Todd 208, 39t; Jim Herr 479, 209. Jane Wells offered a prayer and the class broke for lunch.

LUNCH

Joe Todd called the class to order for the afternoon session leading songs on pages 122 and 373 (by request of Steve Duff). Leaders: Jo Schultz 224, 35 (OH); Barbara Bowers 480, 163b; Chandler Yorkhall 362b, 60 (OH); Jeremy York 473, 40 (OH); Gerry Hoffman 272, 99; Jim Herr 200, 41 (OH); Charles Wells 36 (OH), 81 (OH); Jason Jedlicka 48t, 63; Lois Hurt 178, 551; Joe Todd 122, 373; Beth Todd 481, 430; Will Reilly 566; Chandler Yorkhall 68 (OH) (by request of Will Reilly); Gerry Hoffman 28 (OH), 101; Jo Schultz 299, 198; Jeremy York 70b, 102.

RECESS

Charles Wells called the class to order and led song on page 9 (OH). Leaders: Barbara Bowers 504, 348; Lois Hurt 81t, 40; Jason Jedlicka 159, 169.

Charles Wells thanked all of those who helped with the singing. Chaplain—Jane Wells; Greeter—Kara Yorkhall; Recording Secretaries—Julia Friend, Chloe Maher, Jeremy York, and Katie Zukoff; Set-up—Chandler Yorkhall, Kara Yorkhall, Jane Wells, Charles Wells, Joe Todd, and Beth Todd; Lunch arrangements—Chandler Yorkhall, Jane Wells and Maryel Vogel Smith.

Announcements of conventions and local singings in the region were made. Charles Wells led song on page 347 as the closing song. Jane Wells led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman/Arranging Committee/Secretary—Charles Wells.

UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Old School, Cumnor, Oxford, United Kingdom
September 7-8, 2002
Saturday, September 7

The seventh United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Edwin Macadam, welcoming all those attending, and then led song on page 47t. Helen Brown offered the opening prayer.

Sheila Girling Macadam led song on page 84, and then introduced Ginnie Ely of North Reading, Massachusetts.

Ginnie Ely conducted a workshop that included instructing the class on the shape-note system, and the history of the music from the West Gallery tradition in the United Kingdom, through its evolution and development, both in New England and in the southern states. During her workshop, Ginnie led the following songs: 34t, 59, 146, 155, 313t, 349, 269.

RECESS

Grace Scrimgeour brought the class back to order leading song on page 117.

Leaders: Ros Clements 503; Bernard Collard 61; Roz Walker 347 (for her father); Helen Brown 498; Margaret Gillanders 49t; Lisa Grayson 222; Caroline Edwards 178; Alan Weeks 479; Stephen Biggs 288; Rachel Jordan 474; Judy Whiting 171; Dave Townsend 291; Anne Kazlauskas 173; Phil Tyler 340; Ruth Cooper 454; Mandy Townsend 318; Stephen Wade 276; Mick Verrier 272; Steve Fletcher 148. Ruth Cooper offered Grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ian West leading song on page 52t.

Leaders: Ken Baddley 501; Arwen Lockley 335; Tony Singleton 300; Hannah Cooper 442; Paul Setford 40; Siri Tuttle 147; Ginnie Ely 373; Edwin Macadam 236; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Grace Scrimgeour 33b; Ros Clements 510; Bernard Collard 66; Helen Brown 542; Margaret Gillanders and Jennifer Rye 523; Lisa Grayson 306; Caroline Edwards 48t; Alan Weeks 315; Stephen Biggs 268.

Rev. Dr. Brian Ford conducted a celebratory lesson, reading a list of those with special reason to be joyful. We heard news of restoration of health, school success, a recent marriage, and plans for an active retirement. Helen Brown led song on page 228.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Rachel Jordan leading song on page 189.

Leaders: Judy Whiting 212; Dave Townsend 49b; Phil Tyler 332; Ruth Cooper 127; Mandy Townsend 480; Stephen Wade 162; Ian West 312b; Mick Verrier 107; Tony Singleton and Jean Barton 504; Henry Bizzell 159; Arwen Lockley 448; Ken Baddley 481; Hannah Cooper 128; Steve Fletcher 448b; Paul Setford 339; Siri Tuttle 378.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Tony Singleton leading song on page 496. Leaders: Anne Kazlauskas 201; Bernard Collard 198; Grace Scrimgeour 287; Sheila Girling Macadam 299; Edwin Macadam 150; Ginnie Ely 546. Ken Baddley offered the closing prayer.

A social evening of dance and song commenced with an alternative singing session led by Mick Verrier, taken from a collection of tunes submitted by convention participants. Those sung were: "Stoke Newington"; "Glynne"; "Every Blessing"; "Digswell"; "Conqueror"; "Parwich"; "Ten Thousand Charms"; "Humble Pleadings"; "Stephen Jarvis's Psalm 69"; "Taleitha-Cumi"; "Immortal Love"; "Fiducia"; "New England"; "Christmas Steps"; "Mosley"; "Eynsham Road".

Sunday, September 8

Chairman Edwin Macadam called the convention to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 40. Alan Weeks offered the opening prayer.

Sheila Girling Macadam led song on page 28t, and welcomed Ginnie Ely back for her second workshop session of the convention. Ginnie devoted her workshop to developing skills and gaining confidence in beating time and in leading. She called singers from front benches into the square to practice leading fugues and led the following songs: 52t, 35, 313, 87, 569, 146, 131b, 40, 155, 36b, 474, 64, 457, 448, and 455.

RECESS

Bernard Collard brought the class back to order leading song on page 63. Leaders: Grace Scrimgeour 47t; Mandy Townsend 229; Adrian Bolge 452; Lisa Grayson 278; Helen Brown 384; Alan Weeks 196; Margaret Gillanders 515; Anne Kazlauskas 131t; Rachel Jordan 503.

Ken Baddley conducted the memorial lesson, referring back to the 1999 Convention when many who were in attendance had prayed for the return to good health from a serious heart condition of bass singer Roy Bryan. At the 2000 Convention, Roy had recovered sufficiently to be with us again, living proof of the power of prayer. Sadly, Roy died two weeks ago on 25 August, and our prayers must now be for his family and for those who loved him. In the passing of one of our number, we are reminded that we are one great family in the joy and gift of song. But whilst we mourn his loss, we also celebrate his life and all those who were on the list to be called. Ken Baddley led the song on page 163b as we remembered: Michael Argyle, Roy Bryan, Barbara Griggs, Winston Renford Smith, Ralph Lynn, Ken Hale, Holly Wells, Jessica Chapman, Christopher Turner, Peggy Colson, Diana Hannah, Vera Richardson, Les Greaves, Trevor Vale, Joan Gillanders, Tony Rose, Bill Eddie, Fred Jordan, Hamish Henderson, Tony Jenner, Annie Oakley, Brian Osborne, Iverna Ike, Freda Morris, Mary Collins, Spike Milligan, and Gertrude Rowe—United Kingdom; Kenneth DeLong—Georgia. Winifred Bruner—Iowa; Alan Lomax—Florida. For the sick and housebound, Bernard Collard told us that despite the loss of loved ones, prayer still works. Whilst we have life, even in the face of sickness, we must be patient and have hope. Isabelle Walker read from “Introduction to the Devout Life” by Francis Sales, and Steve Fletcher led song on page 411.

We remembered: Mary Kellaway, Gordon Ashman, Chris Tisdall, Angie Gilliatt, Sue Gould, Joan Stocks, Ken Bray, Gladys Thorp, Jacqui Paterson, Jan Green, Jan Burke, Tom King, Sara Jones, Win Tyler, Kate Richards, Tom Mattock, Pam Whittaker, Adele Botley, Dorothy Williams, Jo Harvey, Stan Gillick, and Rosalind Oldham. The memorial was concluded.

Edwin Macadam led song on page 49t, and together with Ian Ferguson, offered Grace on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Mick Verrier leading song on page 163t. Leaders: Judy Whiting 569; Dave Townsend 82; Stephen Wade 267; Phil Tyler 114; Arwen Lockley 48t; Ruth Cooper 200; Henry Bizzell 268; Ken Baddley 350; Hannah Cooper 86; Steve Fletcher 279; Siri Tuttle 183; Sheila Girling Macadam 68b; Edwin Macadam 475; Ginnie Ely 454; Bernard Collard 497; Grace Scrimgeour 178; Mandy Townsend 203; Adrian Bolge 314; Lisa Grayson 112; Helen Brown 327; Alan Weeks 72b.

RECESS

The final session was brought to order by Rachel Jordan leading song on page 276. Leaders: Anne Kazlauskas 110; Margaret Gillanders 143; Henry Bizzell 524; Carmel Wood and Vicki Elliott 117; Lisa Grayson 436; Arwen Lockley 288; Siri Tuttle 39b;

Bernard Collard 300; Grace Scrimgeour, Edwin Macadam, and Sheila Macadam, together with members of the local Sacred Harp singing group 347; Ginnie Ely 389. Sheila Girling Macadam thanked Ginnie Ely, and presented her with an Oxford University embroidered T-shirt as a memento of the convention.

Announcements of forthcoming singings were made, and the Chairman then called for the officers' reports.

The Arranging Committee announced that 73 songs were led on Saturday and 64 on Sunday, including the workshop pieces. Sixty-two singers attended over the weekend, including 5 from America and 1 now resident in Nepal.

Alan Weeks proposed thanks to the officers and all who had assisted in making the convention such a success.

Bernard Collard offered the parting prayer, and led song on page 62 as the class took the parting hand.

Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Treasurer—Grace Scrimgeour; Arranging Committee—Bernard Collard; Secretary—Sheila Girling Macadam.

UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION
Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House),
Fayette County, Alabama
September 7-8, 2002

Saturday, September 7

The ninety-ninth session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was held at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House) in Fayette County, Alabama on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order by Dennis George leading song on page 82t. Louis Hughes offered the opening prayer. The following officers were called to lead: Max Berueffy 30b; Nora Parker 317; Louis Hughes 61; Jeff Sheppard 568; Larry Ballinger 151; Cassie Franklin 220. Other leaders called were: Elene Stovall 99; Diane Mennella 105; Aubrey Barfield 480; Gaston White 66; David Rust 312t; Sandie Scott 74b; Uel Freeman 65; Anita Landess 297; John Hyde 313t; Eugene Forbes 340; Hubert Nall 171; Mary L. Smith 318; David Carlton 332; Johnny Humber 460.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Dennis George leading song on page 37b.

A business session was held to elect officers. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Max Berueffy; Vice Chairman—Elene Stovall; Secretary—Nora Parker (Permanent); Chaplain—Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee—Cassie Franklin, Jerry Enright, and Kelly House; Memorial Committee—Mike Hinton, Diane Mennella, and Joan Aldridge; Resolutions Committee—Melanie Hauff and Lisa Geist; Locating Committee—Coy Ivey and Dennis George; Finance Committee—Travis Keeton and Gary Gronau.

Leaders: Max Berueffy 284; Julianna Jett 88t; Greg Carroll 48t; Tommie Spurlock 565; Virginia Douglas 49b; Travis Keeton 418; Carolyn Deacy 448b; Lou Cotney 172; Hugh Bill McGuire and Alica McGuire 328; Mattie Townsel 68b; John Bealle 442; Velton Chafin 564; Mike Hinton 543; Jean Seiler 299; Judy Caudle 325; Marlen Rust 52t; Josie Hyde 507.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Kelly House leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Melanie Hauff 216; Ann Ballard 512; Warren Steel 352; James Ballinger and David Ivey 424; Lela Crowder 382; Ann Jett 546; George Seiler 183; Jerry Enright 176t; Gravis Ballinger 300; Joan Aldridge 142; Jeanette Lowry 168; Joe Nall 430; Floy Wilder 432; John Plunkett 541; Leon Ballinger 327; Sally House 81t; Gary Smith 31t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order with Max Berueffy leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Lynne deBenedette 434; LaRue Allen 556; Ozella Blackmon 242; David Ivey 316; Lisa Geist 272; Shelbie Sheppard 263; Ted Johnson 419; Reba Windom 192; Judy Hauff 296; Daphene Causey 436; Danny Creel 182; Teenie Moody 208; Becky Browne 304; Earl Ballinger 331; Gary Gronau 112; Kelly House 542; Karen Freund 278t; Jim Carnes 209; Willodean Barton 314; Bud Oliver 270; Allison Davis 186; Marcia Johnson 222; Jackie Tanner 138t; Coy Ivey and Elene Stovall 384.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Cassie Franklin leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Toney Smith 444; Charles Franklin 358; Edith Tate 532; Janet Fraembs 335; Ron Harper 148; Jo Dell Albi 397; Paula McGray 268; Debbie Wakefield 426b; Tommy George 388; Eloise Clark 47t; Cindy Tanner and Wanda Capps 217; Ottis Sides 530; Margaret Keeton 213b; Charles Kitchens 429; Linda Thomas 282; Syble Adams 348b.

Max Berueffy led song on page 323t as the closing song, Harrison Creel led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

A social time of food and fellowship was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Mack Key.

Sunday, September 8

The Sunday session was brought to order by Max Berueffy leading song on page 32t. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 436; Joan Aldridge 192; Mike Hinton 273; Diane Mennella 77b; Linda Thomas 217; Jerry Enright 77t; Sara Smith 88t; Kelly House 475; Henry Johnson 267; Julietta Haynes 218; Virginia Douglas 178; Milton Oliver 314; John Merritt "Nothing But the Blood"; Harrison Creel 498; Gary Smith 569b; Larry Ballinger 215; Greg Carroll 448t; Carolyn Deacy 456; Travis Keeton 235; Mary Lambert Smith 29t.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Elene Stovall leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Dennis George 240; Judy Caudle 495; John Bealle 522; Jean Seiler 106; Daphene Causey 269; Phil Summerlin 270; Emily Creel 142; John Hyde 124; Amanda Denson 375; Mark Brown, Andrew Brown, Matthew Brown, and Rebecca Brown 128; James Ballinger 84; Betty Wright 515; Jackie Tanner 112; Marcia Johnson 283; Josie Hyde 198; Jeanette Lowry 362; Gary Gronau 426t; Leon Ballinger 137.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Jerry Enright and Kelly House leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Louis Hughes 454; David Rust 201; Sally House 31t; Buell Cobb 565; Tommy George and Jarrod George 388; Jarrod George 300; George Seiler 347; Brenda Merritt 163b.

Mike Hinton conducted the memorial lesson. "This is the ninety-ninth United Sacred Harp Singing Convention. Let's think about the years through which this convention has been going for 99 years. First, people traveled differently when the convention began and for many years after it began. My mother and her two sisters use to tell us how their daddy and mama would get them up in the middle of the night and would put them on a pallet in the back of a wagon. They would ride for hours, stop before they got to the church or courthouse, and finish getting the three girls dressed. When they got to a singing convention they sang many of the same songs and tunes we sing today. They sat in the same places around the hollow square. This hollow square has moved from convention location to convention location.

This convention has survived two world wars, the depression, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, Desert Storm, Bosnia, and now the United Convention will survive the war on terrorism and the events of 9-11, a few days after this convention last year. So, the logical question is, 'Why has this convention survived 99 years?'

Think of all the locations this convention has been held at year after year. Think of those who sang here and those who listened. The convention survived all these years because of people who loved Sacred Harp and cared about each other. They were and are part of the Sacred Harp family. For 99 years our family members have been coming, three or four generations in many cases. In the last 25 or 30 years we've seen singers join the convention from all over this nation. They have enriched the singings and our lives. So, the United Convention goes on.

During these very special moments we pause to honor these who left our sides during the last year. Those who heard God say 'Come weary one, here is thy home, then fold thy wings and stay.' And now these dearly loved ones, these family members, these treasured singing saints are singing around that heavenly hollow square and praising God endlessly. They no longer have to endure long trips, tired or aching bodies, or failing memories. They have new life, new joy, and they wait for us to join them."

Today we sing in memory of the following deceased: William Ryan, Polly Moore, Ethel McGough, Flora Skinner, Doris Vickery, Elder Warren Meadows, Freeman Wootten, Lydia Phillips Baswell, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, John Lacy, Bobby Lacy, Roie Alexander, Annie Brothers, Mary Stiefel, and Lucille Creel Tolbert—Alabama; Lane Albritton, Frances Beasley Lee, and Randy Wells—Florida; Kenneth DeLong—Georgia; John Bailey and Jerilyn Schumacher—Illinois; Barbara Bolles—Missouri; Linda Smart—New York; Bill Stark—Ohio; Michael Strathdoe—Indiana; Steve Mote, and Bob Carey; and 9-11 victims. Mark Brown led "Sweet Beulah Land," and Mike Hinton led song on page 146 in their memory. At this time we will remember our sick and homebound. There are many singers who would have loved to be here today. Due to frailty or illness they can not be here. But, we do remember them lovingly and petition God to enfold them in His arms and give them comfort. Those remembered today are: Mozelle Sheppard, Elsie Beasley, Kelly Beard, B.E. Matthews, Ophelia Matthews, Kim Watkins, Jeff Sheppard, Meada Bounds, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Stephanie Rugin, James Hackney, Mary Hackney, Juanita Beasley, Pauline Childers, and Flarce Creel. Diane Mennella led song on page 187 for the sick and shut-ins. Mike Hinton closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Janet Fraembs 294; Charles Franklin 274t; Don Robertson 236; Clarence McCool 349.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Max Berueffy leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Jo Dell Albi 203; Susan Harcrow 383; Cassie Franklin 442; Ted Johnson 340; Rodney Ivey and Max Berueffy 282; Melanie Hauff 411; Bud Oliver 278b; Lynne deBenedette 536; David Ivey 224; Karen Freund 428; Lisa Geist 528; Coy Ivey 222; Reba Windom 196; Stuart Ivey and Brian Page 82t; Judy Hauff 434; Danny Creel 384; Teenie Moody 182; Karen Ivey 330t; Paula McGray 330b; Cindy Tanner 507; Becky Browne 189; LaRue Allen 200; Edith Tate 73t; Syble Adams 39t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Lisa Geist leading song on page 155. Leaders: Nora Parker 276; Tim Dalton, April Hall, and Cassie Franklin 47b; Ozella Blackmon 167; Marlen Rust 290; Gravis Ballinger 110; Willodean Barton 101t; Floy Wilder 402;

A.A. Malone and Rodney Ivey 183; Wilton Donaldson 348b; Don Robertson 212; Billy Williams 410t; Debbie Wakefield 394.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees.

The Resolutions Committee Report was given. "We resolve to give God praise and glory and thank Him for the opportunity to sing at the ninety-ninth session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Convention. Be it resolved that we express sincere appreciation to:

- The officers of the convention, new and old, for the wonderful work they did to make this convention a great success.
- The community for inviting us to join you and for welcoming us so warmly.
- All who cooked and brought the plentiful, wonderful, delicious food. We were fed: barbeque by Coy, chicken, corn, okra, collards, turnip greens, deviled eggs, potato salad, sweet potatoes, chicken and dumplings, squash, corn bread, corn bread dressing, butter beans, peas, green beans, and all kinds of pies and cakes. We drank gallons of Oliver lemonade, tea, and all sorts of soft drinks. We were treated wonderfully and fed royally.
- The Key family for inviting us to their home following the singing to feed us again.
- Those who keyed the music and kept us singing together.
- Those who have gone on before and passed this wonderful tradition on to us.

We further resolve to return next year to the 100th anniversary of the United Sacred Harp Musical Convention. Lastly, we resolve to sing praises to the Lord and King and to love each other as God loves us." Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Committee, Melanie Hauff and Lisa Geist.

Locating Committee Report. The one-hundredth session will be held at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church, near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama, off Hwy. 75. Turn west at the Blount County line and follow signs.

Finance Committee Report. Balance brought forward \$1,164.65. Total expenses for the convention was \$455.59. A collection was received in the amount of \$513.50 (\$100.00 of this amount was donated from the Joe Beasley Memorial Foundation. We wish to thank the Beasley family for this donation to the convention); Balance on hand \$1,222.55. The business session was closed.

Announcements were made. Max Berueffy and Elene Stovall led song on page 62 as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Max Berueffy; Vice Chairman—Elene Stovall; Secretary—Nora Parker.

CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION
Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church,
Between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama
September 14-15, 2002

Saturday, September 14

The eighty-eighth session of the Calhoun County Sacred Harp Convention met at Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church in the Four Mile Community between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama on the third Sunday and Saturday before in September.

B.J. Harris brought the class to order and led song on page 82t. S.T. Reed offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 32t; B.M. Smith 101t, 123t; Pearl Guier 40, 127; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:
Chairman—B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Evelyn Harris;
Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards; Memorial
Committee—Ruth Brown.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 303; Rodney Ivey 208, 318; Daphene Causey 222, 422; Milton
Oliver 430, 224; Eunice Webb 460, 499; Lonnie Rogers 298, 389; Anita Landess and
Rodney Ivey 170; Anita Landess 540; John Plunkett 297, 417; Kenneith Calvert 143,
87.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class to order and led song on page 145t. Leaders: Coy Ivey
59, 270; Louise Holland 43, 273; Pauline Kilgore and Roy Nail 354b, 335; Andrew
Snyder 189, 142; Norma Green 108t, 164; S.T. Reed 381, 275t; Karleen Williams
268, 146; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 225t, 348b; LaRue Allen 217,
36b; Hershell King 80b, 35.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey called the afternoon session to order and led song on page 81t. Leaders:
David Yeager 102, 330b; Charlene Wallace 276, 299; Linda Thomas 32t; Bud Oliver
332, 42; Reba Norton 373, 282; Carlene Griffin 283, 517; Shelbie Sheppard 202,
203; Ruth Daniel 127, 378t; Henry Johnson 29b, 539; Lou Cotney 384, 358; Jeff
Sheppard 192, 152 (in memory of Flora Skinner), 303 (by request); Anita Landess
551; David Yeager 504; Andrew Snyder 300; B.M. Smith 313t (for Margie Smith);
Pearl Guier 45t; Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards 73b (for Alice Edwards).

Announcements were made. B.J. Harris and B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the
closing song. Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 15

B.J. Harris brought the Sunday morning session to order leading song on page 63.
Lamar Smith offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Evelyn Harris 32t, 30t; Pearl Guier 49b, 59; Pearl Guier and Hester
Edwards 274t, 73b (for Alice Edwards); Milton Oliver 329, 325; Eunice Webb 100,
298; Bud Oliver 90, 39b; Lou Cotney and Coy Ivey 222, 300, 137, 196; Stuart Ivey
84, 270; Stuart Ivey and Coy Ivey 384; Daphene Causey 73t, 77t; S.T. Reed 278b,
345b, 345t; Karen Ivey 421, 405.

RECESS

B.J. Harris brought the class to order and led song on page 82t. Leaders: Randall
Smith and Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Amanda Denson 29t, 160b; David Ivey 121, 120;
Joan Aldridge 182, 327; Buell Cobb 326, 320; Stanley Edwards 318, 340.

Ruth Brown conducted a very moving memorial lesson with comments about the
tragedies and sorrows we have to face in our daily lives, and the comfort only God,
who sustains us, can give.

S.T. Reed led song on page 285t for the deceased. Karen Ivey led song on page 312b
for the sick and shut-ins. Ruth Brown and Karen Ivey led song on page 45t, and B.J.
Harris closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order for the afternoon session and led songs on
pages 87 and 97. Leaders: Pam Nunn 147t, 186, 269; Randall Smith 155, 454;
Shelbie Sheppard 114, 242, 245; Robert Walker and Buell Cobb 72b; Stanley
Edwards 81t; Pam Nunn 216; Pearl Guier 68b (for Ruth Brown and in memory of
Henry Burnham), 448b; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 475; Amanda
Denson 250.

Announcements were made. B.J. Harris led song on page 69t as the closing song, and
then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Evelyn Harris.

CORNELIUS BENJAMIN (BENNIE) KEETON MEMORIAL
Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama
September 15, 2002

The thirty-first session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in September at Shady Grove Church, better known as Keeton Cemetery, in Nauvoo, Alabama. This singing is dedicated to the memory of Bennie Keeton whose desire was to have Sacred Harp singing here. He was diagnosed with cancer and had surgery in August 1971. The first singing was held in September. He was unable to attend, but the singing was taped and carried to him in Birmingham. He cried as he listened to the songs as they were being sung on the tape, songs he had sung all of his life. He passed away January 6, 1972.

Travis Keeton called the class to order, welcomed everyone, and led song on page 37b. Velton Chafin offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 131b.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton; Secretary—Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 59; Winell Sanders 225t; Roma Rice 136, 104; Chris Rice 112, 454; Kermit Adams 273, 270; Wilton Donaldson 490, 565; Judy Caudle 450, 489; Ken Tate 47t, 343, 426b (by request); Lisa Geist 391 (for her uncle, Lavaughn Ballinger, and her cousin, Kim, who are both ill), 31t; Clarence McCool 569b; Clarence McCool and Lisa Geist 475.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Travis Keeton leading song on page 142. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 349, 441; Henry Guthery 517, 527; Ozella Blackmon 187 (in memory of Mattie Creel); Max Berueffy 203, 377; Josie Hyde 224, 234; Velton Chafin 541, 540; Julietta Haynes 168, 172; Larry Ballinger 139, 133; Lucy Heidorn 30t, 36b; John Merritt 67, 240; Jayne Fulmer 155, 217.

Glenn Keeton spoke about the terrorist attack that occurred on September 11, 2001, and asked for a moment of silent prayer for all those who passed away on that day and for their families. He then asked the class to stand and sing 45t.

LUNCH

Glenn Keeton called the afternoon session to order and led songs on pages 34b and 275b for Bruce Randolph.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 182, 189; Brenda Merritt 192, 200; Ann Ballard 284, 338; Edith Tate 389, 512; Lena Keeton 235 (in memory of her father, Bennie Keeton), 546 (for Bruce Randolph); Gary Smith 523, 285t (in memory of Frances Beasley Lee); Becky Briggs 179 (in memory of her sister, Frances Beasley Lee), 335; Sarah Smith 32t, 35; John Hyde 544, 566; Charlie Ballard 354b, 388; Willodean Barton 82t. Glenn Keeton and his mother, Lena Keeton, led song on page 387 in memory of her mother, Maude Keeton, and all their ancestors.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton and Travis Keeton led song on page 267 as the closing song, Max Berueffy offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

A special thanks to Bruce Randolph for his assistance with the minute fund.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton.

**THE ORIGINAL B.F. WHITE SACRED HARP
SINGING CONVENTION (WHITE BOOK)
Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
September 15, 2002**

The singing class was called to order by John Plunkett leading song on page 49t. The opening prayer was led by David Grant. John Plunkett then led song on page 276.

Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 316, 508t; Helen Bryson 371, 283b; Bob Goodman 36b, 526; Sharon Hamrick 306; Lee Rogers 38t, 286b; David Grant 491t, 500t; Rodney Ivey 511, 358; Tom Hanson 512, 299; Douglas Faith 461, 26 (in back of book); Bill Hollingsworth 389t, 486; John Redman 540, 328.

RECESS

Chairman Tom Hanson called the class to order leading song on page 59. Leaders: Wayne Watson 146, 49b; Henry Johnson 88t, 499; Mary Brownlee 395b, 484b; Violet Thomason 112, 189; John Hollingsworth 527, 60t; Laura Akerman 525, 39t; Joan Durdin 148, 72b; Liz Bryant 54t, 547t. Prayer was offered at the lunch table by John Plunkett.

LUNCH

Tom Hanson brought the class to order leading songs on pages 63 and 36t. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 532; Judy Mincey 55t, 490b; Richard DeLong 138t, 95t (for Bill Green of Mobile, Alabama who recently suffered a serious stroke); Raymond Hamrick 95b; Andy Anderson 40, 37b; Anita Landess 519, 317b.

Carol Hanson led song on page 447t as the memorial lesson for the following deceased: Eileen Bowers, Sarah Jones, Elmer Wilkinson, Othell Moore, Christine Wilkinson Harrell, Claude Allen, Kenneth DeLong, and Virginia Redman.

Carol Hanson then led song on page 498t for the following shut-ins: Floyd Faith, Marlene Faith, Howell Sorrells, Mary Sorrells, Cora Lou Wagner, Mrs. Doris Haley, Kathi Watts, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Loy Garrison, Dorothy Garrison, and Mrs. Myra Smith.

Leaders: Rebecca Higgins 490t, 408; Andy Morse 546t, 492; Alice West 288, 384; Rosemund Watson 491b, 544t; Jesse Roberts 171, 478t; John Plunkett 509; Lillian Rann 477, 545t; Tom Hanson 61 (for Russ Hanson and Leslie Hanson); Bill Hollingsworth (who will be leaving for England soon to attend school) 235.

The singing was closed by Tom Hanson leading song on page 62, and the closing prayer was led by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Chairman—Tom Hanson; Secretary/Treasurer—Sandra L. Wilkinson.

**SMYRNA ANNUAL SACRED HARP SINGING
Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama
September 15, 2002**

The annual Smyrna Sacred Harp Singing was held at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church in Goodwater, Alabama on the third Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Thomas Futral leading song on page 341.

A business meeting was held. Those elected or appointed to serve were:

Chairman—Thomas Futral; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Nelda Henry and Virginia Futral.

The opening prayer was offered by Jack Nelson.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 480, 35; Floy Wilder 155, 373; Eugene Forbes 32t, 75; William Futral 100, 340; Virginia Futral 145b, 569b; Denice Bureson 159, 30b, 30t.

RECESS

Preaching services were held immediately after the morning recess.

LUNCH

Thomas Futral opened the afternoon session and led song on page 68b. Leaders: Wendy Futral 100, 36b; Verlie McDaniel 164, 64; Eugene Forbes 288, 87; Thomas Futral 147t, 565b; Jack Nelson 294, 282; Denice Burleson 26 (JB), 358; Virginia Futral 313t, "Light At The River"; Floy Wilder 40, 490; Nelda Henry 39b, 45t; William Futral 46, 496; Thomas Futral 98, 478t (WB), 491b (WB).

After announcements were made, the class sang song on page 62 as the closing song, and Eugene Forbes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Thomas Futral; Secretaries—Nelda Henry and Virginia Futral.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Tijeras, New Mexico
September 21-22, 2002

Saturday, September 21

The thirteenth session of the Rocky Mountain High Sacred Harp Convention was held in Tijeras, New Mexico on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in September. John Schaffer called the class to order and led song on page 31t. Daniel Davis offered the opening prayer.

Thanks were extended to Eric Morgan for the excellent job he did in teaching the singing school on Friday night.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David McPherson; Vice Chairman/Treasurer—Juliette Cunico; Secretary—Kay Sirco; Arranging Committee—Harlan Van Camp, Claire Singleton, Sally Gwylan, Allan Stavely, Ed Stevens, Kay Sirco, Marilyn Murata, Larry Matlock, and Daniel Davis; Chaplain—Daniel Davis; Memorial Committee—Carol Selleck; Resolutions Committee—John Schaffer.

Leaders: Mary Lou VanLaanen 515, 540; David McPherson 430, 282; Juliette Cunico 312b; Daniel Davis 300; Kay Sirco 143; Liz Bryant 475; Leon Ballinger 195; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Bob Goodman 551; Kshama Ananthapura 318; Norma Ruptier 479; Marilyn Murata 415; Jeff Sheppard 186; Carol Strayhorn 77t; LaRue Allen 426b; Harlan Van Camp 46.

RECESS

The class was reassembled, and the following leaders were called: Sally Gwylan 106; Daniel Davis "La Luz"; Mike Hinton 373; Jeanne Schaffer 66; Donna Hand Sewell 171; Andrew Snyder 216; Janet Morgan 32t; Johanna Fabke 378b; Allan Stavely 64; Linda Shea 384; Eric Morgan 448t; Floy Wilder 142; Carol Selleck 75; Larry Matlock 71; Ed Stevens 294; Nancy Costeau 107; Daniel Davis and Linda Shortridge 91; John Schaffer 174; Mary Lou VanLaanen 454; Liz Bryant 542; Leon Ballinger 452; Shelbie Sheppard 105 (for the Roy Nelson family); Bob Goodman 34b; Kshama Ananthapura 340; David McPherson 128. Leon Ballinger offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sally Gwylan brought the afternoon session to order and led song on page 102. Leaders: Claire Singleton 178; Eric Morgan 567; Harlan Van Camp 86; Johanna Fabke 236; Norma Ruptier 148; Nancy Costeau 65; Jeff Sheppard 200 (for Rene Greene); Ed Stevens 417; Carol Strayhorn 35; LaRue Allen 222; Larry Matlock 59; Mike Hinton 146; Jeanne Schaffer 198; Donna Sewell 63; Juliette Cunico 332; Andrew Snyder 455.

RECESS

Eric Morgan brought the class back to order and led song on page 145t. Leaders: Daniel Davis "Zia"; Linda Shea 203; Kay Sirco 480; Janet Morgan 400; Floy Wilder 224; Allen Stavely 58; Carol Selleck 56b; Carter Clary 535; Leon Ballinger 120; Jeff

Sheppard 192 (for Pam Nunn); LaRue Allen 217; Harlan Van Camp 547; Shelbie Sheppard 556; Leighanna Sewell 401; Mike Hinton 448b; Carter Clary 452; Floy Wilder 297; David McPherson 214; Kshama Ananthapura 270; Norma Ruptier 84; Bob Goodman 99; Mary Lou VanLaanen 68b; Liz Bryant 347; John Schaffer 350. Announcements were made, and Daniel Davis dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, September 22

David McPherson brought the class to order and led song on page 168. Daniel Davis offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Claire Singleton 155; Allan Stavely 61; Jeanne Schaffer 49b; Marilyn Murata 145b; Nancy Consteau 369; Johanna Fabke 475; Carol Strayhorn 58; Linda Shea 457; LaRue Allen 441; Kshama Ananthapura 445; Shelbie Sheppard 440; Leon Ballinger 269; Jeff Sheppard 217; Liz Bryant 172; Mike Hinton 347; David McPherson 133; Norma Ruptier 72b; Sally Gwylan 114; Floy Wilder 383; Eric Morgan 324.

RECESS

Ed Stevens brought the class back to order and led song on page 40. Leaders: John Schaffer 150; Bob Goodman 36b; Andrew Snyder 299; Janet Morgan 82; Juliette Cunico 128; Carol Selleck 70t; Larry Matlock 135, 163b.

Carol Selleck conducted the memorial lesson and asked that the memorial be opened with prayer led by Chaplain Daniel Davis. Carol Selleck offered a very moving memorial, and shared her thoughts and comments about Sacred Harp Singers being a “family” whose religious beliefs are so diverse. She pointed out that our families have scattered out to different sections of the country, buried at different locations, but we are still joined together as a “family.” She spoke of comments made by Richard DeLong and of a 97 years old man at the Chattahoochee Convention, and what an impact those comments made on her.

Claire Singleton read the list of the sick and shut-ins. Leon Ballinger and Mike Hinton led song on page 480 especially for B.E. and Ophelia Matthews who were listed as sick.

Claire Singleton read the list of the deceased, and Allan Stavely led song on page 47b in their memory. Daniel Davis closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Kay Sirco 385b; Linda Shea 89; Claire Singleton 86; Marilyn Murata 411; Kshama Ananthapura 379; Shelbie Sheppard 385t; Eric Morgan 70b; Jeanne Schaffer 569b; Bob Goodman 497; David McPherson 163t.

LUNCH

Ed Stevens brought the afternoon session to order and led song on page 87. Leaders: John Schaffer 344; Leon Ballinger 490; Carol Strayhorn 39t; Juliette Cunico 277; Johanna Fabke 273; Anita Sanders 528; Andrew Snyder 504; Allan Stavely 112; Jeff Sheppard 224; Carol Selleck 460; Ed Stevens 323b; Floy Wilder 432; Sally Gwylan 32b; LaRue Allen 215; Kay Sirco 300; Mike Hinton 288; Liz Bryant 546; Janet Morgan 400; Larry Matlock 334; Claire Singleton “Ojo Caliente”; Linda Shea 406.

RECESS

The class was called back to order and the following leaders were called: Claire Singleton 228; Marilyn Murata 456; Kshama Ananthapura 182; Shelbie Sheppard 418; Eric Morgan 319; Jeanne Schaffer 339; Bob Goodman 354b; David McPherson 189; Juliette Cunico 268; Anita Sanders 66; Andrew Snyder 117; Allan Stavely 341; Jeff Sheppard 225t; Carol Selleck 229; Ed Stevens 209.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees.

The Rocky Mountain High Sacred Harp Convention will be held in Colorado next year. The place and time will be announced at a later date.

Announcements were made. David McPherson led song on page 62 as the closing song, Eric Morgan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—David McPherson; Secretary—Kay Sirco.

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

**Hopedale, Illinois
September 21-22, 2001**

Saturday, September 21

The eighteenth annual session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Hopedale Mennonite Church. The convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Co-Chair Terry Hogg, who welcomed all to the singing, and led song on page 276. Chaplain Don Baker offered the opening prayer.

Previously elected or appointed committees included: Co-Chairs—Becky Schildman and Terry Hogg; Secretary—Janet Fraembs; Arranging Committee—Berkley Moore and Barbara Moore; Chaplains—Don Baker and Mark Graber; Memorial Committee—Berkley Moore; Finance Committee—Mike Veech; Steering Committee—Becky Schildman, Terry Hogg, Peggy Brayfield, Berkley Moore, and Janet Fraembs.

Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 68b; Janet Fraembs 421; Lori Graber 203; Joanne Bowman 162; Joan Aldridge 182; Conrad Wetzel 52t; Samuel Sommers 270; Lou Kujawinski 503; Don Baker 312b; William Shetter 362; Val Dunagan 350; Penny Kujawinski 430; Mary Bachmann 280; Mike Veech 277; Dick Dunagan 65; James Page 284; Berkley Moore 30b; Lee Steinmetz 287; Terry Hogg 501; Walter Matherly 268; Peggy Brayfield 195; Janet Fraembs 556.

RECESS

Co-Chair Terry Hogg brought the class back to order and led song on page 34b.

Leaders: Becky Browne 36b; Presley Barker 474; Gary Gronau 313t; Lori Graber 442; Joanne Bowman 63; Joan Aldridge 192; Berkley Moore 200t (HS); Conrad Wetzel 35; Samuel Sommers 112; Lou Kujawinski 99; Don Baker 229; William Shetter “Pohick”; Val Dunagan 475; Penny Kujawinski 224; Mary Bachmann 163b; Mike Veech 540; Dick Dunagan 49b (with alternate words); James Page “Impermanence”; Lee Steinmetz 510; Terry Hogg 212; Peggy Brayfield 178; Janet Fraembs 532; Becky Browne 39b; Presley Barker 201; Gary Gronau 168; Walter Matherly 47b; Joanne Bowman 142.

Chaplain Don Baker asked the blessing on the noon meal, and the class was adjourned.

LUNCH

Terry Hogg brought the class back together leading song on page 66. Leaders: Joan Aldridge 200; Samuel Sommers 528; Conrad Wetzel 85; Lou Kujawinski 71; Don Baker 129; William Shetter 473; Val Dunagan 171; Penny Kujawinski 440; Mike Veech 497; Dick Dunagan 273; James Page 222; Lee Steinmetz 250; Berkley Moore 551; Terry Hogg 344; Peggy Brayfield 236; Janet Fraembs 378b; Becky Browne 203; Presley Barker 313b; Gary Gronau 496; Walter Matherly 191; Samuel Sommers 426b.

RECESS

James Page brought the class back to order and led song on page 40. Leaders: Lori Graber 29t; Joanne Bowman 274t; Lou Kujawinski 515; Penny Kujawinski 74b; Becky Browne 300; Gary Gronau 269; Presley Barker 155; Lee Steinmetz 242; Conrad Wetzel 84.

The Saturday session was brought to a close with Chaplain Don Baker leading song on page 49t and offering the benediction.

Sunday, September 22

The Sunday session of the convention was held from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and was called to order by Co-Chair Becky Schildman. Mike Veech led song on page 350. Chaplain Mark Graber offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hogg 535; Lori Graber 472; Joanne Bowman 171; William Shetter 373; Mary Bachmann 188; James Page 142; Samuel Sommers 34t; Janet Fraembs 480; Berkley Moore 282; Terry Hogg 299; Lori Graber 39t; Joanne Bowman 126; William Shetter 147t; Mary Bachmann 569b; James Page 411; Samuel Sommers 176t; Janet Fraembs 441; Berkley Moore 332t (HS).

RECESS

Co-Chair Becky Schildman brought the class back to order leading song on page 335. Leaders: Terry Hogg 340; Lori Graber 454; Joanne Bowman 59; William Shetter 198; Mary Bachmann 137; James Page 272; Samuel Sommers 524; Janet Fraembs 448t.

The memorial lesson followed. Berkley Moore spoke for both the deceased and the sick or shut-ins as he related our singing class lessons to other lessons that life teaches. Death teaches us a lesson. We honor those who have passed on by remembering the good and right things they have said and done. Illness also can teach us a lesson. It gives us opportunities to do things we wouldn't do otherwise; it can bring us time to reflect on new things. We should think of illness as an opportunity to learn something. And grief teaches us how much we love someone.

He then led song on page 229 for the deceased and for the sick and shut-ins.

Those honored in death are: Freeman Wootten—Alabama; Kenneth DeLong—Georgia; John Bailey—Illinois; and Philip Page, Jr.—New Jersey.

Sick and shut-ins remembered are: Jeff Greene—Alabama; June Porter, Virginia Evans, and Peggy Brayfield—Illinois; Kelly Beard—Texas; and Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin. Chaplain Mark Graber closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hogg 318; Lori Graber 551.

RECESS

Joanne Bowman brought the class back to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: William Shetter 547; Peggy Peryam 178; Mary Bachmann 341; James Page 192; Samuel Sommers 133; Janet Fraembs 154; Berkley Moore 209; Terry Hogg 385b; Lori Graber 424; Joanne Bowman 384; William Shetter 220; Peggy Peryam 163b; Mary Bachmann 365.

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

The Resolutions Committee Report was made by Terry Hogg. We thank:

- Co-Chair, Becky Schildman, for all her work in organizing the Convention.
- Hopedale Mennonite Church for their hosting and hospitality extended to the singers.
- Those who came from near and far to join us.
- Peggy Peryam for manning the registration desk.
- Berkley Moore and Barbara Moore for arranging.
- Peggy Brayfield, Janet Fraembs, and James Page for pitching.
- The food committee and all who brought dishes to add to the repast.
- And last but not least, Mark and Lori Graber for arranging the facilities, moving pews, and for the wonderful Saturday night wiener roast and hayride at their farm home.

The date of the Illinois State Convention will be changed in succeeding years to the third Sunday and Saturday before in September.

Following announcements of other singings, the class sang 347 (Christian's Farewell), and was closed with prayer led by Mark Graber.

Co-Chairs—Becky Schildman and Terry Hogg; Secretary—Janet Fraembs.

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION
Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama
September 22, 2002

The Winston County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Springs, Alabama on the fourth Sunday in September.

The class was called to order by Dawson Adams leading song on page 39t. Chris Bell offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Arranging Committee—Kermit Adams; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Dawson Adams 39b; Travis Keeton 37t, 73t; Eron White 37b, 146; Chris Bell 168, 384; Chris Rice 81t, 203, 480; Clarence McCool 569b, 345b, 349; Wilton Donaldson 490, 225t; Cecil Wakefield 208, 209, 282; Doyce Bailey 143, 147t.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading song on page 82. Leaders: Alonzo Malone 68b, 285t; Roma Rice 90, 31t; Julie Poston 343b, 145b; L.E. Hannah 83t, 448b; Jayne Fulmer 182, 183, 454; Vernice Phillips 318, 460; David Robertson 45t; Don Robertson 100, 101t, 426b; Emily Jones 74t, 288.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 388. Leaders: John Hyde 124, 544; Larry Ballinger 26, 27, 28t; Stella Pratt 63, 335, 111b; Gravis Ballinger 144, 34b, 49t; Josie Hyde 43, 84, 88t; Ken Tate 401, 512, 29t; Pernie Pelfrey 28b, 31b, 30b; Margaret Keeton 129, 212, 213b; Kermit Adams 273, 99, 78; Don Robertson 215; Dawson Adams 77t; Josie Hyde 373, 76t; Albert White "Preach The Gospel", "I Had Rather Be On The Inside Looking Out".

Announcements were made. Travis Keeton led song on page 48t as the closing song, Cecil Wakefield offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Secretary—Roma Rice.

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Morgan County, Alabama
September 22, 2002

The September Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Milford Cobbs who welcomed everyone and led song on page 75. Prayer was offered by Linton Ballinger. Chairman Milford Cobbs led song on page 127.

Leaders and selections were as follows: Brandon Thompson 274t, 335; Andrew Farris 39b, 49b; Beecher Yancy 47t, 30t; David Roberson 78, 79; Nancy Thompson 40, 101t; Gordon Wilkinson 142, 434; Milton Oliver 321.

RECESS

The class was reassembled by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 405. Leaders and selections: Hershell King 460, 97; Eldagene Roberson 313t, 81t; Linton Ballinger 457, 410t; Clayton Ezell 300, 64; Linda Thomas and Milton Oliver 63, 345b; Carol Newman 68b, 137; Marie Guthrie 430, 371; Arvid Holmes 312b; Billy Williams 89, 448b; Elene Stovall 157, 76b; Susan Holmes 441, 212; Milford Cobbs 46. A prayer was offered by Hershell King.

LUNCH

After enjoying a bountiful lunch and fellowship, the class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 143. Leaders and selections were as follows: Arvid Holmes 171; Max Berueffy 213, 436; J.C. Rutledge 568, 569b; Wilda Holmes 400, 384; Craig Holmes 139, 438; Glenda Hopper 138t, 120; Jonathon Thompson 163t, 448t; Judy Caudle 148, 110; Daniel Hopper 301, 451; J.L. Hopper 513, 178, 352.

After announcements, Milford Cobbs led song on page 395. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Daniel Hopper.

Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman—Arvid Holmes; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION AND
UNION MUSICAL CONVENTION
Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia
September 28-29, 2002**

Saturday, September 28

The Young People's Convention met in joint session with the Union Musical Convention on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in September. The twenty-second session of the Young People's Convention and the one hundred thirty-fourth session of the Union Musical Convention met at Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church in Dunwoody, Georgia.

Scott DePoy and Sarah Jenkins called the class to order leading songs on pages 46 and 101t. Jesse Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Cassie Franklin and Richard DeLong conducted the introductory lessons. Cassie Franklin led songs on pages 138b, 270, 300, and 209; Richard DeLong led songs on pages 316, 374, 375, 385t, and 283.

Leaders: Jessica Roberts 479; Riley Lee 40; Jenna Strizak 217; Hannah Highsmith 58; Kitty Kagay 216; Phillip Langley 110; Amy Lee 146; April Dell 376; Shaffiq Welji 183; Laura Clawson 362; Bryant Lee 99; Leanne Carter 313b; Mary Lee 358; Chris Carnell 36b; Shane O'Neal 59; Brady DeLong 47t; Brooks Strickland 361.

RECESS

Lela Crowder called the class back to order leading song on page 82t. Allison Schofield led song on page 81t.

On orderly motion the class went into a business session for the purpose of electing officers. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve for both Conventions: Chairman—Jessica Roberts; Vice Chairman—Lela Crowder; Chaplain—Martin Highsmith; Memorial Committee—Jesse Roberts, John Plunkett, and Mary Lee; Finance Committee—Brady DeLong, Phillip Langley, and Brooks Strickland; Arranging Committee—Hannah Highsmith, Cassie Franklin, Amy Lee, and Laura Clawson; Resolutions Committee—Judy Mincey, David Lee, Bryant Lee, and Rachel Carlisle.

Officers to serve only on behalf of the Young People's Convention were:

Secretary—Ashley Roberts; Locating Committee—Sarah Jenkins.

Officers and Committees to serve only on behalf of the Union Musical Convention were: Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson; Locating Committee—Helen Bryson and Richard DeLong.

Leaders: Kelsey Wessels 29t; Patrick Brown 189; Linda Shea 282; Matt DeLong 34t; Trevor East 63; Tim Cook and Mako Cook 531, 503; Sandra Wilkinson 384; Tollie Lee 385b; Eric Tweedy 327; Susan Posey 178; Herman Wilkinson 215; Mike Castleberry 515; Gaston White 84; Christy DeLong 454; Frances Carnell 543.

LUNCH

Lela Crowder called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 106. Leaders: Kshama Ananthapura 274t; Rodney Ivey 426; Susan Harcrow 208; Ashley Roberts 436; David Lee 299; Reba Windom 222; Violet Thomason 318; Sally House 171; Kathy Lee 145b; Dennis George 532; Janice Paulk 498; Jesse Roberts "Ebenezer"; Clarke Lee 112; Cassie Franklin and Jessica Roberts 142; Helen Bryson 411; Rachel Carlisle 192; Diane Wall 497; Judy Mincey 475; Andy Anderson 510; David Yeager 148.

RECESS

Lela Crowder called the class to order leading song on page 186. Leaders: Andy Morse 328; Lee Rogers 176b; Laura Akerman 404; John Plunkett 136; Sarah Jenkins 203; Jenna Strizak 277; Kitty Kagay 379; Shaffiq Welji 245; Leanne Carter 47b; Allison Schofield 448t; Kelsey Wessels 442; Linda Shea 335; Phillip Langley 542.

Reports for the Young People's Convention were given.

The Locating Committee, Sarah Jenkins, reported that the next session of the Convention would be held at Fuller Cemetery in Ider, Alabama on Saturday, August 30, 2003 (Saturday before the first fifth Sunday after July 4).

The Finance Committee for the Young People's Convention reported the following: balances brought forward \$211.00; expenses of the Convention totaled \$169.00; donations were \$336.00; ending balance \$378.00. Monies were given to Sarah Jenkins.

Announcements were made. Jessica Roberts and Lela Crowder led song on page 347 as the closing song, Martin Highsmith offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 29

Jessica Roberts called the class to order for the continuation of the one hundred thirty-fourth session of the Union Musical Convention, and led song on page 34b. Martin Highsmith offered the morning prayer.

Officers previously elected in the Saturday session held jointly with the Young People's Convention are: Chairman—Jessica Roberts; Vice Chairman—Lela Crowder; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson; Chaplain—Martin Highsmith; Memorial Committee—Jesse Roberts, John Plunkett, and Mary Lee; Finance Committee—Brady DeLong, Phillip Langley, and Brooks Strickland; Arranging Committee—Hannah Highsmith, Cassie Franklin, Amy Lee, and Laura Clawson; Resolutions Committee—Judy Mincey, David Lee, Bryant Lee, and Rachel Carlisle; Locating Committee—Helen Bryson and Richard DeLong.

Leaders: Lela Crowder 99; Riley Lee 164; Helen Bryson 568; Hannah Highsmith 63; Kitty Kagay 350; April Dell 405; Bryant Lee 38b; Shane O'Neal 45t; Loy Garrison 565; Brady DeLong 61; Mary Lee 171; Ashley Roberts 195; Brooks Strickland 410t; Phillip Langley 271t; Trevor East 354b; Jeannette DePoy 369; Matt DeLong 365; David Lee 147b; Christy DeLong 40; Laura Akerman 189; Kathy Lee 474.

RECESS

Lela Crowder brought the class back together by leading song on page 300. Leaders: Reuben Ball, Jr. 480; Richard DeLong 123b; Clarke Lee 566; Scott DePoy 277; Violet Thomason 384; Sally House 31t; Dennis George 573.

Jesse Roberts, Richard DeLong, John Plunkett, and Mary Lee conducted the memorial lesson. They pointed out that in the last two days we had been reminded over and over of the works of those who had gone on before us. Older members of the class have more friends on the other side than here. Soon the one Church above and beneath will be united, and we will sing as one. While we remain, we miss them and hope to be re-united. While we live here, we comfort and support each other.

We must remember that today may be the last day we see each other. Kenneth DeLong was especially remembered for the love that he had for this convention. The list of deceased remembered were: Kenneth DeLong—Georgia; George Cox—Alabama; Daniel Shea—Massachusetts; Viola Geiger—Florida. Mary Lee led song on page 503 in memory of the deceased. Richard DeLong led 348b in memory of Kenneth DeLong.

John Plunkett led song on page 457 for the sick and shut-ins. Martin Highsmith closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Jesse Roberts 301; Janice Paulk 518; David Yeager 381; Lee Rogers 263.

LUNCH

Lela Crowder called the class to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Faye Holbrook 455; John Plunkett 539; Charlene Wallace 177; Nancy Yeager 313b; Rachel Carlisle and Rebecca Tuley 341; Morgan DeLong 282; Andy Morse 546; Diane Wall 452; Andy Anderson, Joe Goldberg, and Jack Ricketson 36b; Helen Bryson 522; Jeannette DePoy 394; Sally House 66; Kitty Kagay 144; Elder Edward Cagle 306; Matt DeLong 329; Susan Roberts and Micah Roberts 155.

RECESS

Jessica Roberts and Lela Crowder brought the class together by leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Reuben Ball, Jr. 544; Scott DePoy 82t; Dennis George 133; Lee Rogers 220; Christy DeLong 146; Jesse Roberts 348t.

The business session was continued for the purpose of hearing committee reports. The Locating Committee for the Young People's Convention was given on Saturday.

The Locating Committee for the Union Musical Convention, Helen Bryson and Richard DeLong, reported that next year's convention will be held at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church on November 29-30, 2003 (first fifth Sunday and Saturday before following Labor Day).

The Resolutions Committee reported as follows:

The twenty-second annual Young People's Convention in joint session with the one hundred thirty-fourth annual Union Musical Convention does hereby offer Praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for:

- Praise and thanksgiving, and for His many gifts to us;
- Our creation, preservation and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ;
- The gift of song and for these glorious expressions of praise, hope, and prayer we know as "The Sacred Harp".

Further, we offer our thanks to our forebears, both of blood and of heart, for keeping this tradition alive and growing;

- We thank God for the spirit of fellowship that has brought these two bodies together in this historic meeting in this beautiful place;
- The hospitality of Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church;
- The direction and dedication of all the officers and committees; and
- The bountiful and delicious meals prepared by so many loving hands and for the joy visible on the faces of the friends and loved ones gathered here.

We do hereby resolve that as a body and individually, we will carry forward, both in our daily lives and in the community of singers, the ideals that shine forth from this special occasion. We will carry a spirit of inclusiveness, the joy of singing in harmony of heart and voice, and the love of God to us, and to all mankind.

Furthermore, we resolve to continue to meet and to sing, not only in these conventions next year, but as often as circumstances allow, that we may continue to express our thanks to God for these and all other gifts through this unique medium, Sacred Harp singing.

Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Committee: David Lee, Bryant Lee, Judy Mincey, and Rachel Carlisle.

The Finance Report was given on Saturday for the Young People's Convention. The Finance Report was given by Helen Bryson for the Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Balance forward—\$3,858.15. Donations in memory of Kenneth DeLong \$340.00. Donations on Sunday \$142.00. Expenses totaled \$258.71. Ending Balance \$4,081.44. The business session was closed.

Announcements were made. Jessica Roberts and Lela Crowder closed the session with song on page 62 as everyone who wished took the parting hand. Elder Edward Cagle offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jessica Roberts; Vice Chairman—Lela Crowder; Secretary (Young People's Convention)—Ashley Roberts; Secretary/Treasurer (Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention)—Helen Bryson.

**SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP
SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)
Southwest Texas University, San Marcos, Texas
September 28-29, 2002**

Saturday, September 28

The fall session of the annual Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the UPACC on the campus of Southwest Texas University at San Marcos. Chairman Reed Coates called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. with song 331t. Prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Chairman Reed Coates 98; Vice Chairman Morris Nelms 28t; Secretary Pat Blundell 164; Kevin Powell 416t; Barbara Moore 61; John Morris 119; Beverly Coates 155; Mike Hinton 288; Olivia Powell 280; Don Clark 171; Emmie Morris 142; Frank Price 571; Sarah Huckaby 76b; Berkley Moore 327; Terri Schill 218; Leon Ballinger 414; Karen Clark 486; Tom Owen 544; Cassandra Baker 323b; Dick Steil 72; Martha Aiken 143; Billy Huckaby 400.

RECESS

Chairman Reed Coates called the class back to order leading song on page 101t.

Leaders: Amanda Blevins 47t; Don Ross 338; Katie Moseley 99; Gaylon Powell 244; Amanda Owen 148; Bruce Coates 133; Mike Moseley 306; Myrl Jones 189; David Moseley 186; Myra Palmer 522; Curtis Owen 558b (especially for B.E. Matthews); Cissy Moseley 299; Cheryl Foreman 140; John Baker 239; Mary Ann Owen 145b; Kevin Powell 438t; Barbara Moore 229; John Morris 268t; Beverly Coates 106; Mike Hinton 146; Olivia Powell 559; Don Clark 520. Prayer was offered for lunch.

LUNCH

Chairman Reed Coates called the class back to order following lunch and led song on page 75. Leaders: Tom Owen 319; Emmie Morris 215; Frank Price 127; Sarah Huckaby 138t; Berkley Moore 95; Terri Schill 402; Leon Ballinger 217; Marilyn Burkland 553; Karen Clark 516; Cassandra Baker 159; Dick Steil 508; Martha Aiken 572; Billy Huckaby 47b; Katie Moseley 203; Don Ross 315; Amanda Owen 222; Gaylon Powell 53; Myrl Jones 300; Mike Moseley 567; David Moseley 137; Amanda Blevins 282; Sue Fairbanks 59; Curtis Owen 569.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Morris Nelms brought the class back together leading song on page 49. Leaders: John Baker 358; Cissy Moseley 447t; Cheryl Foreman 497; Mary Ann Owen 293b; Don Clark 478; Frank Price 43; Barbara Moore 398b; Kevin Powell 200; Karen Clark 393t; John Morris 31t; Berkley Moore 505; Sarah Huckaby 563.

Chairman Reed Coates led song on page 122 as the closing song, Mike Hinton offered the closing prayer, and the Saturday session was dismissed.

Sunday, September 29

Vice Chairman Morris Nelms opened the day of singing at 9:30 a.m. with song on page 324. Prayer was offered by Curtis Owen.

Leaders: Morris Nelms 395; Chairman Reed Coates 270; Secretary Pat Blundell 500; Mike Moseley 434; Amanda Blevins 170; John Morris 58; Olivia Powell 450; Mike Hinton 339; Katie Moseley 142; Leon Ballinger 442t; Myra Palmer 497; Jeb Owen 179; Karen Clark 336t; Kevin Powell 532; Diane Ross 511t; Dick Steil 268; Liz Owen 563; Don Clark 48t; Myrl Jones 572.

RECESS

Chairman Reed Coates called the class back together with song on page 54t.

Leaders: Don Ross 284; Terri Schill 284; Billy Huckaby 217; Edith Owen 410; Robert Vaughn 162; Emmie Morris 220; Bruce Coates 518; Cissy Moseley 573; Tom Owen 386; Sarah Huckaby 225t; David Moseley 192; Beverly Coates 543; Berkley Moore 30b; Amanda Owen 99; Curtis Owen 149; Cassandra Baker 31b; Sue Fairbanks 323b; Barbara Moore 490; Cheryl Foreman 132; Gaylon Powell 488t. John Baker conducted the memorial service and read from I John 4:11-12 and spoke about love of each other and love of Sacred Harp comes from the love of Christ. Kevin Powell led songs on pages 285t and 574 in memory of those who had died in the past year, and for those sick and unable to attend this weekend's singing. Tom Owen closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Chairman Reed Coates brought the class back to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 47b. Leaders: Bruce Coates 492; Barbara Moore 61; Don Clark 30b; Edith Owen 47t; Berkley Moore 575; Karen Clark 527; Jeb Owen 68t; Beverly Coates 505; Dick Steil 516; Mike Hinton 418; Amanda Blevins 148; Ann Milner 276; Robert Vaughn 230; Terri Schill 230; John Baker 110; Katie Moseley 222; Leon Ballinger 470; Cheryl Foreman 77t; David Moseley 216; Cissy Moseley 45t; Curtis Owen 358; Sue Fairbanks 449; George Jones 558b; Amanda Owen 168; Landis Powell 163t; Tom Owen 277; Gaylon Powell 232, 235; Sarah Huckaby 84.

The singing was concluded with Chairman Reed Coates, Vice Chairman Morris Nelms, and Secretary Pat Blundell leading song on page 69 as the closing song while everybody shook hands. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—Reed Coates; Vice Chairman—Morris Nelms; Secretary—Pat Baker Blundell.

MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Town Hall, Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota

September 28-29, 2002

Saturday, September 28

The thirteenth Minnesota State Sacred Harp Convention was held in the Town Hall at Murphy's Landing in Shakopee, Minnesota on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order by Co-Chairs Cathy Lutz and Steven Schmidgall leading song on page 66. Charles Wells offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Darlene Dalton 147t; Matt Wells 107; Stephen Parker 171; Meg Parsons 148; Cindy Kissee 112; Dick Levine 501; James Page 188; Christine Stevens 352; Floy Wilder 298; Denise Kania 209; Lou Kujawinski 477; Martha Henderson 406; Kristin Irving 515; Jenny Willard 392.

RECESS

Kit Pfau brought the class back to order leading song on page 29t. Leaders: Collette Miller 436; Walter Graff 39b; Gary Gronau 362; Carol Buche 178; Louis Hughes 493; Mryka Hall-Beyer 569b; Charlie Obert 492; Johanna Fabke 83t; Wendy Popp 82t; Mirjana Lausevic 335; Gordon Olsen 547; Charles Wells 47t; Jeff Bell 270; Penny Kujawinski 224; Hans Guttman 38b; LaRue Allen 142; Michael Moore 80t; Paul Wyatt 510.

RECESS

Steven Levine brought the class back leading song on page 36b. We then had a children lesson. Leaders: Felicia Stevens 163t; Leah Crosby and Janet Crosby 503; Thomas Jefferson Willard 422.

Other leaders: Cathy Lutz 349; Darlene Dalton 454; Shelley Robbins 474; Keith Willard 99.

A brief business meeting was then convened for the purpose of electing the Co-Chairs of next year's convention, Eleanor Haase and Joan Fritz.

We then elected Charlie Obert to serve as Chairman for the next Cooper Book Convention, which will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2003.

The other officers and committees were then introduced, and the class was dismissed for lunch. Kit Pfau offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Charlie Obert called the class back for the afternoon session, and led song on page 34b. Leaders: Francis Gurtz 481; Jane Wells 146; Jim Parsons 444; Shelbie Sheppard 211; Tim Eriksen 192; Kit Pfau 203; Julie Ve a 26; Val Eng 47b; Matt Wells 77t; Carol Crawford 74b; Jeff Sheppard 196; Stephen Parker 504; Joan Yeatman 143; Steven Levine 475; Doug Donley and Rebecca Donley 198; Bill Waddington 218; Steven Schmidgall 156.

RECESS

Jim Pfau brought the class back to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Jeanette Nelson 455; Mary Bachmann 391; Jim Goetz 52t; Margo McCreary 344; Claudia Egelhoff 556; Jim Crawford 522; Darlene Dalton 488b (CB) (a special request); Eleanor Haase 384; Midge Olsen 277; Michael Shewmaker 40.

The Co-Chairs, Cathy Lutz and Steven Schmidgall, announced the regular singings in the area and then turned the class over to Rev. Doug Donley of University Baptist Church in Minneapolis.

To the puzzlement and delight of all, Rev. Doug Donley re-arranged the front benches to seat the party for the surprise wedding of Matt Wells and Lara Andersen. After the applause and the laughter subsided, he conducted a brief and beautiful ceremony, exchanging vows and rings. The class celebrated the couple's union by singing with them of "Present Joys," 318, led by Jeff Sheppard. Rev. Donley led a closing prayer, and the chairs dismissed the class for the day.

Sunday, September 29

The Co-Chairs, Cathy Lutz and Steven Schmidgall, convened Sunday's class, and led song on page 441. Gordon Olsen offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kit Pfau 48t; Eleanor Haase 84; Claudia Egelhoff 77b; Hans Guttman 268; Kim Bahmer 203; Paul Wyatt 192; Michael Moore "Mesopotamia" (his own composition); Jeanette Nelson 288; Bob Dixon 82t; Julie Ve a 189; Penny Kujawinski 328; Denise Kania and Michael Shewmaker 373; Francis Gurtz 500; LaRue Allen 222; Charlie Obert 216; Midge Olsen 362.

RECESS

Jim Pfau brought the class back to order and led song on page 32t. Leaders: Mary Bachmann "Carry Me To That Far Shore" (her own composition); Matt Wells 300; Marjorie Benwitz 299; Paul Landskroener 212; Gary Gronau 181; Carol Crawford 448b; Joan Yeatman 496; Jim Goetz 312b; Louis Hughes 448t; Carol Buche 503;

Wendy Popp 472; Kristin Irving 499; Mryka Hall-Beyer 236; Gordon Olsen 159; Meg Parsons 217.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Steven Levine leading song on page 29t. Leaders: Colette Miller 368; Jeff Sheppard 273 (for Rene Greene, his daughter); Martha Henderson 326.

Louis Hughes and Charles Obert then presented the memorial lesson. Louis Hughes, who was grateful to have been asked to do this honor at a singing so far from home, read the words from the song on page 473, and then led songs on pages 348b and 229 in memory of the departed. The list of the deceased remembered were: Polly Moore, Warren G. Meadows, Winnefred Gilbert, Scott Henderson, and Freeman Wootton—Alabama; Matthew Ettinger and Viola Geiger—Florida; Kenneth DeLong—Georgia; John Bailey—Illinois; George Hill—Iowa; Sara Thomas, Walter Perl, John Storms, Palmer Rogers, and Glenn Bartoo—Minnesota; Barbara Bolles—Missouri; Vaughan Ward and Jose Aguinaldo—New York; Lillian Robinson and Phillip Page, Jr.—New Jersey; Barbara Carns—Vermont; Peter Vea, Lee Egelhoff, and John Lohmann—Wisconsin. Charlie Obert then led 32b in honor of the sick and shut-ins. The list of those sick or shut-in included: Sara Curry—California; Helen Stevens and Regina Kania—Minnesota; Stu Beyer—New York; Mickey Woodbridge—Pennsylvania; Kelly Beard, Harold Lackey, and B.E. Matthews—Texas; Bob Scorgie, Kathleen Karsten, and Mark Crawford—Wisconsin; Bonnie Brasseur—Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Todd Mitchell offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Walter Graff offered grace for the noon meal, asking the class to remember that everything in life, even our suffering, can be seen as a gift of grace. The class was then dismissed for lunch and suffered under the burdens of the table.

LUNCH

Midge Olsen called the class to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Johanna Fabke 85; Becky Browne 377; Floy Wilder 402; Keith Willard 460; Shelbie Sheppard 327; Mirjana Lausevic 379; Christine Stevens 542; Katie Kocha and Kim Bahmer 39t; Cindy Kisse 361; Shelley Robbins 186; Lou Kujawinski 63; Jim Pfau 142; Jenny Willard 530; Val Eng 383; Darlene Dalton 543; Robin Fox 436; Dick Levine 102; Stephen Parker 99 (Stephen Parker asked the class to sing loud enough for Syble Adams to hear, wherever she is singing today).

In what has become an annual tradition, an afghan crocheted by Ms. Eloise Jerome was raffled and won by Keith Willard. "Finally! After ten years!!"

RECESS

Francis Gurtz reconvened the class leading song on page 56b. Leaders: Jim Crawford 49t; Bill Waddington 49b; Jim Parsons 385b; James Page 411; Janet Crosby 107; Tim Eriksen 139; Steven Schmidgall 24b; Cathy Lutz 475; Steven Levine 350; LaRue Allen 200; Jeff Sheppard 442; Matt Wells and Lara Andersen 158; Floy Wilder 187; Mryka Hall-Beyer 479; Penny Kujawinski 42.

The class then attended to its final business for hearing reports from various committees.

The Resolutions Committee, Hans Guttmann, offered a resolution of thanks to all those who had a hand in organizing this year's convention.

The Treasurer reported that we had met our expenses.

The Arranging Committee reported that all leaders were called, and that we led 71 songs on Saturday and 73 on Sunday. The roll of states was taken, showing singers from 14 states, one Canadian province, and Japan: Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, Alberta, Canada, and Japan.

Co-Chairs Cathy Lutz and Steven Schmidgall then led song on page 45t for the closing song as singers took the parting hand. Keith Willard offered the closing prayer, asking that all present be blessed in their homeward travels, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairs—Cathy Lutz and Steven Schmidgall; Corresponding Secretary—Jim Pfau; Recording Secretary—Stephen Parker; Treasurer—Matt Wells.

LACY MEMORIAL SINGING
Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama
September 29, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing held on the first fifth Sunday following July 4th was called to order with Chair Reba Windom leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was led by Joel Jenkins. Reba Windom led song on page 30b (in memory of her father, Noah Lacy.) David Ivey led songs on page 144 (in memory of Uncle Leonard Lacy) and 378t (in memory of Aunt Nora Lacy and Aunt Woodie Walker.) Leaders: Norma Green 43 (for Leola Smith who was in the hospital); Susan Harcrow 186; Max Berueffy 182. Laura Clawson was appointed as the Arranging Committee and led song on page 29t. Leaders: Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Betty Wright 410t; Jackson Harcrow 274t; Donna Wootten 217; Milton Oliver 496; Joel Jenkins 480; Loyd Ivey 89; Jenna Strizak 300; S.T. Reed 410b; Evelyn Harris 155; Sandy Ivey 201; Linton Ballinger 208 (in memory of Aunt Woodie Walker.)

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back together leading song on page 225t. Leaders: Richard Chesney and Daryl Chesney 145b; Kshama Ananthapura 340; Ed Thacker 323b; Wilton Donaldson 348b; Linda Sides 285t; Tony Ivey 440; Kevin Holcomb 288; B.J. Harris 503; Lavaughn Ballinger, Loyd Ivey, and Shane Wootten 424; Kelsey Wessels 99; Stan Edmondson 127; Kathy James and Reba Windom 542; Linda Shea 142; Wayne Wootten and Anna Wootten 276; Alan Pritchett and Sarah Jenkins 128 (in memory of Tim Kincaid and Andra McNabb); Sarah Jenkins 532.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Shane Wootten leading song on page 170. Leaders: Eloise Wootten 426b; Loretta Smith 37b (for Doyce White and Beverly Norton); Cindy Tanner 39b (for her mother, Flarce Creel); B.M. Smith 475; Hobert Ivey 312b; Cassie Franklin 120; Bud Oliver 106; Judy Caudle 322; Allison Schofield 567; Karen Freund 56b; Coy Ivey, Allison Schofield, and Kelsey Wessels 456, 384; Larry Ballinger 270; Sandie Scott 74b.

LUNCH

Reba Windom brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 171. Leaders: Jerry Enright 349 (in memory of Aunt Woodie Walker); Devann Jackson 72b; Elene Stovall 215; Betty Shepherd 216; Lynn deBenedette 442; Lisa Geist 269; Phil Summerlin 97; Alex Makris 388; Amy Smith 551; Charles Stiefel and Shane Wootten 445; Kshama Ananthapura, Linda Shea, and Jenna Strizak 282; Tony Ivey, Wayne Wootten, and Rodney Ivey 511b (CB); Randall Smith and Rodney Ivey 137; David Ivey and Coy Ivey 486t (WB); Allison Schofield and Kelsey Wessels 362; Karen Freund and Jerry Enright 77t; Rodney Ivey, Betty Shepherd, and Susan Harcrow 430, 299; Reba Windom and Elene Stovall 196; Max Berueffy and Larry Ballinger 112; Hobert Ivey, Eloise Wootten, and Loyd Ivey 454 (in memory of Andrew Ivey); Lynn deBenedette and Laura Clawson 224; Joel Jenkins and Sarah Jenkins 222; Kelsey Wessels, Betty Wright, and Judy Caudle 495; Shane Wootten 328; B.M. Smith 373; Bud Oliver 145t; Lisa Geist and Linton Ballinger 327 (in memory of Lisa's sister, Ashley Ballinger); Daryl Chesney 528; Linda Sides and Alan Pritchett 148; Milton Oliver and S.T. Reed 338 (in memory of Dallas Reed); Alex

Makris and Norma Green 317 (in memory of Eulas Ivey); David Ivey 68b (by request for Gayzell Parker).

Following announcements, Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd led song on page 146, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Phil Summerlin.

Chairman—Reba Windom; Vice Chairman—Betty Shepherd; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

MOON AND GUTHRIE MEMORIAL SINGING **Liberty Church (McCormack), Jefferson County, Alabama** **September 29, 2002**

The twenty-eighth session of the Moon and Guthrie Memorial Singing was called to order by Velton Chafin who welcomed everyone and led song on page 31t. Henry Guthery offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the same officers: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Elvin Guthrie; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee—Brenda Merritt and Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t, 35; David Roberson 63, 75; Ellis Shipp 274b, 274t; Azilee Adams 337, 317; Winell Sanders 225t; Sherry Guthery 340, 58, 49t; Elvin Guthrie 56t, 523, 175; Willie Mae Moon 318, 336; Janet Shipp 268, 300, 358; Willodean Barton 403, 480, 475; Faye Donaldson 406, 129.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the singing back to order leading song on page 326. Leaders: Dessie Goodman 332; Ilene Williamson 143, 126; Amber Williamson 108; Julie Poston 108b, 421; Travis Keeton 441, 460, 418; Ida Lee Starnes 39, 111; John Hyde 168, 275b, 279; Kate Merritt 101t, 448t; Robert Handel 339, 137, 489.

LUNCH

Elvin Guthrie called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 306. Leaders: Eldagene Roberson 269, 169, 42; Edith Tate 67, 73t; Henry Guthery 120, 112, 507; Ozella Blackmon 384, 495; Steve Rutledge 79, 146; Marie Guthrie 192, 218, 389, 434; John Merritt 388, 294, 284; Elder J.L. Hopper 295, 543, 518; Brenda Merritt 172, 426t, 361, 163; Robert Handel 107, 348; John Merritt “Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus”; Henry Guthery 490 (by request); Brenda Merritt 104 (for John Hyde); Elder J.L. Hopper 312b (by request).

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 521 as the closing song and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Elvin Guthrie; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

NEW ENGLAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Dennison Hall, Framingham Massachusetts** **October 4-5, 2002** **Friday, October 4**

The twenty-seventh annual New England Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Bill Holt leading song on page 52t. Robert Dove led the class in the opening prayer. Bill Holt led song on page 34b.

The class held a business session with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Bill Holt; Treasurer—Bob Parr; Secretary—Dennis O’Brien.

The singing proceeded with Bob Parr leading song on page 528. Leaders: Dennis O’Brien 162; George Seiler 475; Lila Farrar 178; David Rust 314; Mary Neville 569b; George Pomfret 163b; Sheila Girling MacAdam 142; Jenna Strizak 195; Jessica Holland 299; Peter Amidon 47t; Diane Mennella 203; David Bliss 66; Allison

Schofield 542; Jackie Hall 503; Aaron Girard 567; Patricia Geritz 49b; Michal Truelsen 217; Guy Bankes 569t; Kelly House 442; Bruce Randall 479; Kitty Kagay 506; Ginnie Ely 196.

RECESS

Matt Wojcik brought the class to order leading song on page 68b. Leaders: Edwin MacAdam "Immortal Love" (his own composition); Dan Hertzler 29t; Liz Meitzler 245; Bill Dunn 48t; Barbara Swetman 72b; Andrew Clarkson 128; Scott Luscombe 32b; Margaret Bornick 236; Francis Bliss 300; Kshama Ananthapura 274; Larry Gordon 411; Kara Morin 228; Ian Smiley 65; Chris Noren 112; Sally House 146; Ron Bornick 454; June Matthews 556.

Bill Holt led song on page 36b as the closing song. Jessica Holland dismissed the class with prayer.

Saturday, October 5

Bill Holt called the Saturday morning session to order and led song on page 148. George Seiler offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bill Holt 371; Lyra O'Brien 212; Nicola Collett 147; Paul Gauthier 344; Joanne Bowman 34t; Jim Bean 128; Bobbie Goodell 218; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 113; Jean Seiler 209; Sheila Kelley 155; Brian Collett 474; Kiri Miller 224; Linda Shea 67; Phil Tyler 340; Cathy Brochet 163b; Jane Zanickowsky 31t; Tom Padwa 569b; Sarah Beasley Smith 35; Cath Oss 278t; Chuck Neville 49t; Steve Marini 250; Katherine Collett 178; Seth Holloway 388; Susan Jaster 486.

RECESS

Bill Holt reconvened the session leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Sheila Girling MacAdam "New England" (original composition by Mick Verrier); Richard Schmeidler 254; Anne Kazlauskas 280; Bob Parr 270; Anayis Wright 551; Rachel Speer 417; Charles Cofone 66; Gary Smith 523; Cindy Bean 163t; Paula McGray 528; Glen Wright 497; Victoria Bolles 200; Charlie Taylor 99; Dan Hertzler 70t; Greta Eckhardt 390; Charles Collett 504; Joanne Devoe 327.

The memorial lesson followed. Ginnie Ely spoke to the class of the manner in which the practice of the memorial lesson embodies Sacred Harp singing, with the spirit of a worldwide community of singers. We support each other in times of sorrow and in joy. We bring those feelings into the square, and we take them away to sustain us in the days ahead. Through our fellowship, we can celebrate those singers who have gone before us.

Ginnie Ely read the names of the deceased, whose memory we cherish, and led verses 1 and 2 of song on page 122 for: Jack Jackson, Kenneth DeLong, Winifred Bruner, Ron Bryan, Diana Hannah, Kate Elizabeth Ball, Harriet Henry, Dean Cowles, Jim Nichols, Vaughn Ward, Paul Vasko, Jr., Rosalind Kranis, Hettie Belle Hughes Fisher, Alice Gauthier, Bart Tarmy, John Lawson, William Bliss, John Bailey, Jerry Gibson, Daniel Shea, Linda Smart, Hy Bean, Caroline Henderson Frost, Rose O'Ryan, Frances Beasley Lee, Ethel McGough, Donald Edwin Meitzler, Bryce Butler, Elizabeth Hopkins Wallace, Al Whitehead, Alice Hasserdjian, Robert Adamson, Ben Klein, O.J. Carter, Theresa Lyster, Gus Butcher, Allen Kaynor, and Flora Skinner.

Sheila Girling MacAdam read the names of the sick and shut-ins, and led song on page 68b for: John Gertz, Dinah Breunig, John Bishop, Elsie Beasley, Warren Cadwallader, Win Tyler, Joseph Graziosi, Carol Crompton, Jennie Hawthorne, Virginia Metz, and David Luscombe. George Seiler closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

The singing was resumed with Peter Amidon leading 77t; Eric Hildebrant 198; and Ed White 268. Jean Seiler offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bill Holt brought the class back together for the afternoon session leading song on page 40. Leaders: Dennis O'Brien 93; Susan Mampre 106; Matt Wojcik 383; Lynne deBenedette 454; Edwin MacAdam 538; Kelly House 282; George Seiler 480; Mary Neville 168; Paul Gauthier 384; Aaron Girard 385t; Ginnie Ely 546; Bill Holt 376; Larry Gordon 522; Susan Loucks 276; Alexandra Gilmore 278t; David Rust 74; David Bliss 84; Heather Klein 47b; Jackie Hall 217; Jessica Holland 101t.

RECESS

Bill Holt reconvened the class and led song on page 63. Leaders: Chris Noren 485; Marianna Tu 277; Elric Elias 535; Guy Bankes 162; Barbara Swetman 542; Howard Katz 481.

The convention went into a business session to hear reports from the various committees.

The Treasurer announced that due to the exceptional generosity of all attending, the convention had met their expenses, with a small surplus to be forwarded to Connecticut as start-up funds for next year's convention.

The Secretary reported that 89 different leaders over two days led a total of 129 songs. Total registered for the convention was 177.

The Resolutions Committee reported thanks to the officers, Arranging Committee, Food Committee, and all who helped with lodging and accommodations, as well as site selection. It was noted that this hall seemed particularly well suited to the singing. End of business session.

Leaders: Robert Dove 287; Ian Smiley 312b; Patricia Gertz 501; Scott Luscombe 39t; Margaret Bornick 117; Sally House 171; Ron Bornick 87; Kshama Ananthapura 216.

The officers led song on page 62 as the closing song as the singers took the parting hand to close the convention. Robert Dove led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Holt; Treasurer—Bob Parr; Secretary—Dennis O'Brien.

COOPER BOOK SINGING **Shady Grove Baptist Church, Dutton, Alabama** **Saturday, October 5, 2002**

The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Syble Adams who greeted and welcomed the crowd, and encouraged all to participate. She especially thanked the faithful visitors (singers and listeners) from south Alabama, Florida, Minnesota, and area churches and singing groups, without whom this singing would not survive. The singing started with about 45 minutes of "no leader" style singing. Participants and listeners called out their selections, and John Etheridge keyed and set the pace. Selections included 512, 537, 74b, 564, 77t, 519t, 47t, and 498b. Pastor Dennis Hall offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Darlene Dalton 406; Loyd Ivey 288; Tommie Spurlock 503; Milton Oliver 505; Stanley Smith 140; Frank Hataway 138t; Mike Jones 225t; Keith Willard 572; Ed Thacker 29t.

RECESS

Syble Adams brought the class back to order leading song on page 68t. Leaders: Bud Oliver 563; John Etheridge and Myra Dalton 133; Wilton Donaldson 285t; Hershell King 571; Aubrey Barfield 404; S.T. Reed 567; Dennis George 147; Betty Wright 511b; Jenny Willard 478; Don Clark 30t; Jarrod George 63; Shane Wootten 558, 559; Terry Wootten 539; Karen Clark 336t; Cindy Tanner 486; Alex Makris expertly led both 455t and 455b together as one song; Tommy George 300; Rodney Dalton 76b; Rhonda Arnold 31t; Pam Wilkerson 541.

LUNCH

Terry Wootten and Syble Adams brought the class back from lunch with a beautiful rendition of Syble's original composition "Song of Praise." Leaders: Cassie Franklin 98; Norma Green 573; Billy Williams 54t; Myra Dalton 497; Eloise Wootten 229; April Hall 515; Loretta Smith 282; Karen Travis 85; Melvin Stiefel 395b; Tim Dalton 543; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 84; John Etheridge 408; Aubrey Barfield 522; Tommie Spurlock 183, 574; Frank Hataway and Cassie Franklin 270; Cassie Franklin 393t (by request); Mike Jones 384; Don Clark and Karen Clark 434; Stanley Smith 156 (by request); Terry Wootten 515 (WB), 543 (WB), 486t (WB); Stanley Smith 268t (by request).

Announcements were made. Syble Adams and Jenny Willard led song on page 367. Terry Wootten led song on page 62 as the closing song while we took the parting hand with friends and kindred dear to hold us over until we meet again to sing. Loyd Ivey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson/Arranging—Syble Adams; Secretary—Darlene Dalton.

LOUISIANA STATE SINGING CONVENTION
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary,
New Orleans, Louisiana
Saturday, October 5, 2002

The thirteenth annual session of the Louisiana State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in the Sellers Music Building on the first Saturday in October. Wanda Gregg welcomed everyone to the singing, and Ed Steele led in prayer.

Officers of the convention were elected: Chairman—Ed Steele; Secretary—Wanda Gregg.

Leaders: Ed Steele 73, 81; Wanda Gregg 49, 40; Jeff Corbett 56t, 59; Dr. J.D. Phillips 61, 155; Nancy Van Den Akker 347, 480, 105; Bill Hogan 53, 276; Dr. Harry Eskew 146, 147t, 47t; Charles Franklin 74b, 99; Ed Steele 45, 63.

LUNCH

Ed Steele called the afternoon session to order and called on Jeff Corbett to lead songs on pages 200 and 324. Leaders: Dr. J.D. Phillips 159, 66; Nancy Van Den Akker 384, 361; Bill Hogan 142, 417; Charles Franklin 128, 129; Ed Steele 323, 81b; Bill Hogan 186, 35; Wanda Gregg 480, 408; Jeff Corbett 236, 268, 337.

RECESS

Leaders: Dr. J.D. Phillips 207, 312; Nancy Van Den Akker 496, 445b; Bill Hogan 176b, 143, 417; Charles Franklin 274t; Ed Steele 145t.

Ed Steele thanked everyone for coming and closed the session with prayer.

Chairman—Ed Steele; Secretary—Wanda Gregg.

SANTA BARBARA REGIONAL SINGING
Montecito, California
Saturday, October 5, 2002

The seventh session of the Santa Barbara Regional Singing was held at Wallin Studios in Montecito, California on Saturday before the first Sunday in October. Tom Ostwald brought the class to order leading song on page 61.

Leaders: Larry Arnstein 474; Laura Russell 83t; Beth Webb 475; Catherine Callahan 209; Carolyn Deacy 100; Betty Herman 232; Carroll Lunsford 92, 39t; Susanna Ball 178; Marion Black 313t; Jeff Gauthier 384.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Midge Harder leading song on page 35. Leaders: Pat Keating 222; Thich Duc 333; Anne Friend 150t; Mimi Wright and Sue Turpin

545; Bettine Wallin 318; Duncan MacLeod 129; Rick Russell 99; Mary Rose O'Leary 442.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tom Ostwald leading song on page 268.

Jean Olson conducted the memorial lesson and led song on page 122 for the deceased: Gerald Suk, Jeanneth Nelson, Edwin Karn, Lolly Haskell, Pat Reif, P. Esten, Kenneth DeLong, Paul Turpin, and Laura Turpin.

Jean Olson led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins: Hope Dallwy, Laura Downin, and Ann Weisenfeld. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Larry Arnstein 479, 40; Laura Russell 320, 270; Beth Webb 497, 196; Catherine Callahan 209, 159; Carolyn Deacy 501, 456; Betty Herman 160b, 542; Carroll Lunsford 387, 339; Pat Keating 203, 375; Midge Harder 142, 191; Al Gentle 317, 323b; Jeanette Ralson 189, 216.

RECESS

Tom Ostwald called the class together leading songs on page 514 and 269. Leaders: Ann Friend 160t, 567; Mimi Wright 312b, 27; Susanna Ball 178, 36b; Marion Black 313b, 53; Jeff Gauthier 28b, 198; Bettine Wallin 254; Sue Turpin 328, 176t; Duncan McLeod 168, 89; Rick Russell 201, 200; Mary Rose O'Leary 300, 213t.

Laura Marken led song on page 47t, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Tom Ostwald.

TOM HARPER MEMORIAL

Old Sardis Church, Near Lynn, Alabama (County Road 17)

October 6, 2002

The forty-fourth session of the Memorial Sacred Harp singing at Old Sardis Church now held in memory of Tom Harper was held on the first Sunday in October. Steve Miles called the class to order and led song on page 39b. Homer Miles offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Steve Miles; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Travis Keeton.

Leaders: Steve Miles 147t; David Roberson 45t; Wilton Donaldson 317, 566; Clarence McCool 36b, 569b; Lavaughn Ballinger 454 (requested by Homer Miles), 143 (request for Magel Miles); Corene White 314; Chris Rice 72b, 408; Betty Baccus 396, 161; Edith Tate 532, 336; Gravis Ballinger 36t, 435; Ivalene Donaldson 129; Willodean Barton 446, 460; Vernice Phillips 318, 112.

RECESS

Steve Miles reassembled the class by leading song on page 59. Leaders: Lisa Geist 344, 273; Margaret Keeton 213b, 475 (for Flarce Creel who was unable to attend); Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Ozella Blackmon 101t; Larry Ballinger 276, 91; Steve Miles, Daniel Miles, Amanda Miles, Leah Miles, Crystal Grober, and Christian Barnett 63, 68b; Don Roberson 222, 426b; Earl Ballinger 470, 319; Jeanette Tidwell 438; Faye Donaldson 104 (request of John Hyde), 430; John Humphrey and Lavaughn Ballinger 79.

Ronald Hodge, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone and offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Steve Miles called the afternoon session to order and led song on page 234. Leaders: A.A. Malone 127, 300; Joyce Hubbert 268, 298; Brenda Matthews 388 (for Homer Miles and in memory of Sandi Mobley); Chris Ballinger 342, 49; Ila Ingle 500, 530 (in memory of her father, Tom Harper); Henry Guthery 558, 543, 542; Kermit

Adams 99, 426t; Larry Wakefield 400, 339 (for Hazel Wakefield); John Hyde 124, 75; Allen Barnett 457; Cecil Wakefield 491, 208; Josie Hyde 507; Dwight Ingle 471, 445; Homer Miles 373, 235; Travis Keeton 496, 142; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 120 (by request of Jeanette Tidwell); Steve Miles, Daniel Miles, Amanda Miles, and Crystal Grober "Oh What A Day"; Odie Horton 452.

Announcements were made. Steve Miles led song on page 240 for the closing song, Allen Barnett offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Steve Miles; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

**ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, HYATT,
PUTMAN, AND WOOTTEN MEMORIAL
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama
October 6, 2002**

The thirty-sixth annual session of the singing held as a memorial for Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander, Jimmy Hullett, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Roie Alexander, Alvin Alexander, Arville Hyatt, J.B. Lowe, Alton Lowe, Rev. James Putman, and Freeman Wootten was held on the first Sunday in October at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. Doyle Alexander offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 82t, 421; Elder Philip Gilmore 30t, 145b; Doyle Alexander 144, 45; Jewel Wootten 378t, 426t; Willie Mae Moon 225t, 318, 441; Bob Watkins 426b, 146, 217; Bud Oliver 39b, 47t; Alex Makris 77b, 312b; Waylon Blakeley 138t, 142; Pam Green 274t, 354b; Donna Wootten 138b, 74b; Norma Green 100, 63; Carmon Brothers 112, 480.

RECESS

Elder Philip Gilmore called the class to order leading songs on pages 32t and 68b. Leaders: Milton Oliver 403, 321; Tommy George 300, 128; Jackson Harcrow 153, 317; Mary Grace Green 66, 87; Jarrod George 277, 358; Hannah Green 460; Eloise Wootten 299, 282; Loyd Ivey 283, 438, 424; Chita Blakeley 544, 392; Virginia Dale Glass and Gene Wootten 501 (CB), 500 (CB); Terry Hullett 97 (in memory of Freeman Wootten and George Glass, son-in-law of Freeman Wootten), 478t (WB).

LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the afternoon session to order and led songs on pages 79 and 89. Leaders: Chris Green 203, 196; Judy Caudle 361, 44; Dennis George 418, 88; Susan Harcrow 113, 218; Shane Wootten 171, 278b; Linda Thomas and Shane Wootten 276, 345b; Rodney Ivey 201, 475; Elene Stovall 172, 430; Elder Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 75, 270; Beecher Yancy and Allison Shelton 452, 101t; Debra Rich 385b; Onetta Watkins 143, 340; Terry Hullett and Linda Thomas 559 (CB); Terry Hullett and Rodney Ivey 486t (WB); Terry Hullett and Shane Wootten 492 (WB), 512 (WB).

Announcements were made. Terry Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Elder Philip Gilmore led song on page 62 as the closing song, Elder Philip Gilmore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Terry Hullett, Richard Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Elder Philip Gilmore; Secretaries—Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore.

YELLOW SPRINGS SINGING
Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, Ohio
Saturday, October 12, 2002

The twenty-fifth semi-annual Yellow Springs Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Linda Coppock. Marlen Rust led song on page 52t. Linda Coppock offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Greg Howard 39t, 270; Jo Schultz 448b, 361; Marlen Rust 59, 58; Fred Todt 48t, 53; Bob Meek 268, 209; David Rust 74b, 71; Joseph Pimentel 168, 122; Jim Coppock 142, 212; Ellie Soler 46, 143 (led by Fred Todt); Sue Duff 173 (led by Debbie Hall).

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Linda Coppock; Vice Chairman—David Rust; Arranging Committee—Eloise Clark; Treasurer—Debbie Hall; Secretary—Marlen Rust.

RECESS

Linda Coppock called the class to order and led song on page 34b. Leaders: Eloise Clark 31t, 430; Debbie Hall 348t, 304; Steve Duff 155, 373; John Bayer 75, 547; John Bealle 436, 240; Jim Herb 112, 515; Greg Howard 569, 148; Linda Coppock 196, 504; Joseph Pimentel 217; Fred Todt 200; Bob Meek 490; John Bayer 44. John Bayer offered prayer upon the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was reassembled for the afternoon session with Linda Coppock leading song on page 147t. Leaders: Jo Schultz 84, 224; Marlen Rust 40, 29t; Stephanie Hysmith 288, 47b; David Rust 333, 332; Mike Hieber 378, 37b; Jim Coppock 47b, 198; Ellie Soler 34b, 277; Anna Marie Bullock 472 (led by Eloise Clark); Eloise Clark 473, 287; Debbie Hall 86, 189; Sue Duff 49b (led by Linda Coppock); Steve Duff 163b, 565.

RECESS

Linda Coppock brought the class back together leading song on page 28. Leaders: Claire Herb 107 (led by Jim Herb); Barbara Bowers 497, 312b; Rick Rytel 70b (led by David Rust); John Bealle 186; Jim Herb 285t, 479; Jo Schultz 532; Marlen Rust 203; David Rust 344; Stephanie Hysmith 180; Tom Kochen 569 (led by Barbara Bowers); Ellie Soler 481 (Ellie Soler was born in Yellow Springs and was in town for a visit after 32 years away); Rick Rytel 215 (led by John Bealle); Doug Mast 117; Claire Herb 66 (led by Barbara Bowers).

Announcements were made. The next Yellow Springs Singing will be held on Saturday after Easter (April 26, 2003). David Rust led song on page 347 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Linda Coppock; Vice Chairman—David Rust; Secretary—Marlen Rust.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION
Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church,
Near Five Points, Tennessee
October 12-13, 2002
Saturday, October 12

The Saturday evening singing was held from the “Sacred Harp, 1992 Cooper Revision”.

The eighth annual session of the Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Tim Reynolds leading song on page 31b. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the evening prayer.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 59; Clayton Ezell 293, 57; David Roberson 100, 275b; Earl Ballinger 559, 282; J.L. Hopper 410, 575; Kerene Box 335, 146.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds called the class back to order leading song on page 137. Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 491, 497; Eldagene Roberson 222, 144; Danny Creel 54t, 142; Judy Caudle 140, 131t; Cindy Tanner 516, 573t; Marie Guthrie 384, 192; Marlin Beasley 101t, 507t; Sarah Smith 290; Gordon Wilkinson 168, 220; Wanda Capps and Flarce Creel 504, 401; Gary Smith 385t, 461; Vella Gillespie 358; Marilyn Burchett 175, 393; Danny Creel and Emily Creel 76b; Elder J.L. Hopper 422, 218.

Tim Reynolds led song on page 132 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, October 13

Tim Reynolds called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. and led song on page 85. Carthol Williams offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 73b; Linton Ballinger 144, 81t; Clayton Ezell 119; Kerene Box 49b, 405; Sandie Scott 37 (ScH), 340; Gary Smith 503, 523; Elvin Guthrie 535, 240; Marilyn Burchett 29, 108; Henry Guthery 380, 436.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class to order leading song on page 203. Leaders: Velton Chafin 567, 564; David Roberson 40, 46; Sheila Ballinger 84, 268; Larry Ballinger 215, 224; Sherry Guthery 58, 64; Clay Mattox 124; Dan McCurry 354 (words in Cherokee Indian language).

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class to order and led song on page 192. Leaders: Emily Creel 142, 384; Wilton Donaldson 384, 490; Eldagene Roberson 399b, 385; Harrison Creel 498, 111b; Sarah Smith 288, 480. Carthol Williams offered the lunch blessing for the food.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the afternoon session to order and led song on page 148.

Leaders: Earl Ballinger 80b, 78; David Light 200, 110; Lisa Geist 171, 546; Marlin Beasley 426t, 47b; Edith Tate 35; Marie Guthrie 411, 280.

John Merritt and Marilyn Burchett conducted the memorial lesson and led songs on pages 312b and 163 for the deceased: Frank Sills and Clarence Wisdom—Tennessee; Flora Skinner and Doris Vickery—Alabama; Clarabell Hall—Kentucky; Frances Beasley Lee—Florida.

Leaders: Danny Creel 475; Cindy Tanner 269, 198; Judy Caudle 74t, 448t; Brenda Merritt 335; Clayton Ezell 182; Creel family 342; Lisa Williams and Page Williams 340; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 358, 438; Lucy Heidorn 30t; Ezell family 294; Lauren Blankers 235; Ivalene Donaldson 129.

Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led song on page 107 as the closing song, Henry Guthery led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Clayton Ezell.

WALKER CATES AND HERBERT BROWN MEMORIAL Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama October 13, 2002

The annual Walker Cates and Herbert Brown Memorial singing was held on the second Sunday in October at Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama. The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 52t. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 68b, 448b; Shelbie Sheppard 448t, 202; Pearl Guier 143, 49t. The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier and Margie Smith.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 284; John Plunkett 285b, 104; Pam Nunn 300, 365; Louis Hughes 456, 350; Eunice Webb 30b, 392; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 186; Charlene Wallace 159, 192 (for Carolyn Huckeba); Everette Denney 335, 405; Jeannette DePoy 394, 201.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order and led song on page 123t. Leaders: Bud Oliver 145b, 70b (for Henry Johnson); Carlene Griffin 70t, 225t; Oscar Brown 334, 119; Reba Norton 480, 373; Hugh McGraw 97; Mary Lambert Smith 326, 212; Bobby Jackson 166, 290; Teenie Moody 348b, 317; Virginia Dyer 193, 195; Felton Denney 385b, 299.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 124. Leaders: Andy Anderson 145t, 45t; Louise Holland 168, 208; Lou Cotney 218, 497; Scott DePoy 224, 47b (in memory of Anne Block); Falon Dyer 146, 401; Rene Greene 220, 98; Glenda Collins 100, 81t; Richard DeLong 61 (in memory of Dollie Hudgins), 513 (in memory of Kenneth DeLong); Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; Pauline Kilgore 147t, 339; B.J. Harris 303, 503; Lois Owens 460, 383; Pam Nunn, Rene Greene, and Falon Dyer 269 (in memory of Lessie Cates); Andy Anderson 496. Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. B.J. Harris offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard.

CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

October 13, 2002

The seventy-sixth session of the annual Chestnut Grove Sacred Harp Singing was held on the second Sunday in October. The singing is held in memory of its founder, Elder C. G. (Uncle Tobe) Keith, and long-time singing school teacher, Henry Ott. The singing was called to order by Co-Chairs Loretta Smith and Amy Smith leading song on page 37b. Pastor Steve Lea welcomed the congregation. The morning prayer was offered by Donald Carroll.

Leaders: Billy Thompson and Steve Lea 563 (CB), 75; Carla York 572 (CB); the class sang “Happy Birthday” for Rodney Ivey; Rodney Ivey 39b, 142; David Ivey 72b, 81t; Aaron Wootten 270; Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Chris Murdock, and Donald Murdock 48t, 235, 565; Betty Wright 347; Dennis George 133, 408.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Chris Carroll leading song on page 143. Leaders: Mark Brown 68b; Loretta Smith 452 (in memory of Henry Ott), 505 (CB); Shane Wootten 225t, 176b; Bill Gifford 45t; Terry Wootten 77t, 108t; Hillary Brown 111t; Chris Green 388, 418; Floyd Peters 82t, 335; Milton Oliver 321 (CB), 54b (CB); Brenda Carroll 299, 384; Marty Wootten, Jared Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 99. Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led song on page 573 (CB) for the memorial lesson and for the sick and shut-ins. Brother Leonard Smith asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Loretta Smith and Amy Smith leading song on 492. Leaders: Rodney Ivey and Rita Downer 571 (CB); Billy Thompson 540 (CB) (in memory of Grandmother Hunt); Eddie Brown and Mary Brown 138t (CB), 312b; Betty Shepherd 216; Alan Pritchett 101t; Randall Smith and Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Tony Ivey 139; Bobby Watkins 32t; Britt Mann and Jenny Mann 559 (CB); Norma Green 147t; Wayne Wootten 47b; Wayne Wootten and Shane Wootten 454; Mark

Brown "Sweet Beulah Land"; Myra Dalton, Billy Thompson, and Genora Meadows 348b (in memory of Warren G. Meadows), 566; Coy Ivey and Karen Ivey 358, 486t (WB); Dewayne Wootten 42; Levon Wootten 460; Lela Crowder 374; Loyd Ivey 282; the class sang "Happy Birthday" to Stuart Ivey; Stuart Ivey 479; Charles Stiefel 448t; Donna Wootten 217; Billy Williams 286b (CB), 38t (CB); Hobert Ivey and Sylvia Ivey 511t (CB), 490; Sandy Ivey 83t.

Announcements were made. Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led songs on pages 37b and 62 as the closing songs. Chris Green dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairmen—Loretta Smith and Amy Smith; Secretary—Amy Smith.

HARPER MEMORIAL SINGING AND REUNION **Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Alabama** **October 13, 2002**

The annual Harper Memorial Sacred Harp Singing and Reunion was held at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in October. Jimmie Gilmore called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. and extended greetings to everyone. Jimmie Gilmore and Ashley Keeton led song on page 36b. Garry Baker offered the morning prayer. Jimmie Gilmore and Ashley Keeton led songs on pages 39b and 32t. Officers: Chairpersons—Jimmie Gilmore and Ashley Keeton; Vice Chairmen—Arthur Gilmore and Joshua Keeton; Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Arthur Gilmore.

Leaders: Arthur Gilmore and Joshua Keeton 491b (WB), 517 (WB), 30t; Joshua Keeton and Joyce Elliott 448 (by request of Jimmie Gilmore, grandmother, because of their upcoming marriage in November, 2002); Joshua Keeton 108t; A.A. Malone 68b, 565; John Hyde 566, 297, 63; Ashley Keeton 37b, 49b; Clarence McCool 569b, 317; Margaret Keeton 97, 74b.

RECESS

Arthur Gilmore called the class back together leading song on page 378t. Leaders: L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 421, 318, 73t; Cora Sweatt 81t, 445b, 159; Pamela Gilmore Keeton 192 (in memory of her grandmother, Ethel McGough, who passed away on January 20, 2002), 283 (in honor of her grandfather, Garnsey McGough, who was ill); Travis Keeton 290 (for A.C. McGough), 235; Faye Donaldson 40, 78.

Jimmie Gilmore, daughter of Garnsey and Ethel McGough, conducted the memorial lesson, and read scripture from Proverbs 31:10, 28. The last song that Ethel McGough sang before she passed away was 192, and the last song that Jimmie Gilmore sang to her dying mother was 153. Jimmie Gilmore, Arthur Gilmore, Pam Keeton, Joshua Keeton, and Ashley Keeton led songs on pages 45t and 153 for the deceased Harper family members and singing friends. The memorial was concluded with prayer.

Dwight Ingle offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Jimmie Gilmore and Dwight Ingle who led the class in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" in honor of our country and in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

Leaders: Josie Hyde 155, 200, 434; Glenn Keeton 231, 163, 274t (in memory of the Harper family); Ila Ingle 335, 145t, 87; Alex Baker and Pam Keeton 146, 343, 354; Dwight Ingle 282, 349, 82t; Bunk Beasley 72b; Bunk Beasley and Cora Sweatt 59; Lettrieve Bailey 358, 111t; Ottis Sides 111b, 73b, 486; Pamela Keeton and Garry Baker 143.

Announcements were made. Thanks were given to everyone for their support in this singing, and all were invited back again a year from today.

Arthur Gilmore and Jimmie Gilmore led song on page 47 as the closing song, Joshua Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—Jimmie Gilmore and Ashley Keeton; Vice Chairmen—Arthur Gilmore and Joshua Keeton; Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore.

NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Jacksonville, New York

October 18-19, 2002

Friday, October 18

The fourteenth annual New York State Sacred Harp Convention was held at Close Hall, Jacksonville, New York on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in October. Chair Ginny Huszagh opened the convention on Friday at 7:00 p.m. with song on page 48t. George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 137; the class sang 49t; Eric Bean 285t; Juanita Heyerman 128; Ron Bornick 87; Kat Kinkade 290; Allen Fannin 448b; Jean Seiler 270; Dennis Leipold 107; Eileen Metzger 106; John Redman 143; George Seiler 183; Jayel Tober 200; Thom Metzger 274t; Pat Geritz 68b; Bill Holt 148; Laura Timmerman 228; Bob Parr 71; Margaret Bornick 268.

RECESS

Ginny Huszagh called the class back to order leading song on page 377. Leaders: Howard Katz 313; Walter Hartley 178; Richard Schmeidler 66; Dan Hertzler 67; Anne Kazlauskas 280; Barbara Swetman 168; Scott Luscombe 481; Ginny Huszagh 56b; Laura Densmore 542; Juanita Heyerman 38t; Ron Bornick 84; Kat Kinkade 163t; Allen Fannin 236; Jean Seiler 191; Dennis Leipold 192; Eileen Metzger 376; John Redman 284; George Seiler 497; Jayel Tober 181; Thom Metzger 89; Pat Geritz 503; Bill Holt 203; Laura Timmerman 111b; Bob Parr 142.

Ginny Huszagh led song on page 102. George Seiler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Saturday, October 19

The Saturday morning session was called to order by Ginny Huszagh leading song on page 46. Barbara Swetman then went over the rudiments, and led songs on pages 34b, 73b, and 146.

RECESS

The class reconvened as Ginny Huszagh led song on page 63. Bob Wheeler conducted a singing school on the history of singing in New England, and led the following songs: "Yorke Tune" (Scottish Psalter), 479, 107, and 155.

RECESS

The class was reconvened by Ginny Huszagh leading song on page 28b. Leaders: Dennis Leipold 474; Margaret Bornick 504; Guy Bankes 486; Cuba Ray 45; Walter Hartley 40; Gary Herrmann 299; Dan Hertzler 430; Deanna Anderson 31t; Sue Hengelsberg 127; Anne Kazlauskas 118; Paul Gauthier 218; Barbara Swetman 297; Regina Daly 49t; Scott Luscombe 32b; Hugh Anderson 551; Ginny Huszagh 112; Diane Holmlund 59; Juanita Heyerman 52t; Joy Wheeler 147t; Ron Bornick 454; Kat Kinkade 528.

LUNCH

The class was reconvened by Ginny Huszagh leading song on page 273. Leaders: Allen Fannin 70; Jean Seiler 217; Dennis Leipold 208; Eileen Metzger 201; John Redman 513; Howard Katz 408; George Seiler 347; Jayel Tober 38; Thom Metzger 99; Laura Densmore 76; Patricia Geritz 47; Eric Bean 70; Bill Holt 550; Laura Timmerman 81; Bob Parr 419; Richard Schmeidler 254; Margaret Bornick 472; Guy Bankes 147; Cuba Ray 569b; Walter Hartley 150; Gary Herrmann 47; Gerry Hoffman 162; Dan Hertzler 162; Ginny Huszagh 106; Deanna Anderson 117; Paul

Gauthier 565; Susan Hengelsberg 344; Lucy Roberts 312b; Anne Kazlauskas 327; Barbara Swetman 417; Scott Luscombe 195; Hugh Anderson 209.

Dennis Leipold conducted the memorial lesson for the deceased, and led song on page 339. The deceased remembered were: Jean Johnson—California; Frances Beasley Lee—Florida; Kenneth DeLong and Virginia Redman—Georgia; Caroline Henderson Frost—New Hampshire; Andreas Albrecht, Frank Harlan Bean, Harry Bingham, John Bishop (10/13/02), Bryce Butler, Jack Carman, Harry DuBrin, Harriet Henry, Juan Pablo Infante, Timmy Mills (10 years old), Jim Nichols, Paul Vasko, Jr., Vaughn Ward, and Mr. Westmiller—New York; Alice Gauthier—Massachusetts; Martha Eike—Missouri; Dean Cowles—Oregon; Vincent Fago and Rose O’Ryan—Vermont.

Jean Seiler spoke for the sick and shut-ins and led song on page 68b. Those who were remembered were: Marilyn Darch—California; Neeley Bruce—Connecticut; Dot Garber—Georgia; Gray Osterud—Massachusetts; Gina Balestracci—New Jersey; David Luscombe—New York; Bettle Massett—Ontario, Canada; Hal Kunkel—Pennsylvania. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Ginny Huszagh 87; Juanita Heyerman 58; Diane Holmlund 108; Joy Wheeler 370; Ron Bornick 178; Ginny Huszagh 189; Jean Seiler 236; Dennis Leipold 245; Eileen Metzger 30; John Redman 475; Anne Kazlauskas 71; George Seiler 473; Howard Katz 30b; Thom Metzger 270; Laura Densmore 83; Patricia Geritz 523; Bill Holt 448; Laura Timmerman 319; Bob Parr 480; Bob Wheeler 84; Eric Huther 457; the class 410, 452.

RECESS

The class was called back for the afternoon session by Ginny Huszagh leading song on page 298. The class then sang new music with the following leaders called: Diane Holmlund “Samantra” (EH); Gerry Hoffman “Denton”; Laura Densmore “Ten Thousand Charms”; Barbara Swetman “Wingate” (EH); Dan Hertzler “O Turn Ye”; Laura Timmerman “I Am A Stranger Here Below.”

Ginny Huszagh then did the state count of those attending the Convention, and Juanita Heyerman gave the Resolutions Committee report.

Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 490; Denise Morris 524; Guy Bankes 549; Deanna Anderson 277; Sue Hengelsberg 276; Lucy Roberts 186; Hugh Anderson 86.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ginny Huszagh leading song on page 198. Leaders: Juanita Heyerman 133; Eileen Metzger 100; Anne Kazlauskas 61; Howard Katz 415; Thom Metzger 29b; Bill Holt 534; Bob Parr 391; Walter Hartley 535; Dan Hertzler 122; Laura Densmore 157; Laura Timmerman 499; Ginny Huszagh 163b; Barbara Swetman 155; Gerry Hoffman 477.

Announcements were made. Ginny Huszagh led song on page 62 as the closing song, Dan Hertzler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Secretary—Juanita Heyerman.

MCWHORTER MEMORIAL

Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama Saturday, October 19, 2002

The annual McWhorter Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Cleburne County, Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in October.

The class was called to order by Mary Lambert Smith who welcomed everyone, led song on page 52t, and offered the morning prayer. Mary Lambert Smith led song on page 317, followed by Teenie Moody leading songs on pages 59 and 98 (in memory of Uncle John McWhorter).

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chair—Mary Lambert Smith; Vice Chair—Teenie Moody; Arranging Committee/Secretary—Hester Edwards.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 448t (in memory of Carl Hughes), 425; LaRue Allen 212, 99; Dennis George 133, 500; Reba Norton 34t, 61; Jeff Sheppard 450, 429; Corene Laminack 335, 334; Henry Johnson 515, 418; Lela Crowder 312b, 82t; Jarrod George 145b, 354b.

RECESS

Mary Lambert Smith called the class together, and led song on page 37b. Leaders: Eunice Webb 434 (in memory of Flora Skinner), 569b; Jerry Enright 423, 379; Floy Wilder 350, 187; Curtis Hamrick 77t, 137; Lou Cotney 172, 222; Karen Freund 72b, 74b; Bobby Jackson 100, 480.

LUNCH

Mary Lambert brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 317 (for the McWhorter cousins). Leaders: John Plunkett 385t, 517; Mildred McElroy 186, 318; Shelbie Sheppard 278t, 142; Ruth Daniels 378t, 40; Judith Green 384, 117; Jerry Enright 458; Henry Johnson 338; Karen Freund 101b; Curtis Hamrick 196; Lela Crowder 374; John Plunkett 375; Floy Wilder 441; Bobby Jackson 348b; Mildred McElroy 314; B.M. Smith 101t; Dennis George 269; LaRue Allen 215.

Announcements were made. Mary Lambert Smith and Teenie Moody led song on page 46 as the closing song, and asked that everyone remember all the sick and shut-ins who could not attend. Curtis Hamrick offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Mary Lambert Smith; Vice Chair—Teenie Moody; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

COLUMBIA SINGING

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Columbia, Missouri Saturday, October 19, 2002

The 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 song on page 452 and offered an opening prayer.

Lou Kujawinski announced the election or appointment of the following officers: Chairman—Lou Kujawinski; Secretary—Cindy Stone; Treasurer—Becky Ashbaugh; Arranging Committee—Wendy Hofmann; Memorial Committee—Penny Kujawinski and Cherry Hinderberger; Chaplains—Sue Pearson and Jon Pearson. Leaders: Penny Kujawinski 171; Cindy Stone 361; Wendy Hofmann 70; Susan Green 350; Jeanette Lowry 270; Annie Grieshop 128; Becky Browne 217; Presley Barker 192; Dave Ressler 441; Luke Barker 79; Jo Dell Albi 203; Gary Gronau 542; Jon Pearson 368; Mark Bruns 110; Mryka Hall-Beyer 352; Penny Kujawinski 99.

RECESS

Becky Browne called the class back to order leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Kim Fennwald 159; Annie Grieshop 40; Jeanette Lowry 216; Dennis Corcoran 148; Cindy Stone 180; Presley Barker 56b; Dave Ressler 122; Mryka Hall-Beyer 569b; Jon Pearson 497; Mark Bruns 142; Susan Green 327; Jo Dell Albi 299; Luke Barker 354b; Gary Gronau 440; Penny Kujawinski 201; Becky Browne 212. Sue Pearson closed the morning session with a prayer and led in singing the “Doxology” and song on page 49t.

LUNCH

Lou Kujawinski called the class back to order leading song on page 503. Leaders: Jeanette Lowry 276; Paul Figura 68b; Presley Barker 474; Lila Leland 479; Dennis

Corcoran 163; Mryka Hall-Beyer 277; Jon Pearson 143; Sue Pearson 344; Annie Grieshop 146; Lou Kujawinski 473; Dave Ressler 436; Cindy Stone 178; Penny Kujawinski 224; Mark Bruns 74; Susan Green 157; Jo Dell Albi 384.

Penny Kujawinski began the memorial lesson by speaking of the song “Pilgrim” on page 201 and how its origins go back to the early 1600s. We are linked to those early Americans who were not famous, but who gave us so much, just as the people we have loved and known who have passed on have meant so much to us. In memory of recently deceased: John Bailey—Illinois; Barbara Bolles—Missouri; and Freeman Wooten—Alabama; Penny Kujawinski led song on page 285.

Cherry Hinderberger spoke of her sister who had fallen and suffered brain damage some years ago. She has difficulty remembering her family and former life, but she still remembers the songs she used to sing. Even those who are ill or incapacitated may draw strength and comfort from the songs they have come to cherish. The memorial committee led song on page 86 for the ill and shut-ins: Kurt Hofmann, Meg Poche, Diane Hennessy, Kathy Wood, Jake Oriatti, and Kelly Beard. Sue Pearson led song on page 87 and dedicated it to Kathy Wood of Nebraska who has been physically unable to sing. She closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

RECESS

Jeanette Lowry called the class back to order leading song on page 63. Leaders: Wendy Hofmann 312; Gary Gronau 430; Becky Browne 181; Gayle Von Engeln and Wendy Hofmann 268; Presley Barker 47; Dennis Corcoran 377; Melody Von Engeln and Wendy Hofmann 313b; Mryka Hall-Beyer 454; Jon Pearson 472; Sue Pearson 186; Annie Grieshop 137; Dave Ressler 168; Cindy Stone 547; Paul Figura 45; Penny Kujawinski 36b; Mark Bruns and Shirley Bruns 66; Susan Green 64; Jo Dell Albi 29b; Jeanette Lowry 411 (dedicated to a family who had suffered two accidents recently); Gary Gronau 496.

Lou Kujawinski thanked all for attending and making this a wonderful singing.

Appreciation was given to those who had prepared food and to Wendy Hofmann, Susan Green, and Dave Ressler for sharing the pitching.

Announcements were made of upcoming singings. Lou Kujawinski led the closing song on page 62, and those who wished took the parting hand. Jon Pearson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Lou Kujawinski; Secretary—Cindy Stone.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION - OREGON

Sellwood Community Center, Portland, Oregon

October 19-20, 2002

Saturday, October 19

The tenth annual session of the Pacific Northwest Convention (Oregon) was held at Sellwood Community Center in Portland, Oregon on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. Chairman Peter Irvine called the class to order at 9:30 a.m.

leading song on page 171. Bruce Rowland offered the opening prayer. Tollie Lee, singing school teacher, led a number of songs from the Cooper Book. His first selections were 180, 38t, 54, 78, 572, and 84. He told us many stories of his family’s singing traditions and what singing Sacred Harp music means to him. After leading 133 and 138, he shared his belief that “love is the moving cause, and Sacred Harp is love. You can’t sing when you are angry”. He related many moving stories of the love his family shares, then led songs on pages 336t, 485, 574, 404, and 563. Mr. Lee closed the singing school leading song on page 515.

Pastor David Zaworski offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision, was used in the afternoon sessions.

David Hough opened the afternoon session by leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Peter Irvine 47b; Marie Brandis 142; Kathy Vlach 40; Jeff Pratt 47t; Jane Grant 119; Pat Nida 68b; David Wright 102; Scott Kennedy 569b; Eliza Cavanaugh 328; Jack Lofton 200; Jill Accetta 37b; Karen Willard 349; Sally House 99; Caleb Hardy 86; Bruce Rowland 30t; Jenny Jensen 454; Raoul Titus 39b; Katharine Hough 376; Fran Ross 143; John Carson 114; Anne Huckins 497; Jim Brock 496; Meg Larson 503.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Scott Kennedy leading song on page 178. Leaders: David Zaworski 33b; Marcia Stedman 209; Ken Cofield 49b; Joanne Hoover 313b; Tollie Lee 448b; Anna Maria Irvine 65; David Landazuri 146; Susan Helf 189; Callie Jordan 56b; Ramona Lee 46; Jenny Jensen 441; Sally House 76b; Jack Lofton 384; Eliza Cavanaugh 475; David Hough 480; Jane Grant 147t; David Wright 546; Karen Willard 332; Bruce Rowland 532.

Announcements were made. Peter Irvine led song on page 282 as the closing song. Pastor David Zaworski offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

A social and informal singing was held on Saturday evening at the home of Marie Brandis and David Zaworski.

Sunday, October 20

Chairman Peter Irvine called the class to order at 9:30 a.m., followed with prayer by Connie Stanton.

Leaders: Eliza Cavanaugh 75; Marie Brandis 66; Gary Plouff 567; David Wright 535; Anna Maria Irvine 229; Anne Huckins 474; Jack Lofton 36b; Fran Ross 551; Jill Accetta 270; Martha Johnson 148; Susan Helf 163; Callie Jordan 388; David Landazuri 74b; Linda Laing 479; Greg Sauer 31t; Jane Grant 344; Meg Larson 549; Scott Kennedy 235; Sally House 171; Kathy Vlach 280.

RECESS

The following session of our convention was sung from the Cooper Book. Leaders: Karen Willard 451, 50t; Jenny Jensen 559; Eliza Cavanaugh 72; Laurie Sommers 392; Tollie Lee 568; Pat Nida 488b; Peter Irvine 505; Stan Jensen 488t; Ramona Lee 367; Jim Brock 571.

Jill Accetta conducted the memorial lesson. She commented that, as a part of the Sacred Harp family, we experience love and loss. "Let us here today, during this memorial service, honor our loss by remembering those who we loved so well and who loved us in return. Let us here today turn to our neighbor and honor the love we have for one another by embracing what we hold in our arms at this moment and acknowledge the inevitable bittersweet loss of tomorrow." She then read the list of those who had passed away and led song on page 452 in their memory: Gladys Harden, Freeman Wootten, Helen Smith Hall, James L. Howell, Warren G. Meadows, and Flora Skinner—Alabama; Mary Frances Beasley Lee and Lydia Pinney—Florida; Kenneth DeLong—Georgia; Esther Smith, Carrie Dickenson, Ruby Cramer, Kathleen Cotton, and Trim Bissell—Oregon; Ann Jesperson—Washington; Jack Dodson and Sally Spiess—California; Bob Lynch—Idaho; Mary Jane Wiesmor and Peter Vea—Wisconsin; Donna Ruth Willard Moser—Arizona; Jack Poyser—Illinois; Winnie Jeans—United Kingdom; Rupert Sellens—New Zealand.

We also remembered those who were sick or shut-ins and sang song on page 129 to honor them: Jeff Green and Mary Johnson—Alabama; Merritt Herring, Jennifer Lehmer, Adeline Romoser, Lorraine Lab, Karen Schmidt, Dean Nida, and Doug Ebbitt—Oregon; Ann App—Washington; Mildred Lynch—Idaho; Ken Bills—Utah; Katharine Smith—Iowa; Sally Dahlgren—Illinois; Muriel Plouff—Massachusetts. Peter Irvine closed the memorial lesson by leading song on page 30t.

Joanne Hoover offered grace for the noon meal, and the class was dismissed.

LUNCH

Marie Brandis brought the class back to order leading song on page 294. Leaders: Katharine Hough 269; Bruce Rowland 282; Joanne Hoover 496; David Hough 384; Teri Reich 457; Betty Jones 290; John Carson 361; Jean Murphy 45t; Martha Johnson 155; Gary Plouff 378; Kathy Vlach 186; Greg Saue 99; Linda Laing 312; Marcia Stedman 455; David Landazuri 39t; Pat Nida 49t; Sally House 146; Jim Brock 350; Ramona Lee 81; Ann Huckins 277; Fran Ross 198; Eliza Cavanaugh 299; Susan Helf 34b; Tollie Lee 385b; Matthew Sellens 376.

RECESS

Jenny Jensen brought the class back to order leading song on 112. A brief business meeting was held. Chairman Peter Irvine thanked:

- All who came and made this convention a successful event;
- Everyone for their support in providing food, setting up, and cleaning up.

He also announced the possibility of the relocation of next year's convention.

The Arranging Committee reported 85 people in attendance from eight states leading 114 songs.

The Treasurer's Report indicated that the expenses of the convention were almost met by donations. The business session was closed.

Announcements of singings and other conventions were made. Leaders: Katharine Hough 408; David Wright 528; Joanne Hoover 365; Jean Murphy 209; John Carson 324; Marie Brandis 414; Jack Lofton 542.

Peter Irvine closed the convention leading song on page 36b while singers took the parting hand. Tollie Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Peter Irvine; Secretary—Marie Brandis.

REID MEMORIAL

Old County Line Church, Corner, Alabama

October 20, 2002

The eighty-third session of the Reid Memorial singing was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 335. Velton Chafin offered the morning prayer.

The singing is permanently organized: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 40; Michael Flannery and Emily Creel 45t; Wilton Donaldson 565; Velton Chafin 573; Chris Ballinger 84; Tommy George 300; S.T. Reed 323; Gordon Wilkinson 200; Corene White 171; Buell Cobb 482; Karen Freund 411; Larry Ballinger 151; Marlin Beasley 166; Edward Howton 373; Cheryl Foreman 203.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 167. Leaders: Lisa Geist 542; Travis Keeton 179; Rodney Dalton 445; Sherry Guthery 340; Milton Oliver 314; Clarissa Springfield 343; Gary Smith 523; Jackson Harcrow 317; Willodean Barton 290; Henry Guthery 291; Julie Tate 544; Sarah Smith 108t; Jarrod George 270; Jerry Enright 77t; Clayton Ezell 209; Linda Thomas 282.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 89. Leaders: Tim Dalton 33b; Bud Oliver 170; Paula Springfield 455; Pauline Childers 318; April Hall 29t; Emily Creel 480; Amber Springfield 142; Bobby Watkins and Katie Yarbrough 225; Kenneth Tate 146; Edie Richardson and Kenneth Tate 159; Brenda Merritt 163b; Shelley Capps 100; Faye Donaldson 299; Charlotte McCarn 143; Henry Schuman 344; Earl Ballinger 331; Eugene Forbes 546; Cassie Franklin 192; Reba Windom 216 (by request), 224.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 512. Leaders: Susan Harcrow 217; John Merritt 240; LaRue Allen 222; Max Berueffy 396; Dennis George 430; Jim Carnes and Celia Carnes 81t; Rodney Ivey 384; Ann Jett 327; Jackie Tanner 182; Elene Stovall 392; Danny Creel 269; Josie Hyde 477; Amanda Denson 107; Joan Aldridge 137; Gravis Ballinger 99; Wanda Capps 187; David Ivey 500; Ila Ingle 442; the class sang “Happy Birthday” by phone for Elsie Moon who was ill; Ann Ballard 274t; Cindy Tanner 280; Cheryl Foreman 475; Henry Schuman and Pauline Childers 234; Edith Tate 532; Flarce Creel, Emily Creel, and Cassie Franklin 39b; Jerry Enright and Karen Freund 101b; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 33b; Bill Windom and Reba Dell Windom 28b; Reba Windom 196; Paula Springfield and Amber Springfield 391; Henry Guthery 431; David Ivey and Rodney Ivey 329; Jim Carnes 388; Jarrod George and Jackson Harcrow 63; Dennis George and Cassie Franklin 436; Lisa Geist and Chris Ballinger 377; Susan Harcrow and Elene Stovall 186; Sherry Guthery 359, 58.

After announcements were made, Clayton Ezell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner;
Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

COY PUTNAM MEMORIAL

Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama Saturday, October 26, 2002

The Coy Putnam Memorial singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by David Light leading song on page 274. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Light; Arranging Committee—Judy Caudle; Secretary—Irene Jordan.

Leaders: Hershell King 101t, 97; Elder Matt Jordan 30b, 565; Ron Crocker 101b, 31b; Marlin Beasley 31t, 111b; Judy Caudle 57, 276; Eunice Kimbrell 129, 421; Seth Crocker 30t, 358.

RECESS

David Light called the class back to order and led song on page 123t. Leaders: Sandra Light 143, 354b; Glenda Hopper 40, 75; Rhoda Norris 187; J.C. Rutledge 145t, 105; Ramona Light 436, 172; J.L. Hopper 350, 556; David Light “Songs from Coy Putnam.” Elder Matt Jordan offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

David Light called the class back to order for the afternoon session with songs on pages 100 and 110. Leaders: Hershell King 225t; Elder Matt Jordan 329; Marlin Beasley 74b; Glenda Hopper 306; Seth Crocker 49b; Eunice Kimbrell 83t; J.C. Rutledge 294; David Light and Ramona Light 200; David Light 112, 45t.

Announcements were made. David Light led song on page 46 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Irene Jordan.

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING

Embry Hills United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia October 26, 2002

The twenty-sixth annual Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October at the Embry Hills United Methodist Church

in Atlanta, Georgia. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Andy Morse leading songs on pages 31t and 53. Bryan Black offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Lela Crowder 99; Bryan Black 67; Laura Akerman 77b; Kelly Morris 114; Eric Tweedy 200; Judy Mincey 475.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Lela Crowder; Vice Chairman—Eric Tweedy; Secretary—Laura Akerman; Chaplain—Bryan Black; Arranging Committee—Kelly Morris and Dan Huger; Finance Committee—Charles Woods and Hermon Wilkinson; Memorial Committee—Judy Mincey and John Plunkett.

Leaders: Lela Crowder 82t; Faye Holbrook 318, 380; Hermon Wilkinson 384, 371; Martha Ann Stegar 81t; Charles Woods 479, 344; Junie Wooten 503b; Virginia Douglas 268, 49; Andy Anderson 28, 39t.

RECESS

Eric Tweedy called the class back to order leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Joan Durdin 29t, 86; Henry Slack 181, 535; Karen Morris 454, 49t; John Hollingsworth 236, 240; Malinda Snow 294; 474; Dan Huger 254.

LUNCH

The class reconvened with Lela Crowder leading songs on pages 48t and 300; Sandra Wilkinson 274t, 378; James Smith 345b, 45t; Nancy Yeager 146, 178.

The memorial lesson was held with John Plunkett leading song on page 158 for those singers and loved ones who have died in the past year.

Judy Mincey led song on page 50b for the sick and shut-ins. Bryan Black closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Violet Thomason 189, 434; David Yeager 107, 330; Jeannette DePoy 316, 278b; Dennis George 359, 215; Charlene Wallace 277, 299; Arlene Woods and Charles Woods 128, 358; Patrick Brown 335, 455; Janet Sheppard 155, 196; Susan Posey 361, 362; Kelly Morris 47b, 159; Liz Frazer 324, 543; Deborah Gross 51, 276; Dan Huger 569b; Dennis George 288; Virginia Douglas 29b; Kate Helenski 148; Lela Crowder 270.

Following announcements, Lela Crowder led song on page 62 as the closing song, and Bryan Black dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Lela Crowder; Vice Chairman—Eric Tweedy; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK) Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Scott County, Mississippi Saturday, October 26, 2002

Chairman John Merritt brought the class to order leading song on page 36b. Andrew Albers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Andrew Albers 436t, 76b; Gary Smith 81, 553, 507b; Sherry Guthery 540, 82, 506; Georgia Kanode 395b, 358; John Lee Van Horn 563, 225t, 140.

RECESS

John Merritt brought the class to order leading song on page 488b. Leaders: John Kanode 146, 63, 571; Debbie Wakefield 573, 29t, 123t; Jean Gray 299, 297, 143; Sarah Smith 290, 288; Mark Davis 54t, 411, 522; Henry Guthery 510, 450, 133; Velton Chafin 86, 373, 336b; Mark Davis 336t; Brenda Merritt 86, 559; John Merritt 369. Henry Guthery offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by John Merritt leading songs on pages 41, 38t, and 39. Leaders: Wanda Capps 505; A.E. Probst 475, 239; Edith Tate 404, 491; Clarence McCool 286, 137; Harrison Creel 355; Junie McNeil 503, 572; Arlon Gardner 497, 142, 319, 300; Bobby Caldwell 38b, 451; Kurt Davis, Natalie Davis,

and Hannah Albers 392; Kurt Davis 45; Henry Guthery and Sherry Guthery 574; Wilma Mitchell 68; Clarence McCool 456; Andrew Albers 85; John Kanode 500; Gary Smith and Sarah Smith 461; John Lee Van Horn 56; Arlon Gardner 398b, 83t; A.E. Probst 163b; Andrew Albers 393t.

John Merritt led song on page 331t, and Mark Davis dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—John Merritt; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

JORDAN'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH **Newell, Randolph County, Alabama** **October 27, 2002**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Jordan's Chapel Methodist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 75. B.J. Harris offered the morning prayer. B.J. Harris led songs on pages 503 and 303, and Sherry Louvorn led songs on pages 100 and 373.

A business session was held, and the class voted to retain the following officers:

Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman—B.J. Harris; Arranging

Committee—Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee—Henry Johnson and Sherry Louvorn; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith.

The pastor of the church, Julian Murphy, welcomed everyone and offered prayer.

Leaders: Mary Lambert Smith 186, 313t; Henry Johnson 88t, 288; LaRue Allen 187, 171; Earlis McGraw 225t, 163t; Charlene Wallace 379, 402; Bud Oliver 145b, 358; Jerry Schreiber 464, 441; Carlene Griffin 81t, 155; Dennis George 208, 328; Reba Norton 460, 217.

RECESS

B.J. Harris brought the class together leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Stanley Edwards 127, 340; Lela Crowder 49b, 49t; Carla Smith 70t, 94; B.M. Smith 448b, 475; Teenie Moody 78, 144; Carolyn McCareeth 119, 358; Everette Denney 335, 490; Sherrell Cleino 53; Floy Wilder 336, 382; Jeff Sheppard 57, 121; Eunice Webb 318, 284; Shelbie Sheppard 338.

LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers brought the afternoon session to order and led song on page 389.

Leaders: Ruth Daniel 46, 378t; Tabetha Murphy and Evelyn Harris 101t, 75.

Henry Johnson and Sherry Louvorn conducted the memorial lesson. Henry Johnson spoke about the day and hour of our lives being unknown to us, how short life is, and how we should all be prepared to die. He gave illustrations of recent tragedies of the "sniper" attacks, 9-11 events, and other days of sorrow. He read the list of the deceased, and led song on page 341 in their memory: Kenneth DeLong, Wilford Denney, George Rogers, Ford Reaves, and Susie Gosdin.

Sherry Louvorn led song on page 143 for all the sick and shut-ins, and especially remembered her mother, Vivian Rogers. B.J. Harris closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Frank Bell and Pam Williams 274t, 339, 354; Hugh McGraw 403; Evelyn Harris 39b, 47t; Henry Johnson 47b; Jerry Schreiber 202; Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber 323t; Carla Smith 136; Dennis George 418; Floy Wilder 383; LaRue Allen 327; Bud Oliver 39t; Lela Crowder 224; Jeff Sheppard 556.

Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers and B.J. Harris led song on page 45t as the closing song, Frank Bell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman—B.J. Harris; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith.

MR. AND MRS. JOE MYERS AND W.A. PARKER MEMORIAL
New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama
October 27, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing held in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers and W.A. Parker was brought to order by Marlin Beasley leading song on page 82.

Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Ann Ballard; Secretary—Nora Parker; Arranging Committee—Travis Keeton.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 45; Wilton Donaldson 32, 317, 348b; Sue Aaron 171, 36b, 159; Ida Lee Parker Starnes 111b, 37b; John Hyde 129, 297, 275b; Clarence McCool 133, 349, 68b; Willodean Barton 460, 111t, 290.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Marlin Beasley leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 76, 116, 136; Corene White 73, 379, 403; Flarce Creel 42, 475; Bobby Watson 224, 217, 58; Harrison Creel 498, 512; Nora Parker 276, 394; Ivalene Donaldson 328, 274t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading song on page 336. Leaders: Ottis Sides 480, 235, 378; Edith Tate 76b, 106; Lisa Geist 107, 180, 71; Josie Hyde 137, 298, 198, 294; Elsie Myers Beasley 192, 460, 318; Gary Smith 503, 523, 565; Brenda Merritt 428, 542, 430.

A memorial lesson was held in memory of W.A. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers. Marlin Beasley, Nora Parker, Elsie Beasley, and Angel Woodley led songs on pages 273, 277, 517 (WB).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 89 and 146. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 278b, 278t; Sarah Smith 445, 32; John Merritt "Nothing But the Blood", 458; Billy Williams 448, 147; Ila Ingle 434, 436; Velton Chafin 93; Mary Gardner 43, 378; Jimmie Gilmore and Arthur Gilmore 63, 30b; Charles Kitchens 333, 326.

The community supports this singing. The church welcomes all singers and extends an invitation to come each year on the fourth Sunday in October. A donation of \$216.00 was given to the church for its upkeep.

Marlin Beasley led song on page 46 as the closing song, Billy Williams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Ann Ballard; Secretary—Nora Parker.

BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Heard County, Georgia
Saturday, November 2, 2002

Everette Denney called the class to order and led song on page 59. Lonnie Rogers offered the opening prayer. Everette Denney led song on page 49t followed by Felton Denney 73t, 39b; Josephine Denney 30t, 101t; and Charlene Wallace 99 and 171.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman—Everette Denney; Vice Chairman—Felton Denney; Secretary—Josephine Denney; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace.

Leaders: Everette Denney 335; Jimmie Denney 87, 145b; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 225t; B.J. Harris 303, 503; Mary Lambert Smith 70t, 271t, 123t; Bernard Denney 155, 112, 222.

RECESS

Felton Denney brought the class to order and led song on page 73b for Alice Edwards. Leaders: Eunice Webb 208, 298, 406; Bobby Jackson 32t, 34t, 166; Teenie Moody 148 (for Mozelle Sheppard), 37b, 430 (for LaRue Allen); Thom Metzger 198, 274t, 217; Shelbie Sheppard 157, 296, 301; Keith Willard 101b, 102, 106; Eileen Metzger 383, 235, 159; Hugh McGraw 502, 534.

LUNCH

Everette Denney brought the afternoon session to order and led song on page 40. Leaders: John Plunkett 41, 71, 232; Lou Cotney 300, 384, 497; Jeff Sheppard 486, 468, 368; Rebecca Hafner-Camp 324, 114; Thom Metzger 270; Eileen Metzger 100; Eunice Webb 229; Keith Willard 80t, 36t; B.J. Harris 452; Bobby Jackson 568; Rebecca Hafner-Camp 312b; the class sang "Happy Birthday" to Everette Denney (who turned 87); Everette Denney 405.

Announcements were made. Felton Denney offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Everette Denney; Vice Chairman—Felton Denney;

Secretary—Josephine Denney.

ALVIS BROTHERS AND B.I. WOOD MEMORIAL SINGING **Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Attalla, Alabama** **Saturday, November 2, 2002**

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for Alvis Brothers and B.I. Wood was held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church in Attalla, Alabama on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. Ron Crocker called the class to order leading song on page 31b. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Ron Crocker; Secretary—Gloria Hutchens; Arranging

Committee—Ella Ruth Chamblee, Ruby Brothers, and Billie Dean Waid.

Leaders: Ron Crocker 138b; Eunice Campbell 77t; Helen Lambert 277, 278b; Judy Caudle 33b, 48t; Glenda Hopper 30t, 75; Hershell King 101t, 176b; Doris Brown, Billie Dean Waid, and Gloria Hutchens 490, 460, 100; Irene Jordan 46, 405; J.L. Hopper 33t, 121, 499.

RECESS

Ron Crocker brought the class to order leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Seth Crocker 39b, 445; Debra Rietch 89, 480; Bessie Hollbrook 457; Carmon Brothers 274, 172, 45t (in memory of Alvis Brothers and B.I. Wood); Carmon Brothers and Ruby Brothers 340, 87 (in memory of Alvis Brothers and B.I. Wood); J.L. Hopper 501 (CB); Helen Lambert 478t (WB), 426t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ron Crocker leading song on page 47b. Leaders: Joyce Wootten 512 (WB); Billie Dean Waid and Joyce Wootten 49t; Hershell King 235; Gloria Hutchens and Billie Dean Waid 146, 378t; Irene Jordan 44; J.L. Hopper 566, 358; Debra Rietch 294; Carmon Brothers 544, 58; Jack Jordan 569b. This year marks the 24th year that this singing has been held in memory of Alvis Brothers and B.I. Wood.

Ron Crocker led song on page 143 as the closing song. Jack Jordan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ron Crocker; Secretary—Gloria Hutchens.

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO/HYDE PARK
ANNIVERSARY SINGING
Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Saturday, November 2, 2002**

The fourth annual University of Chicago/Hyde Park Anniversary Singing was called to order by Chairman Ariel Weinberg at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 59. Jim Swanson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Shaffiq Welji 34b; Dave Barford 430; Don Keeton 290; Herb Schroeder 366; Marcia Johnson 436.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Shaffiq Welji; Vice Chairman—Jeremy York; Arranging Committee—Natalia Cecire; Memorial Committee—Cathryn Baker and Suzanne Flandreau; Finance Committee—Ariel Weinberg; Secretaries—Natalia Cecire and Ariel Weinberg.

Leaders: Berkley Moore “Celestial Watering” (by Jeremiah Ingalls, alto and bass modified by Berkley Moore); Randy Neufeld 171; Mary Bachmann 391; Suzanne Flandreau 485; Jim Helke 368; Melanie Hauff 564; James Page “Impermanence” (by James Page); Doug Stapleton 288; Laura Clawson 328; Don Story 35.

RECESS

Jeremy York reconvened the class leading song on page 276. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 422; Ann Miczulski 300; Martha Beverly 546; Nicholas Pasqual 121; Jim Swanson 536; Megan Jennings 542; Greg Freemon 376; Bruce Holmes 102; Rachel Adelstein 352; Bill Beverly 191; Cathryn Baker 196; Jeff Gauthier 270; Judy Holst 324; Hugh Thomas 180; Violet Stark 474; Ted Mercer 216; Sue Kessell 362; Judy Hauff 377. Jim Swanson offered the noontime prayer.

LUNCH

Natalia Cecire called the class to order leading song on page 384. Leaders: Ted Mercer 278b; Sue Kessell 365; Ted Johnson “Perfect Pleasure” (by Ted Johnson); Ann Miczulski 378t; Jim Helke 499; James Page 272; Doug Stapleton 183; Marcia Johnson 440; Dave Barford 472; Bruce Holmes 547; Lisa Grayson 419; Nicholas Pasqual 446; Al Frank 361; Melanie Hauff 218; Greg Freemon 448; Rachel Adelstein 269.

The class held a memorial lesson, in which Suzanne Flandreau led song on page 285t for the deceased, reminding the class that the deceased are “still with us”.

Cathryn Baker then led song on page 68b for the sick and shut-ins, asserting that “it is not just a physical illness that we take care of” when we sing. The memorial was closed.

RECESS

Ariel Weinberg reconvened the class leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Laura Clawson 82t; Jeff Gauthier 250; Don Story 109; Samuel Sommers 507; Don Keeton 569; Berkley Moore 510; Megan Jennings 142; Violet Stark 497; Jim Swanson 353; Martha Beverly 566; Judy Hauff 283; Jeremy York 503.

RECESS

Shaffiq Welji called the class back to order leading song on page 112. Leaders: Lisa Grayson 528; Connie Karduck 498; Ted Mercer 316; Laura Clawson 186; Ted Johnson “A Joyful Noise” (by Ted Johnson); Samuel Sommers 172; Melanie Hauff 411; Jeff Gauthier and his mother 170; Hugh Thomas 64; Marcia Johnson 404; James Page 284; Greg Freemon 271t.

After announcements, Shaffiq Welji led page 347 as the closing song. Jim Swanson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Shaffiq Welji; Vice Chairman—Jeremy York; Secretaries—Natalia Cecire and Ariel Weinberg.

VELTON CHAFIN BIRTHDAY SINGING
Old Sardis Church, Lynn, Alabama
Saturday, November 2, 2002

This singing was in celebration of Velton Chafin's eightieth birthday.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t, 35, 34b; Corene White 37b, 379; Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 81t; Ila Ingle 63, 145t; Travis Keeton 343b, 73t; Doris Talley 120, 147t; Winell Sanders 225t; John Hyde 275b, 297; Sherry Guthery 340, 58.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading "Hocutt". Leaders: Dorothy Evan 348b, 34t; John Hocutt 144; S.T. Reed 124, 125; Josie Hyde 66, 225b; Larry Ballinger 224; John Etheridge 222; Uel Freeman 45, 146; Ida Lee Starnes 317, 378t; Gary Smith 523, 565; Hugh Bill McGuire 569, 324; John Merritt "Auburn", "Nettie"; Sarah Smith 75, 89; Faye Donaldson and John Hocutt 138t, 112; Willodean Barton 480; Julie Poston 274t, 421.

LUNCH

The songs in the afternoon session were from the Cooper Book.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 225t; Billy Williams 54t, 286; Henry Guthery 497, 410; Sherry Guthery 506, 505; Hugh Bill McGuire 503, 563; Josie Hyde 138t, 540; S.T. Reed 344, 569; Velton Chafin 86; John Merritt 574; Larry Ballinger 401, 572; Gary Smith 285t, 507b; Sarah Smith 330t, 348t; Travis Keeton 400, 345t; Brenda Merritt 522, 478, 84.

The class desired that this become an annual singing. It will meet on Saturday before the first Sunday in November at Old Sardis Church in Lynn, Alabama. The class will sing from the Denson Book in the morning session, and from the Cooper Book in the afternoon.

The class was dismissed with prayer led by Hugh Bill McGuire.

Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

EBENEZER MENNONITE CHURCH
SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING
Bluffton, Ohio
Saturday, November 2, 2002

Greg Creech called the class to order leading song on page 68b and offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Eloise Clark 300, 95; Steve Kasperick-Postellon 34b, 276; John Bealle 73t, 87; Charles Knecht 47t, 29t; Annie Grieshop 128, 81, 40; Kathryn Knecht 79, 438; Greg Creech 47b, 38b; Eloise Clark 480, 49b; Steve Kasperick-Postellon 107, 127.

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Bealle leading songs on pages 285b and 285t.

Leaders: Charles Knecht 39t, 119; Annie Grieshop 146, 159; Kathryn Knecht 183, 344; Greg Creech 117, 503.

LUNCH

Eloise Clark brought the afternoon session to order, led the class in singing "Happy Birthday" to Annie Grieshop's mother, and led songs on pages 475 and 222. Leaders: Steve Kasperick-Postellon 178, 32b; John Bealle 235, 32t; Charles Knecht 474, 27; Annie Grieshop 137, 84; Kathryn Knecht 484; Maria Kecht 96; Xander Knecht 448; Greg Creech 147, 155.

RECESS

Eloise Clark brought the class to order leading songs on pages 209 and 268. Leaders: Steve Kasperick-Postellon 277, 547; John Bealle 83t, 131; Charles Knecht 419, 312b; Annie Grieshop 324, 72b; Kathryn Knecht 484, 80t; Maria Knecht 99; Xander Knecht 77t. Xander Knecht led song on page 62 and dismissed the class with prayer. Secretary—Kathryn Knecht.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **South of Bremen, Georgia, Off Highway 27 and I-20** **November 3, 2002**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 59. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 117; Carlene Griffin 159, 448b; Danny Griffin 137, 202; Teenie Moody 203, 391; Andrew Snyder 442, 245; Tommy George 128, 300; Bobby Jackson 112, 480; Betty Shepherd 299, 101t; Eileen Metzger 376, 58; Bob Goodman 36b, 497; Evelyn Harris 87, 155; Mildred Patterson 100, 340; Aaron Wootten 448t, 282; Eunice Webb 283, 512; Ann McCleary, Linda Orrell, Teresa Beyer, Hilary Morrish, Erin Brasfield, Jessica Hendrickson, and Hugh McGraw 68b, 45t.

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

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin; Arranging Committee—Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry; Secretary—Judy Henry.

RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 148. Leaders: B.M. Smith 222, 318 (in memory of Eula Johnson); Liz Bryant 142, 107; Reba Norton 177, 275b; Preston McClendon gave a few remarks about Sacred Harp singing; Terry Wootten 116, 326; Lonnie Rogers 97, 389 (for Vivian Rogers); Dewayne Wootten 47b; Keith Willard 460, 144; Jeff Sheppard 146, 130 (for Rev. Lloyd Toney); Thom Metzger 89, 162; Rodney Ivey 382, 384; Robert Rivers, II 49b, 155; Charlene Wallace 220 (in memory of Cindy Huckeba Cole).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Phillip Langley leading songs on pages 224 and 215. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 63, 143 (in memory of his mother); Dennis George 108b, 542; Louis Hughes 540, 403 (in memory of Polly Moore); Shelbie Sheppard 446, 505; Jarrod George 354b, 358; Henry Johnson 138t, 566; Andy Anderson 28t, 99; Lela Crowder 328, 106; Lisa Webb 126, 178; John Plunkett 266, 541 (in memory of Kenneth DeLong); Donna Duke and Gene Duke 401, 348b; Kelly Morris 147t, 114; John Whittemore 209, 34t; Charles Woods 453 (in memory of his mother, Berta Woods; grandfather, H.N. McGraw; and the McGraw family); Josephine Denney 75, 145b; Amanda Denson 385b, 165; Buell Cobb 425; Mary Lambert Smith 441, 434 (in memory of her parents and grandparents); Billy Joe Harris 225t, 303; Felton Denney 523; Philip Denney 84, 120; Everette Denney 171, 426t; Laura Ackerman 192, 236.

A donation was made by James Dean to the church in honor of Lonnie and Vivian Rogers.

After announcements were made, Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin led page 62 as the closing song. Billy Joe Harris offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman -Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry.

MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING
Near Double Springs, Alabama
November 3, 2002

The ninety-seventh session of the annual Mt. Ebron Church Memorial Singing was held on the first Sunday in November. Travis Keeton called the class to order leading song on page 33b. Earl Ballinger offered the opening prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 48.

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

Chairman—Chris Rice; Vice Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer.

Leaders: Chris Rice 36b, 426t; Earl Ballinger 111, 87; Julie Poston 145b, 166; Stella Pratt 145t, 147; Gravis Ballinger 144, 49; Ivalene Donaldson 37b, 146; Debbie Wakefield 566, 426b; Cecil Wakefield 282, 274; Roma Rice 371, 475; Linton Ballinger 339, 385; Vernice Phillips 143, 155.

RECESS

Wilton Donaldson called the class to order leading songs on pages 30 and 32.

Leaders: Faye Donaldson 406, 225; Larry Ballinger 121, 119; Willodean Barton 418, 101t; John Hyde 313, 565; Lisa Geist 286, 180; Harrison Creel 335, 89; Elene Stovall 300, 273; Sharon Spangler 274, 171; Wanda Capps 142, 39b; Jayne Fulmer 203, 210.

LUNCH

Chris Rice called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 34 and 157.

Leaders: Max Berueffy 37, 382, 43; Bobby Robbins and Max Berueffy 38, 445, 294; Ila Ingle 530, 436, 434; Kenneth Shaddix and Jayne Fulmer 45t; Josie Hyde 84, 460, 477; Earl Ballinger 338; Travis Keeton 318; Lisa Geist 202; Linton Ballinger 208; Debbie Wakefield 442; Elene Stovall 182; Wanda Capps 430; Jayne Fulmer 454; Cecil Wakefield 268; Sharon Spangler 124.

After announcements were made, Chris Rice led song on page 62. Cecil Wakefield offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Rice; Vice Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer.

SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, Cordele, Georgia
November 3, 2002

The eighty-third session of the South Georgia Singing Convention was called to order by President John Hollingsworth at 10:30 a.m. leading song on page 59.

Lamar Robinson offered the opening prayer.

The following committees were appointed by President John Hollingsworth:

Arranging Committee—Rita Haley; Nominating Committee—Raymond Hamrick and Lamar Robinson; Memorial Committee—Mary Brownlee and Myrtice Meeks.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 76t; David Grant 175, 60; Rita Haley 45t, 84; Jon Robinson 46, 39b; Kay Robinson 339, 335; Lamar Robinson 138b, 318; Sharon Hamrick 460, 276; Otis Hester 137, 542.

RECESS

President John Hollingsworth called the singing back to order leading song on page 138t. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 171, 145t; Mary Brownlee 47b, 78.

The business session was held at this time. The following officers were elected:

President—David Grant; Vice President—Oscar McGuire;

Secretary/Treasurer—John Hollingsworth; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer—Elsie

Hollingsworth; Chaplain—Jon Robinson. The officers' terms begin at the end of this

session. The singings for 2002 were reviewed. All singings were renewed for 2003. Treasurer Rita Haley presented the treasurer's report, which was unanimously accepted as presented.

The convention voted again to order 10 extra copies of the "big minute". The business session was adjourned with President Hollingsworth leading song on page 166.

LUNCH

President Hollingsworth opened the afternoon session leading song on page 77b. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 300, 277; Bonnie Rewis 361, 454; Stephen Meeks 490, 569b; Wesley Haley 34b, 117; Raymond Hamrick 48t; Brittainy Rewis 100, 101t; David Grant 51, 114; Myrtice Meeks 491, 129; Jon Robinson 452, 155.

Mary Brownlee and Myrtice Meeks conducted the memorial lesson and led song on page 341 in honor of the sick and shut-ins: Annis Walsh, Ruth and Richard Johnson, Myra Smith, Doris Haley, Runelle Crawford, and Dianne Robinson—Georgia.

There were no names of deceased turned in. This concluded the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Louanne Turner 147t, 515, 523; Stephen Meeks 72b, 235; Otis Hester and Polly Hester 229, 224, 480; Oscar McGuire 441; Lamar Robinson 34, 358; Sandra Wilkinson 473; Mary Brownlee 354t; Bonnie Rewis 274, 268; Brittainy Rewis 354b.

Following announcements, Lamar Robinson led song on page 347. Chaplain Jon Robinson offered the closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

President—David Grant; Vice President—Oscar McGuire;

Secretary/Treasurer—John Hollingsworth; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer—Elsie Hollingsworth.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Nashville, Tennessee

Saturday, November 9, 2002

The eighteenth annual Sacred Harp singing at Immanuel Baptist Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 59. Darrell Holley offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 84; Clayton Ezell 231, 300; Darrell Holley 81t, 73b; Sandie Scott 46, 475; Fay Thompson 128, 53; Laurens Blankers 155, 159; Gary Smith 503, 523; Marilyn Burchett 38 (SoH), 108b; Velton Chafin 108t, 225t.

RECESS

David Carlton brought the class back to order by leading songs on pages 86 and 496.

Leaders: John Merritt 312b, "Nothing But the Blood"; William Paris 61, 49b;

Marlin Beasley 480, 111t; Bob Meek 505 (CB), 484 (CB) (in honor of all our veterans); Tim Reynolds 146 (for Allan Hjerpe who was reported to be near death in California); Gordon Wilkinson 200, 220; Sarah Smith and Seth Holloway 354b, 30t; Bob Simmons, Dale Brown, and Mary Brown 569b, 40.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the class to order leading song on page 148. Leaders:

Hibbard Thatcher 64, 268; Michele Cull 229 (CB), 408 (CB); Lewis Frost and Henry Cobb 34b, 178, 452; Gaston White 66, 186; Mark Risinger 500 (CB), 571 (CB); Heidi Nolen 448t; Brenda Waters and Doug Trent 68b, 488b (CB); John Merritt "Delusion" (new words by John Merritt set to tune of "Leander", 71), 358.

Following announcements, Tim Reynolds led song on page 551. Bill Anderson closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—Timothy J. Reynolds; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett.

DALLAS COUNTY SINGING
First Primitive Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
Saturday, November 9, 2002

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 song on page 49t. Tom Owen offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bruce Coates 49b; Gary Rogan 155; Cheryl Foreman 53; Josh Rogan 442; Sarah Huckaby 318; Gaylon Powell 433; Esther Huckaby 42; Eric Morgan 300; Kelly Beard 499; Liz Owen 29t; Elder Clifford Gowens 67; Carol Strayhorn 35; H.P. O'Mary 31b; Zach Rogan 217; Michele Rogan 267; Curtis Owen 328; Beverly Coates 548; Amanda Owen 454; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Reed Coates 86; Vivian Rogan 282.

RECESS

Bruce Coates called the class back by leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 299; Myra Palmer 304; Jeb Owen 319; Terre Schill 134; Thomas Strayhorn 40; Nikki Crocker 59; Avon Miller 355; Teresa Ballinger 46; Tom Owen 462; Myrl Jones 189; Gary Rogan 384; Crystal Visco 128; Catherine Rogan 186; Bruce Coates 313; Katie Moseley 532; Cheryl Foreman 475; Josh Rogan 421; Sarah Huckaby 73; Gaylon Powell 536; Esther Huckaby 143; Eric Morgan 163; Diane Ross 455; Donald Ross 183; Liz Owen 383; Elder Clifford Gowens 44. Elder Clifford Gowens offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Gary Rogan called the class to order by leading song on page 129. Leaders: Carol Strayhorn 34t; Kelly Beard 48t; Kira Prewitt 412; H.P. O'Mary 39t; Michele Rogan 110; Curtis Owen 490; Beverly Coates 472; Amanda Owen 99; Reed Coates 222; Ernestine Pipkin 171; Zach Rogan 159; Vivian Rogan 535; Leon Ballinger 195; Terre Schill 56b; Jeb Owen 480; Myra Palmer 436; Thomas Strayhorn 47t; Teresa Ballinger 361; Avon Miller 477; Bruce Coates 178; Myrl Jones 441.

RECESS

Gary Rogan called the class to order by leading song on page 56. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 107; Tom Owen 549b; Diane Ross 198; Crystal Visco 225; Catherine Rogan 172; Donald Ross 546; Kira Prewitt 358; Gary Rogan 324; Reed Coates 440; Sarah Huckaby 503; Gaylon Powell 399b; Kelly Beard 401; Eric Morgan 567; Josh Rogan 410t; Amanda Owen 448t; Liz Owen 405; Jeb Owen 400; Terre Schill 434; Michele Rogan 196. Gary Rogan led song on page 62 as the closing song. Thomas Strayhorn dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chairman—Bruce Coates; Vice Chairman—Gary Rogan; Secretary—Cheryl Foreman.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SINGING
Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm,
Dodgeville, Wisconsin
Saturday, November 9, 2002

The sixteenth annual Southern Wisconsin Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Johanna Fabke leading song on page 52t. Joyce Anderson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jim Page 151; Jan Ketelle 36b; Julie Vea 192; Marcia Johnson 434; Jeanette Lowry 383; Myrka Hall-Beyer 86; Val Dunagan 171; Megan Jennings 29t; Collette Miller 368; Kathy Kaiser 384; Doug Stapleton 318; Joyce Anderson 354b; Becky

Browne 362; Carol Crawford 131t; Eleanor Haase 142; Terry Hogg 212; Joan Yeatman 496; Christine Stevens 542.

A business meeting was held during which Johanna Fabke was elected chairman.

RECESS

Johanna Fabke called the class to order leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Dick Dunagan 65; Janet Fraembs 129; Hans Guttman 38b; Thomas Willard 422; Cathryn Baker 335; Ted Mercer 352; Kit Pfau 203; Nick Pascual 309; Jeanette Nelson 217; Michael Moore "Mesopotamia"; Jenny Willard 530; Jim Helke 196; Cathy Lutz 472; Ted Johnson "Perfect Pleasure".

LUNCH

Johanna Fabke called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 84. Leaders: Francis Gurtz 313b; Connie Karduck 391; Jim Crawford 522; Melanie Hauff "A Joyful Noise"; Lee Steinmetz 163b; Lisa Grayson 430; Keith Willard 460. The memorial lesson was held with Jan Ketelle leading 122 for those who have died: John Bailey, Stephanie Rubin, and Jerilyn Schumacher—Illinois; Randy Wells—Florida; Cindy Cole, Kenneth DeLong, and Revy Williamson—Georgia; Freeman Wootten and George Wyatt—Alabama; Art Heffley—Indiana; Ray Otto, Sr., Peter Veal, Kathleen Lorsten, and Raymond Binder—Wisconsin; Paul and Sheila Welstone, Tom Lopic, William McLaughlin, Mary McEvoy, Marcia Welstone Markuson, and their flight crew—Minnesota; Marjorie Hill Ketelle—Tennessee; Philip Page, Jr.—New Jersey.

Julie Veal led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins: Steve Warner—Illinois; Joyce Kocinski, Vern Handrick, and Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin; Jim Vaughan—Pennsylvania; Harold Lackey, Kelly Beard, and B.E. Matthews—Texas; Helen Stevens—Minnesota; Elaine Cullor—Colorado; Richard Swanson—Massachusetts; Carol McCurry—North Carolina; Jamie Hackney, Mary Hackney, Mildred Segal, and Pat Chambers—Florida.

Marcia Johnson led 208 in memory of Stephanie Rubin. Becky Browne closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Martha Henderson 88t; Paul Wyatt 448t.

RECESS

Johanna Fabke brought the class to order leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Judy Hauff 112; Becky Allen-Powell 146; Mary Bachmann 34t; Myrka Hall-Beyer 280; Becky Browne 222; Jeanette Lowry 475; Terry Hogg 299; Christine Stevens 474; Carol Crawford 68b; Janet Fraembs 385t; Hans Guttman 48b; Catherine Baker 288; Lee Steinmetz 49b; Jeanette Nelson 209; Francis Gurtz 56b.

RECESS

Johanna Fabke called the class back to order leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Julie Veal 436; Megan Jennings 216; Kathy Kaiser 106; Kit Pfau 159; Joan Yeatman 34b; Eleanor Haase 99; Judy Hauff 411; Colette Miller 185; Ted Johnson 89.

After announcements were made, the Chairperson expressed thanks to Julie Veal and Carol Enseki, food coordinators; and Jim Page and Paula Goode, Arranging Committee. Carol Crawford led the closing prayer. Johanna Fabke led the closing song on page 46, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Johanna Fabke; Secretary—Val Dunagan.

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION

Richmond, Virginia

November 9-10, 2002

Saturday, November 9

The eleventh annual James River Convention was held on the second Sunday and Saturday before in November. Both sessions were held at the Varina Masonic Lodge.

The class was called to order by Chairman Jim North leading song on page 147t. Craig Baughan offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Sandra Hack Polaski 148; Laura Densmore 155; Leslie Alperin 178; Bev Oneida 49b; Nancy Newell 163b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Sandra Hack Polaski; Vice Chairman—Gail Doss; Treasurer—Lois Todd; Secretary—Mary Wright.

Leaders: Sandra Hack Polaski 497; Lois Todd 159; Blake Morris 228; Mary Wright 480; D.J. Hatfield 456; Kat Kinkade 528; Lynda Hambourger 142; Stephen McMaster 300; Henry Bizzell 34b; Joan Aldridge 475; Bonnie Tober 276; Mary DeNys 504; Lois Todd 445; Judy North 452.

RECESS

The class was called together by Blake Morris leading song on page 73b. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 505; Gail Doss 254; Doron Henkin 260; Mary Wright 510; Kelly Macklin 408; Blake Morris 179; John delRe 70t; Craig Baughan 324; Pat Temple 335; Fred Beardsley 474; Lynda Hambourger 112; Laura Densmore 76b; Leslie Alperin 209; Bev Oneida 362; Nancy Newell 40; D.J. Hatfield 212; Kat Kinkade 163; Hal Kunkel 512; Henry Bizzell 127; Joan Aldridge 150; Bonnie Tober 479; Mary DeNys 547; Doron Henkin 95. Craig Baughan offered the blessing for the noon meal followed by song on page 49t.

LUNCH

John delRe called the afternoon session together with song on page 32t. Leaders: Liz Todd 77b; Don Polaski 352; Laura Densmore 542; Nancy Newell 156; Brian Sears 86; Mary DeNys 566; Leslie Alperin 186; Gail Doss 222; Frank Evans 36t; Kelly Macklin 196; Fred Beardsley 546; Ina Henkin 71; Blake Morris 378; Judy North 515; Bev Oneida 454; Lynda Hambourger 426b; D.J. Hatfield 330t; Pat Temple 203; Kat Kinkade 201; Hal Kunkel 176b; John delRe 426; Mary Wright 42; Sandra Hack Polaski 198.

RECESS

The session resumed with Leslie Alperin leading song on page 146. Leaders: Doron Henkin 236; Craig Baughan 144; Joan Aldridge 189; Brian Sears 315; Kelly Macklin 446; Henry Bizzell 354; Bonnie Tober 200; Frank Evans 75; Ina Henkin 398; Stephen McMaster 503; Lynda Hambourger 89; Mary DeNys 569b; Leslie Alperin 268; Don Polaski 299; Gail Doss 191; Nancy Newell 344; Pat Temple 168; Frank Evans 47t; Brian Sears 48; Fred Beardsley 532; Craig Baughan 347; Bev Oneida 440. After announcements, Sandra Hack Polaski led song on page 56. Craig Baughan dismissed the class with prayer.

A late afternoon session organized by Blake Morris featured new music and music from sources other than “The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition”. Following a dinner prepared by George Tutweiler, the Northside Consort presented a program of baroque music.

Sunday, November 10

The Sunday session was called to order by Sandra Hack Polaski who greeted the convention and led song on page 52t. The opening prayer was offered by Craig Baughan.

Leaders: Mary DeNys 34b; Laura Densmore 29t; John delRe 272; Kelly Macklin 275b; Joan Aldridge 270; Henry Bizzell 452; Doron Henkin 157; Blake Morris 35; Ina Henkin 162; Bev Oneida 180; Guy Banks 486; Judy North 441; Hal Kunkel 232; Mary Wright 61; Frank Evans 181; D.J. Hatfield 436; Stephen McMaster 410t; Pat Temple 27; Sandra Hack Polaski 362; Mary DeNys 56b; Laura Densmore 39t.

RECESS

Blake Morris brought the class together leading song on page 84.

Leaders: John delRe 129; Kat Kinkade 481; Joan Aldridge 273; Kelly Macklin 404; Henry Bizzell 334; Doron Henkin 245; Bev Oneida 155; Ina Henkin 38b; Guy Banks 107; Hal Kunkel 142; Frank Evans 271; D.J. Hatfield 348t; Stephen McMaster 146; Laura Densmore 83; John delRe 348b; Kat Kinkade 368; Kelly Macklin 464; Doron Henkin 501; Joan Aldridge 384; Henry Bizzell 159; Ina Henkin 306; Don Polaski 304; Gail Doss 269; Bev Oneida 313b; Guy Banks 120. Don Polaski offered the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Blake Morris leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 327; Frank Evans 229; Mary DeNys 72b; Peter Pate 217; Kacy Pate 312b; Blake Morris 442; Brian Sears 267; Judy North 143; Craig Baughan 178; Mary Wright 406; Sandra Hack Polaski 318; D.J. Hatfield 215; Pat Temple 209; Stephen McMaster 45; Kat Kinkade 67.

Henry Bizzell conducted the memorial lesson and offered a prayer for the deceased: Jane Baughan, Dorian Brown, and William Haas—Virginia; and Donald Woodard—Florida. Joan Aldridge led song on page 445 as the memorial hymn.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were Art Broadus, Susan Kelly, Donna Abrahams, Marilyn Darch, Michael Kaye, and Dorothy Hatfield. Joan Aldridge led song on page 475 in their honor.

Leaders: Don Polaski 270; Gail Doss 400; Bev Oneida 448; Guy Banks 444; Hal Kunkel 556.

Announcements were made, and reports from various committees were given.

Bec Oneida and Mary DeNys, Resolutions Committee, thanked all of those without whom the convention would not have been a success:

- Pitching—Blake Morris, Doron Henkin, and John Fedderson;
- Kitchen—George Tutweiler and Pat Temple;
- Arranging Committee—Pat Temple and Stephen McMaster;
- Chaplains—Craig Baughan and Don Polaski;
- Flyers and forms—Judy North;
- Housing—Gail Doss;
- Members of the Northside Consort, Blake Morris, director.

The committee also thanked God for the good weather, fine fellowship, and glorious music.

Treasurer Lois Todd reported that enough money had been received to cover expenses. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Sandra Polaski 68b, Peter Pate 302; Craig Baughan 42; Kacy Pate 440; Frank Evans 284; Brian Sears 504; Fred Beardsley 546; Henry Bizzell 347; Mary Wright 277; Blake Morris 297.

Sandra Hack Polaski led song on page 62, and Don Polaski led the closing prayer.

The James River Convention will meet next year on the second Sunday and Saturday before in November, November 8-9, 2003.

Chairman—Sandra Hack Polaski; Vice Chairman—Gail Doss; Secretary—Mary Wright.

OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Oxford, Alabama

November 10, 2002

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Hill Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Billy Joe Harris leading song on page 32t. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer. Billy Joe Harris led song on page 33b; Max Berueffy 213, 155; Pearl Guier 45t, 49t.

A business session was held during which the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairman—Max Berueffy; Secretary—Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier. Leaders: Billy Joe Harris 503; B.M. Smith 284, 28b; Charlene Wallace 63, 276; Earlis McGraw 132, 271 (in memory of Revy Williamson); Eunice Webb 436, 225t; Felton Denney 385b, 387; Daphene Causey 222 (for Lonnie and Vivian Rogers); Milton Oliver 176t, 318; Cassie Franklin 432, 456; Harvey Austin 335, 405 (in memory of his wife, Oakie).

RECESS

Max Berueffy brought the class to order leading song page 101t. Leaders: John Plunkett 108, 470; Floy Wilder 186, 187; Louis Hughes 278b, 378b; Carlene Griffin 70t, 283; Henry Johnson 88t, 570; Edith Tate 336, 532; Bud Oliver 274t, 145b; Evelyn Harris 358, 73b (in honor of Alice Edwards); Bobby Watkins 480, 58; Ivalene Donaldson 204; Hugh McGraw 231; Wilton Donaldson 490, 565.

LUNCH

Max Berueffy brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 43. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 328, 344; LaRue Allen 172, 546; Everette Denney 105, 84; Josephine Denney 81t, 452; Harrison Creel 498, 530; Lou Cotney 218, 497; Jeff Sheppard 350, 434 (in memory of Flora Skinner), 339 (for Pam Williams); Glenda Collins 100, 124; Eugene Forbes 400, 192; Harvey Austin 108b (by request); Billy Joe Harris 303; Max Berueffy and Harrison Creel 111b, 294 (by request). Announcements were made. Billy Joe Harris and Max Berueffy led song on page 46. Theron Williams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairman—Max Berueffy; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

CROSS ROADS MEMORIAL North of Tallapoosa, Georgia Saturday Night, November 16, 2002

The annual Cross Roads Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by George Garner leading song on page 68b. Billy Joe Harris offered the opening prayer. Mary Lambert Smith led song on page 37b, followed by Miranel Swafford leading song on page 348b in memory of her father, Gilbert Pope.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—George Garner; Arranging Committee—Mary Lambert Smith; Secretary—Miranel Swafford.

Leaders: Billy Joe Harris 225t, 503; C.W. Garner 136; Inez Chandler 335, 290; Eunice Webb 30t, 298; Lee Rogers 145b, 273; Dan Huger 474, 99; Evelyn Harris 101t, 155; Hugh McGraw 146, 294.

RECESS

George Garner called the class together leading song on page 186. Leaders: Teenie Moody 100, 148; Corene Laminack 59, 63; Charlene Wallace 81b, 79; Cynthia Fielder and Rev. Gerald Sloman 45t, 339; Dan Huger 341, 569b; Lee Rogers 217. George Garner and C.W. Garner led song on page 62 as the closing song. Rev. Gerald Sloman offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—George Garner; Secretary—Miranel Swafford.

HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Calhoun, Georgia
November 17, 2002

The annual singing at Harmony Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Chair Judy Mincey leading song on page 59. Bob Mitchell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 225t; Lee Rogers 475, 98; Ed Smith 330t, 101b; Bob Mitchell 100, 63; Jeannette DePoy 39t, 384; Andy Anderson 510, 496; B.M. Smith 318, 99; Violet Thomason 208, 171; Don Clark 170, 319; Bobby Jackson 503, 290; Lela Crowder 312b, 374.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Ed Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 47b with his daughters Wanda Queen and Joyce Morrison, followed by Dan Huger leading songs on pages 77t and 276.

In a brief business session, the class voted to retain the same officers: Chair—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Ed Smith; Secretary—Lee Rogers.

Leaders: Floyd Peters 68b, 101t; Nancy Yeager 86, 87; Karen Clark 421, 49b; John Hollingsworth 53, 114; Charlene Wallace 85, 168.

LUNCH

Judy Mincey opened the afternoon session leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Jennifer Kearn 192, 155; Liz Bryant 300, 542; David Yeager 535, 350; Richard DeLong 132, 121; Andrew Snyder 532, 215.

In the memorial lesson, Judy Mincey led song on page 50b in memory of John Bailey, Kenneth Delong, and Revy Williamson. Leaders: Andy Morse 497, 344; Carlene Griffin 81t, 159; Bob Mitchell 282; Don Clark 186; Dan Huger 210; Lela Crowder 106; Floyd Peters 82t; Violet Thomason 343; Karen Clark 569t; David Yeager 240; Andrew Snyder 203; Andy Anderson 28t; Lee Rogers 34t; Jennifer Kearn 479; Nancy Yeager 566; Andy Morse 540; Jimmy Williams 58; David Yeager and Nancy Yeager 381.

The singing closed with song on page 62. Ed Smith dismissed the class with prayer. Chair—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Ed Smith; Secretary—Lee Rogers.

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION

Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama November 23-24, 2002 Saturday, November 23

The one hundred-third session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention met at Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November. Jeff Sheppard called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. leading song on page 59. Louis Hughes, Sr. offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 75; David Ivey 205; Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall 32t; Bud Oliver 39b; Rodney Ivey 107; Henry Johnson 493; Buell Cobb 33b; Dennis George 53; Azilee Adams 337; Jewel Wootten 340; Willie Mae Moon 503; Louis Hughes, Jr. 347; Matt Wells 216; Allison Ivey 217; David Yeager 148; John Plunkett 398; Corene White 171.

RECESS

Shelbie Sheppard brought the class to order leading song on page 142. Leaders: Cassie Franklin 276; Danny Creel 480; Daphene Causey 223; Joan Aldridge 222; Karen Isbell 348b; Hershell King 426t; Mary Lambert Smith 383; Thomas Willard 422; Leon Ballinger 460; Elder J.L. Hopper 461; Daryl Chesney 569b; Velton

Chafin 78; Lou Cotney 218; Travis Keeton 388; Karen Freund 442; Butch White 77t; Judy Caudle 344; Eugene Forbes 426b; Mattie Townsel 317; Nancy Yeager 77b.
RECESS

Larry Ballinger brought the class to order leading song on page 224. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 151; S.T. Reed 545; Uel Freeman 65; Henry Guthery 532; Bobby Watkins 45t; J.C. Rutledge 490; Sandie Scott 176t; Andy Anderson 178; David Carlton 547; Bill Hogan and Larry Hogan 168; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Joe Nall 430; Virginia Douglas 49b; Charlene Wallace 177; John Etheridge 73t.

LUNCH

David Ivey and Jeff Sheppard brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 129, followed by Jackie Tanner leading song on page 172.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers with the following elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Henry Johnson; Secretaries—Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall; Arranging Committee—Bud Oliver, Max Berueffy, and Cassie Franklin; Memorial Committee—Tom Mitchell, Judy Caudle, and Becky Browne; Resolutions Committee—Samuel Sommers, Karen Freund, and John Plunkett; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey and Travis Keeton; Chaplain—Louis Hughes, Sr. Leaders: LaRue Allen 302; Reba Dell Windom 208; Richard DeLong 411; Karen Ivey 273; Teenie Moody and Judith Green 384; Samuel Sommers 386; Becky Browne 304; Wanda Capps and Cindy Tanner 269; Jeannette DePoy 316; Lela Crowder 215; Jerry Enright 458; Floy Wilder 336; Ted Mercer 419; Susan Harcrow 436; Gary Gronau 192; Dennis Corcoran and Maire Corcoran 377; Keith Willard 100; Nate Green and Norma Green 71; Betty Wright 84; Andrew Snyder 454; Jenny Willard 530; Ronnie Farris 282; Edith Tate 35; Carol Crawford 495; John Redman 263; Wanda Capps and Sharon DuPriest 212; Herby Bailey 34b.

After announcements were made, David Ivey led song on page 56t as the closing song. Todd Mitchell dismissed the class with prayer.

The annual meeting of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) was held immediately following the Saturday session at the Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church with approximately 35 attendees.

The SHMHA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation whose purpose is the preservation and perpetuation of Sacred Harp singing and its traditions.

President Jeff Sheppard announced plans for SHMHA to hold its first service project in 2003, a summer camp for the purpose of teaching and practicing traditional Sacred Harp singing. Camp Fasola, the first of its kind in the South, will be open to children and adults. Opportunities for discussion resulted in several positive inputs on the subject of the camp.

Secretary David Ivey reported on the status of the preparation of the “2002-2003 Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings,” and recognized Editor Shelbie Sheppard for her continuing dedication and hard work in the publication of this very valuable resource for Sacred Harp singers. Shelbie thanked the attendees for their support and help in submitting minutes and singing announcements and then made several suggestions for secretaries of conventions and singings. The attendees authorized the Editor to make changes on submitted minutes as necessary to conform with the standard of the publication. These suggestions included requests for timely submittal of minutes (within the month of the singing) and brevity of committee reports. David Ivey then presented the annual financial report and distributed copies for attendees. A list of contributors to SHMHA was provided in the financial report, and the thanks of SHMHA was extended to these contributors. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Samuel Sommers.

Sunday, November 24

The Sunday morning session began at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman David Ivey leading song on page 144. Chaplain Louis Hughes, Sr. offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Ivey 298; Henry Johnson 544; Elene Stovall 273; Linda Thomas 420 (for Jap and Joyce Walton and in memory of Linda Walton); Bud Oliver 42; Becky Browne 36b; Judy Caudle 76b; Samuel Sommers 112; John Plunkett 412; Karen Freund 56b; Louis Hughes, Sr. 448t; Rodney Ivey 83t; Max Berueffy 392; B.J. Harris 503; Terry Hullett 129; Gib Amason and Vernelle Amason 143; Evelyn Harris 159; Shirley Berrey 480; David Light 110.

RECESS

Cassie Franklin brought the class to order leading song on page 300. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 146; Chris Green 322; Ashley Keeton 504; Ruth Wyers 490; Ted Mercer 353; Paul Figura 122; Herby Bailey 569b; Lori Hinesley 496; Buell Cobb 467; Jeannette DePoy 394; Anne Chalker 49b; Richard DeLong 320; Glenn Keeton 178; Charlene Wallace 455.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class to order leading song on page 81t. Leaders: Linton Ballinger 142; Bill Hogan 201; Thomas Willard 106; Milton Oliver 321; Stuart Ivey 189; John Redman 530; Hubert Nall 460; Mary Lambert Smith 171; Ron Farris 145b.

Tom Mitchell, Judy Caudle, and Becky Browne conducted the memorial lesson and led song on page 499 for the deceased and song on page 270 for the sick and shut-ins.

The deceased remembered were: Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, George Glass, Paul Frederick, Polly Moore, Lydia Phillips Baswell, Annie Brothers, Flora Skinner, Elder Warren Meadows, John Lacy, Bobby Lacy, Edis Guthrie, Ethel McGough, Elder Charles V. Estes, Herschel Coffey, George Cox, and Charles D. Farris—Alabama; Revy Williamson, Cindy Cole, Kenneth DeLong, Linda Walton, and Virginia Redman—Georgia; John Bailey—Illinois; Martin Hoover—Indiana; Frank Sills—Tennessee.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Mozelle Sheppard, Joyce Walton, Jap Walton, Eldora Moody, Clark Phillips, B.E. and Ophelia Matthews, Cliffie Windom, Elvin Guthrie, Emily Boswell, John Hocutt, Zelma Dell Harcrow, Virginia Bloom, Ray Bloom, Cecile Cox, Leola Smith, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Lavaughn Ballinger, and Kelly Beard.

B.J. Harris closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Syble Adams 430; Ila Harper Ingle 436; Daphene Causey 306; Norma Green and Nate Green 161 (dedicated to B.E. Matthews).

LUNCH

David Ivey brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 175.

Leaders: Joan Aldridge 198; David Yeager 240; Jackie Tanner 318; Andy Anderson 28t; Shelbie Sheppard and Reba Dell Windom 216; LaRue Allen 192; Allison Ivey and Coy Ivey 222, 384; Jerry Enright 77t; Cassie Franklin 196; Keith Willard 99; Cindy Tanner 368; Amanda Denson 224; Leon Ballinger 299; Lela Crowder 440; Karen Ivey 84 (for Lavaughn Ballinger); Susan Harcrow 220; Louis Hughes, Jr. 138b; Jenny Willard 434; Teenie Moody 217; Andrew Snyder 86; Jeff Sheppard 492; Nancy Yeager 479 (for her mother, Kay Tierney).

RECESS

Elene Stovall called the class together leading song on page 182. Leaders: Floy Wilder 187; Gary Gronau 163t; Dennis George 542; Edith Tate and Max Berueffy 532.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports.

The Resolutions Committee report was made by Samuel Sommers. We, the Resolutions Committee, wish to thank all the people responsible for making this 103rd session of the Alabama State Convention such an enjoyable experience. They have worked hard and long to see that all things have been carried out smoothly and everyone's needs are met. We have had two days of wonderful singing, fellowship, and good food, especially all of the desserts. We want to thank Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church for the use of their facilities, and everyone who came, far and near, to enjoy this occasion. We are thankful for the efforts of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association for its efforts to promote traditional Sacred Harp singing.

The Finance Committee report was given by Linda Thomas. Balance brought forward \$3,030.30; collection \$864.00; total forward \$3,894.30. Expenditures: supplies and food \$415.00; gift to the church \$250.00; cleaning of the church \$75.00; minutes \$60.00. Total expenses \$800.00. Balance after expenses \$3,094.30. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the report as given.

Elene Stovall reported on behalf of the Arranging Committee that 187 leaders from 11 states led during the two-day convention. All reports were approved as read, and the business session was closed.

Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 551; Matt Wells 203; Virginia Douglas 163b; Sandie Scott 393; Karen Isbell 456; Bobby Watkins 348b; Hershell King 80b; Richard Ivey 567; Tim Cook and Mako Cook 287; Eugene Forbes 155; Mattie Townsel 68b. After announcements were made, David Ivey led song on page 62 as the class took the parting hand. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Henry Johnson; Secretaries—Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall.

WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL
(GANUS, WILFORD, CLIFFORD, AND GENE)
Mt. Vernon (King School House), Natural Bridge, Alabama
November 24, 2002

The thirty-second session of the Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. Chris Rice offered the opening prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 179.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Arranging Committee—Faye Donaldson; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 176b (for Bruce Randolph); Wilton Donaldson 285t, 565; Corene White 37b, 73t; A.A. Malone 68b (for Clarence McCool who is in the hospital), 112; L.E. Hannah 85, 187; Roma Rice 34t, 354b; Warren Steel 134, 224; Jayne Fulmer 99, 273; Willodean Barton 111t, 274t.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading song on page 141. Leaders: Chris Rice 84, 312b; Stella Pratt 147t, 452; Chris Spangler 274b, 268; Earl Ballinger 171, 143; Lisa Geist 546, 331 (for Lavaughn Ballinger); Anne Steel 225t, 318; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 410t; the family of the S.L. and Catherine Wakefield (Cecil Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Wendel Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Faye Donaldson, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, Julie Poston, and Debra Wakefield) 408, 426t, 333, 505 (CB).

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 235. Leaders: Betty Baccus 392, 396; Ken Tate 457, 430; John Hyde 124, 297; Margaret Keeton 39b (for Ivalene Donaldson who was unable to attend), 73b; Larry Ballinger 154, 164; Steve Miles 49t, 159; Genette Tidwell 196, 64; Debra Wakefield 432, 477, 532; Larry Wakefield 569, 339; Josie Hyde 234, 507; Sharon Spangler 406, 108b; Helen Langston 480, 39 (in memory of S.L. Wakefield and Fayrene Wakefield); Warren Steel 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield), 61 (by request); Gravis Ballinger 78; Anne Steel 440, 448; Warren Steel 163 (by request); Debra Wakefield 523. Travis Keeton led song on page 499 for Gladys Bonds who is in the nursing home and for the closing song. Steve Miles offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida

November 30-December 1, 2002

Saturday, November 30

The thirty-fifth session of the Florida State Convention was called to order by President Reba Windom leading song on page 82. The opening prayer was offered by Bill Aplin.

Leaders: Reba Windom 32t; Larry Ballinger 559; Victoria Aplin 268t; Jewel Rowland 143; Aubrey Barfield 306; Hobart Ivey 535t; Cheryl Foreman 183; Louis Hughes 138t; Kathryn Keller 146; John Merritt 358; Stanley Smith 302; Daphene Causey 500; Floyd Bennett 541b.

A short memorial was held to honor the memory of the founders of this convention. Thirty-six years ago several people got together and decided they would organize a two-day singing for south Florida. At the time there were singings being held in that part of the state from Vero Beach to Bethlehem. Those who were organizers were Elmar Woodley, his church in Winter Garden was where it was held, Hayward (Tom) Ross, Runie Glover, D.T. Plant, Lane Albritton, and John Barfield. The last of the organizers, Lane Albritton, passed away last year on Christmas Day. What a great time to join those who proceeded him on our Saviors Birthday. I think it would be appropriate to stop for a minute and say thank you for a job well done. I'm sure we could talk most of the day of things we remember about each of them. Victoria Aplin led song on page 204 in memory of Lane Albritton. Tommie Spurlock led song on page 376 in memory of all the organizers. We will miss you very much. Aubrey Barfield closed the session with prayer.

RECESS

The singing continued with President Reba Windom leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Danny Creel 54t; Wilton Donaldson 395b; Alice Bejnar 29b; Neila Nicholson and Alex Makris 81, 511; Wayne Jones 94; Mattie Townsel 112; Leon Ballinger 337; Nate Green and Norma Green 208; Wanda Capps 355; Milton Oliver 503; Bill Aplin 502; Karen Clark 486.

RECESS

The singing continued with Vice President Larry Ballinger leading song on page 572. Leaders: Joe Nall 186; Emily Creel 142; Russ Scholz 43; Sylvia Ivey 76b; Tim Jones 276; Brenda Merritt 277; Tor Bejnar 411; Genny Whitworth 64; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 344; Hubert Nall 84; Eva Padgett 424; Kennon Smith 189; Bob Bonnell 244; Beverly Dayton 427; J.C. Rutledge 469. The class sang 369, John Merritt offered grace for the noon meal, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by President Reba Windom leading song on page 573. Leaders: Mike Jones 426; Wilburn Ellison 447t; Dewayne Hawthorne 179; Ernest Cockcroft 225t; Bill Farris 401; Frank Hataway 444t; John Etheridge “Mercy Seat”; Bud Oliver 440b; Loretta Jones 292b; Tommie Spurlock 497; Agnes Farris 108b; Ellen Gaynn 122; Margaret Spurlock 212; Sue Bunch 229; Earl Ballinger 515; LaRue Allen 300; Neila Nicholson and Alex Makris 331; Danny Creel 224.

RECESS

Aubrey Barfield brought the class to order leading song on page 199. Leaders: Floyd Bennett 63; Ivalene Donaldson 274t; Kathryn Keller 127; Alice Bejnar 108t; Emily Creel 192; Tor Bejnar 574; Wanda Capps 222; Tim Jones 336t; Cheryl Foreman 410; Dewayne Hawthorne 571.

President Reba Windom and John Etheridge led song on page 488 as the closing song. Louis Hughes led in the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, December 1

The Sunday session was called to order by President Reba Windom leading song on page 61. The opening payer was offered by Aubrey Barfield. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 425; Victoria Aplin 421; Jewell Rowland 341; Aubrey Barfield 140; Louis Hughes 528b; Don Clark 171; Cheryl Foreman 558; Wilton Donaldson 285t; Joe Nall 357; Sue Bunch 128; Earl Ballinger 501; Neila Nicholson and Alex Makris 358; Hobert Ivey 511b; LaRue Allen 36b; John Merritt 520; Wanda Capps 505; Bob Bonnell 543; Kathryn Keller 72.

RECESS

President Reba Windom brought the class to order leading song on page 508.

Leaders: Morgan Bunch 384; Mary Ellen Schrock 500; Michael Flanery 203; Emily Creel 112; J.C. Rutledge 478; Daphene Causey 137; Leon Ballinger 217; Sylvia Ivey 484.

Tommie Spurlock and Wanda Capps conducted the memorial lesson to remember the ones who this past year went to be with the Lord. Today they are singing around the throne never to give out or tire of singing praises to their maker. Tommie Spurlock led song on page 346 in their memory.

Wanda Capps read the names of the sick and shut-ins, and led song on page 144 for those remembered. Aubrey Barfield closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Reba Windom 132; Hubert Nall 293b; Mattie Townsel 313; Russ Scholz 503; Karen Clark 516; Neila Nicholson 571; Alex Makris 282; Stanley Smith 235 (by special request). President Reba Windom led song on page 369, Louis Hughes offered grace for the noon meal, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Vice President Larry Ballinger leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Tim Jones 336b; Loretta Jones 111b; John Etheridge 123; Nate Green and Norma Green 572; Frank Hataway 443b; Juanita Hill 84; Wayne Jones 283b; Bill Aplin 267t, 288 (for Mrs. Irma Shirah); Margaret Spurlock 108b; Ernest Cockcroft 32t; Mike Jones 31t; Steve Talbart 100; Tommie Spurlock 264b; Aubrey Barfield and Sheila Commander 404; Cheryl Foreman 470; Sylvia Ivey 138b; Leon Ballinger 120; Earl Ballinger 121; Karen Clark and Don Clark 30t; Russ Scholz 575; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 274t; John Merritt “Nothing But The Blood”.

The officers for next year will be: Chairman—Max Berueffy; First Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Second Vice Chairman—Russ Scholz.

The officers led song on page 62 as the closing song, John Merritt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President – Reba Windom; Secretary – Victoria Aplin.

JOE BEASLEY MEMORIAL SINGING
Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama
December 7-8, 2002
Saturday, December 7

Richard Schmeidler called the class to order leading song on page 34b. Marlin Beasley offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 66; Gary Smith 523, 81t; Sandie Scott 81b, 74b; Marilyn Burchett 335, 496; John Beasley 100, 101; Julietta Haynes 200, 215; Hugh Bill McGuire 214, 273; Cora Beasley Sweatt 145b, 111b; Travis Keeton 179, 44.

RECESS

John Merritt brought the class back to order leading song on page 131b. Leaders: John Merritt 333 (LD), 334 (LD), 298 (LD); Becky Beasley Briggs 108, 317; A.A. Malone 110, 203; Cathryn Baker 209, 430; Charlotte Ehrman 147t, 72b; Brenda Pena 569, 225t. Charles Kitchens offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Beasley called the class back together leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Charles Kitchens 326, 399b; Chuck Beasley 61, 33b; Tim Reynolds 566, 86; Jim Helke 112, 448; Sarah Smith 318, 340; Richard Schmeidler 474, 84; Corene White 314; Seth Holloway 294, 354; Velton Chafin 478 (CB), 225b.

RECESS

Marlin Beasley called the class back to order leading songs on pages 75 and 3 (LD). Leaders: Elsie Beasley 192, 318; Dan McCurry 62 (in Choctaw language from the Native American Indians); John Merritt 382 (LD) (for Julietta Haynes); John Merritt 194 (LD), 192 (CB).

The class was dismissed by John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler with song on page 146.

Sunday, December 8

John Beasley called the class to order leading song on page 68b. Marlin Beasley offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 38t, 475; Marlin Beasley 426t, 317; Sandie Scott 176t, 40; Gary Smith 565, 31t; Marilyn Burchett 51, 108b; Judy Caudle 85, 225b; Johnny Humber 208, 212; Cathryn Baker 455, 441; Tim Cook 81b, 344; Julietta Haynes 211, 216; Ken Tate 166, 30t.

RECESS

Richard Schmeidler brought the class back to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 474; Josie Hyde 200, 234; Tim Reynolds 152, 481; Edith Tate 532; Glenn Keeton 274t, 349; Brenda Merritt 142, 430; Jim Helke 229, 134; Julie Poston 145, 108t; Harrison Creel 498, 530; Travis Keeton 348b, 235. Ricky Beasley offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Beasley called the class back together leading song on page 67, followed by John Merritt leading songs on pages 352 (LD) and 522 (CB).

Gary Smith presented the memorial lesson. Warren Steel led song on page 245 in memory of Joe Beasley. Dan McCurry read the names of the deceased: Frances Beasley Lee – Florida; Frank Sills – Michigan; Doris Vickery and Clarabell Hall – Kentucky; Edis Guthrie, George Cox, Ethel McGough, and Flora Skinner – Alabama; John Bailey – Illinois; Kenneth DeLong—Georgia. Gary Smith and Dan McCurry led song on page 285 in memory of the deceased.

Dan McCurry honored those who were sick and shut-in, and read the list of those remembered: Steve Warner and Laquita Keeton – Illinois; Emily Boswell – Mississippi; John Hocutt, Cecile Cox, Cecil Sanders, Cleary Rutledge, Tracy

Adkins, Kim Watkins, and Lavaughn Ballinger – Alabama. Dan McCurry and Gary Smith led song on page 46 in honor of the sick and shut-ins. John Merritt closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Hugh Bill McGuire 556, 528; Seth Holloway 388; Larry Ballinger 49t.

RECESS

Larry Ballinger called the class to order leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Warren Steel 377, 375; Ashley Keeton 182; Ashley Keeton and Ashley Campbell 442; Ashley Campbell 478; Cecil Winfield 480, 170; Charlotte Ehrman 73b, 569b; Elsie Beasley 192, 460; Dorothea McGowan 159 (in memory of Aunt Frances Lee); Ricky Beasley 72b, 111b; Brenda Pena 39b, 569t; David Beasley 73t, 335; Becky Briggs 318; Cora Sweatt 59; Marlin Beasley 333 (LD).

Richard Schmeidler and John Beasley led song on page 62 as the closing song. John Merritt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

SACRED HARP SINGERS HISTORICAL MEMORIAL PROJECT

Dear Singers,

Please help us collect the dates of birth and death and burial location of prominent Sacred Harp singers in your family or community who have passed on.

We are considering publishing this information in a list like the one shown below. The result may be a new section in a future Minutes book.

Please send your contributions to Shelbie at: minutes@fasola.org.

- Albritton, Matthew Lane**, b. 1/26/1924, d. 12/25/2001, Bethlehem P.B.C. Cemetery, Chicora, Florida
- Battles, Fred Cecil**, b. 4/12/1909, d. 11/16/1989, Bethlehem B.C. Cemetery, Gallant, Alabama
- Battles, Hettie Brothers**, b. 4/24/1910, d. 11/11/1977, Bethlehem B.C. Cemetery, Gallant, Alabama
- Berry, Hattie**, b. 2/5/1900, d. 6/7/1988, Winston Memorial, Haleyville, Alabama
- Berry, Willie**, b. 10/7/1896, d. 5/10/1968, Winston Memorial, Haleyville, Alabama
- Brown, Leman B.**, b. 5/16/1907, d. 5/27/1992, Hillcrest Cemetery, Jacksonville, Alabama
- Burnham, Nannie J.**, b. 6/23/1873, d. 6/7/1952, Hillcrest Cemetery, Jacksonville, Alabama
- Burnham, Robert H. "Uncle Bob"**, b. 5/3/1870, d. 7/14/1964, Hillcrest Cemetery, Jacksonville, Alabama
- Cates, Lessie Albright**, b. 1/8/1913, d. 2/11/1995, Muscadine Cemetery, Muscadine, Alabama
- Cates, Walker B.**, b. 2/11/1908, d. 2/23/1984, Muscadine Cemetery, Muscadine, Alabama
- Frederick, Paul**, b. 7/8/1922, d. 4/20/2002, Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Alabama
- Ivey, Eulas**, b. 1/5/1907, d. 2/23/1981, Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama
- Ivey, Helen**, b. 1/14/1906, d. 3/19/1996, Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama
- White, Benjamin Franklin**, b. 9/20/1800, d. 12/3/1879, Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia

2001 AND 2002 DEATHS

This list is compiled from the names submitted for the Memorial Lessons in the 2001 and 2002 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 2001

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2001 minutes.

Listed by Date

01-02-01	Judson "Judy" Aderhold	Georgia
01-03-01	Eloise Watkins	Alabama
01-08-01	A.C. McGough	Alabama
02-03-01	Eron White	Alabama
02-03-01	Ted White	Alabama
02-04-01	Alcie Craig	Texas
02-08-01	Mildred Edmonds	Texas
02-21-01	Cecil Edwards	Alabama
02-21-01	Dorothy Horn	Tennessee
03-01-01	Jack Corley	Georgia
03-02-01	Robert H. Todd	Pennsylvania
03-15-01	Winston Jones	Alabama
03-14-01	Bertie Jay Phillips	Alabama
03-17-01	Austin Phillips	Alabama
03-17-01	Mary K. Friday	Washington, D.C.
04-01-01	Mary Oliver	Alabama
04-12-01	Avie Blackwood	Alabama
04-24-01	Sheila Moon	Alabama
05-04-01	Ethel Mae Enterkin	Georgia
05-18-01	Pauline Cathy	Texas
06-02-01	Walter Hamrick	Alabama
06-05-01	Nobie Smith	Texas
06-21-01	Richard Hooke	Massachusetts
07-15-01	C. Gene Munce	Idaho
07-22-01	Elmer Conwill	Alabama
07-25-01	Nelda Tolbert	Alabama
07-28-01	Lisa Nelson Bobo	Alabama
08-17-01	Jerilyn Schumacher	Illinois
08-17-01	J.B. Parker	Georgia
08-20-01	Peter Henkel	Michigan
09-00-01	J.B. Blackmon	Alabama
09-02-01	Emma Jackson McKinsey (95)	Alabama
09-06-01	Tommye Denson Mauldin	Alabama
09-11-01	World Trade Center/Pentagon/Pennsylvania Bombing Victims	

09-11-01	Falkenberg family (son, daughter-in-law, (2) Grandchildren of Bill and Janis Falkenberg/ Pentagon Plane Crash/Pentagon	Colorado
09-18-01	Arnold Moore	Alabama
09-19-01	Roie Alexander	Alabama
09-20-01	Eula Johnson	Alabama
09-30-01	Gladys Harden	Alabama
10-09-01	June Smith	Georgia
10-11-01	Linda Smart	New York
11-07-01	Freeman Wootten	Alabama
11-08-01	Conola "Oakie" Austin	Alabama
11-16-01	Bruce Helton	Tennessee
11-25-01	Lane Albritton	Florida
11-27-01	Lydia Baswell	Alabama
12-21-01	Lawrence Underwood	Alabama

Listed by State (* — see above list for date)

Alabama

*Roie Alexander
Jane Ardle
Charles Ashley
*Conola "Oakie"
Austin
Jim Barber
Mary Barber
*Lydia Baswell
*J.B. Blackmon
*Avie Blackwood
J.T. Blalock
*Lisa Nelson Bobo
Bera Bradford
Ula Brady
Alma Breedlove
Mamie Buckelew
Ann Buckner
Delores Canady
Cleola Cash
Henry Cavander
I.V. Cockrell
*Elmer Conwill
Rozelle Cowan
Loraine Cox
Tim Craven
Ruby Creel
Jesse Ray Cruise
Jan Cupps
Chloe Dailey
Marie Dean
Lois Deering
Helen Dill
Obie Doss
Erah Doss

Willie Dunn
*Cecil Edwards
McLain Finley
Ida Gargus
Lee Green
Nannie Sue Green
Ray Edward Greene
Bill Guthrey
Helen Hall
Silas Hamrick
*Walter Hamrick
*Gladys Harden
Arnold Hardy
Volly Hardy
Ethel Hogan
Leon Holmes
Hubert Hood
Marilyn Hood
Bobby Wayne Hyatt
Icie Isbell
Atha James
*Eula Johnson
Tom Jones
*Winston Jones
Bill Kennemer
Joe B. King
Barney Lee
Rufus Mann
Bea Marlowe
Katherine Marsh
*Tommye Denson
Mauldin
Annie McCool
Thomas McCool
Ralph McGee

*A.C. McGough
*Emma Jackson
McKinsey
Eula Moon
*Sheila Moon
*Arnold Moore
Juanita Moore
Dura Mitchell
Bessie Mitchum
Howard Murray
John Murphy
Ida Merrill Nall
Leamon Norton
*Mary Oliver
Ercell Ott
Tommie Owen
Allen Phillips
*Austin Phillips
*Bertie Jay Phillips
Grady Price
Sarah Rakestraw
Camille Randle
Elsie Ray
Willie Floyd Ray
Sara Redding
Daisy Roberts
Jack Robertson
Dianna Scarfe
E.V. Sharit
Alice Sims
Elizabeth Singleton
Anna Smith
Helen Connor
Smith
Marie Smith

Flora Mae Suddath
Madison Rose
Tidmore
*Nelda Tolbert
Sarah Townsend
*Lawrence
Underwood
Gladys Vickery
Robert Vickery
Mary Wain
Wayne Wakefield
*Eloise Watkins
*Eron White
*Ted White
Juanita Whitman
Nell Williams
Edith Willis
Clyde Windom
Royce Wood
*Freeman Wootten
Vernell Yarbrough
Essie Yates
David Young

Arkansas

Maurine Mitchell
Ned Shank

California

Tera Alston
Armin Bauer
Richard Coultas
Elsie Froeberger
Jimbo Garcia
Ed Jerasik
Samuel Karam
Barbara Keating
John Lee
Kent Malone
Genine Melzer
Daniel Melnik
Sally Owen Murphy
Carl Olsen
Harriett Reimer
Mike Rimmey
Avery Schrieber
Erma Teachout
Gerald Teachout

Colorado

Kevin Carter
Hildegard Dreisbach

*Falkenberg family
(killed in plane crash
at Pentagon 9-11-
01)
Marjorie Higgins
Samuel Higgins
Carl Mantle
Rosemary
Rasmussen

Connecticut

Rev. William Bliss
John Lathrop
George Nichols

D.C.

Mabel Atherton
Jane Baughan
Dorian Brown
Charles Butler, Jr.
Cecelia Durkin
*Mary K. Friday
Dennis Johnson
Tor Jonassen
Darlene Campbell
Jones
Jerry Krantek
Joseph Lahovny
Eleazer Rand
Dave Roddy
Norma Sterie

Delaware

Ed Mitchell

Florida

*Lane Albritton
Matthew Ettinger
Allan Fox
Aaron Miller
Hans Reif
Randy Wells

Georgia

*Judson "Judy"
Aderhold
Sara Akin
Rick Boardman
Faye Brewster
Johnny Cagle
Mrs. Champkin
Oren Childres
Lucy Collings

Lucille Cosper
*Jack Corley
Elder Roy Davis
Carrie D'Andrea
Pat D'Andrea
"Bud" Dingler
Billy Ross Edwards
Val Elliott
*Ethel Mae Entrekin
Melvin Hickox
Opal Huddlestone
O.D. Janey
Yvonne Scott
Johnson
Earnestine Kendrix
Jacob Lloyd
Zenia Lykkegaard
Aleen Minton
Margaret Morgan
Stephen Paddock
*J.B. Parker
Albert Pope
Bertha Pope
Barney Scott
Doris Sills
*June Smith
Lynn Smith
Sara Street
Elizabeth Taylor
Herman Thomason
Doris Thornton
Faye Warren
Harold White
Marguerite White
Herbert Wilder
Brenda Yates
Elder Emmanuel
Yates

Idaho

*C.Gene Munce

Illinois

Charlie Dye
Noreen Friar
John Hayden
Larry Horberg
Susan Kimmelman
Vera Leigh
Brandy Nino
Miriam Pasqual
Anastasia Rokusek

Dick Rosewell
Paul Samuelson
*Jerilyn Schumacher
Hollis Sigler
Mary Stander-
Quinfez

Indiana

Peter Forsberg
Fleta Jonassen
Cowherd
Dorothy Cummings
Charlene Martin

Iowa

Winifred Bruner
George Stevens

Kansas

Marjorie Crane
Nancy Keith
Olive Laing
Dee Ross

Kentucky

Roger Brooks
Ruby Driskell
Gertie Martin

Louisiana

Jim Brock
Judith Ann
Caruthers
Carrie Mims
Azile Penny
Jerry Slattery

Maine

Mabel Dennison
John Ward

Maryland

Rita Cook
Nora Fizdale
John Morris
Dorothy Williard
Diane Woodward

Massachusetts

Charollett Baker
Bunny Bean
Alice Gauthier
Dick Golden
Wendy Hahn

*Richard Hooke
Susan Motherway
Bobbi Openheim
Carol Pash
Sally Snyder
Phil Stern

Michigan

*Peter Henkel
Barbara Weigold

Minnesota

Brad Johnson
Tom Meyers
Eleanor Strait

Mississippi

Mae Ola Nelson

Missouri

Donna Colvin
Joe Colvin
Larry Davis
Norma Holzmeier
Hillary Boogher
Shewmaker
Richard Dudley
Shewmaker

New Hampshire

Agnes Dumas
Caroline Henderson
Frost
Jane Ward

New Jersey

John Hartz
Gabriel Spector

New York

Edna Antillo
Richard Antillo
Joey Aguinaldo
Norma Baker
Henry Barrow
Bryce Butler
Jean Connolly
Bertram Coplon
Mary Ellen
Critchlow
Louis Darby
Don DeFranco
(WTC)
Viola DeVito

Pete Douglas
Gene Fairly
John Flandreau
Ruth Gottdiener
Harriet Henry
Juan Infante
Michael Iken
(WTC)
David Kalled
George Konnoff
Janice Lee
Asher Lans
Bill McGinn
Bob McGowen
Alok Melta
Vinnie Mendito
Gertrude Morrison
Stephen Mulderry
Jim Nichols
William Pyka
Esther Rosenberg
Joshua Rychick
Gloria Settle
*Linda Smart
John Thompson
Vaughn Ward
Elizabeth Wilson

Ohio

Sevella Mederer

North Carolina

Ruth Baker
Jane Bingham
Robert Duncan
Mary Hobbs
Lloyd Neil
Jean Speck
Quay Smathers

Oregon

Luch Cooney
Nick Cooney
Vivian Cornwell
Bob Graves
Phyllis Hatfield
Ruby Mason
Art Skipper, Jr.
Donna Lin Tunison
Sue Turchan

Pennsylvania

Franz Atherton

John Hall
John J. Hendershot,
Sr.
David Lapin
William Lawn
Helen Lewis
Byron McCulloh
Mary Metz
Karen Rumsey
Barbara Smith
Joanna Sorlien
*Robert H. Todd

Rhode Island
Gerald Woodruff

Tennessee
Harold Gant
Dr. Ken Hartley
*Bruce Helton
*Dorothy Horn
Paul Larsen
Barbara MacKay
Thornton Ryan
Neil Worley

Texas
*Pauline Cathy
*Alcie Craig
Marie Dixon
*Mildred Edmonds
Vida Jeffrey
John Jennings
Doris Johnson
B.H. Handley
Lanelle Handley
Erma Holmes
Lucille McMillian
Ruby Meek
Sherry Pearson
Melissa Rickerman
Lee Schaffer
Coston Smith
*Nobie Smith
Spencer Taylor

Herman Upchurch
Utah
Byron Hunter
Jim Lykins

Vermont
Molly Babic
Sacha Bloch
Ben Crittenden
Pinky Crittenden
Katie Clark
Morrow Decker
Ward Johnson
George Kanoff
Benjamin Klein
Tony Mayhew
Dan Melcon
Wayne Murray
Kelly Ohaus
Rose O’Ryan
Krystian Paduzzi
Paul Stockwell
Don Sunsen
Thomas Sustic
Lee Viets
David Wilson
David Wilson, Jr.
Tom Witschi
Robert Woodward

Virginia
Brady Fearnow
David Grant
June Hall
James Jordan
Joe Norton
Howard Stingle
Clayfoot Strutters
James W. Turner
Lillian Walker
Rachel Webb
Washington
Bob Filley

Wanda Fross
Mary Lang
Richard Hammond

Wisconsin
Edwin Karn
Nettie Meulemans
Tracey Niederhuber
Morris Phillips
Jule Renard
Baby Summer
Mary Evelyn
Sybeldon

State Unknown
Cliff Bradley
Mildred Ecold
Miranda Kuck
Betty McGlashan
Josephine Mead
David Sills
Dr. Frank Staggs
Lois Stother
Mae Warren
John Weaver

Austria
Gerwita Steinberger

Canada
Gus Butcher
Ray Fitzsimons
Hal Hinds
James Jalsevac
Georgina Johnson
Kells Minchin
Muriel Summers

England
John Doncaster
Jeremy Haslam
Isabel Joan Hunter
Harry Seacombe
James Smith

DEATHS 2002

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2002 minutes.

Listed by Date

01-03-02	A. Curtis Carter (89 years old)	Alabama
01-06-02	Reba Edwards	Alabama
01-06-02	Ruby I. Wilks	Alabama
01-07-02	Pearl Patillo (96 years old)	Alabama
01-08-02	Helen Smith Hall	Alabama
01-20-02	Ethel McGough	Alabama
01-21-02	Frank Joseph Sills	Tennessee
01-30-02	Curtis Rogers	Alabama
01-31-02	George Cox	Alabama
02-01-02	Peter Vea	Wisconsin
02-02-02	Doris Vickery	Alabama
02-06-02	William Ryan	Alabama
02-09-02	Wilford Denney	Georgia
02-21-02	Verdie (Berta) Woods	Georgia
03-04-02	Polly Moore	Alabama
03-12-02	Elizabeth Rose Acton	Alabama
03-15-02	Mary Stiefel	Alabama
03-22-02	Lucille Tolbert	Alabama
04-17-02	Idumea Wiggins	Alabama
04-18-02	John Bailey	Illinois
04-20-02	Paul Frederick	Alabama
04-00-02	Hubert Anderson	Tennessee
05-02-02	Mary Frances Beasley Lee	Florida
05-02-02	Lucille Garner	Georgia
05-14-02	Nell Temple	Georgia
05-23-02	Dr. James L. Howell	Alabama
06-02-02	John Lacy	Alabama
06-16-02	Ike Stanford	Georgia
07-17-02	L.D. "Dovy" Jackson (97)	Alabama
08-07-02	John Eric Reaves	Alabama
08-07-02	Warren G. Meadows	Alabama
08-10-02	Flora Leona Skinner (94)	Alabama
08-12-02	George Rogers	Georgia
08-25-02	Roy Bryan	United Kingdom
08-00-02	Paul Turpin	California
08-00-02	Herschel Coffey	Alabama
09-04-02	Kenneth DeLong	Georgia
10-02-02	Cindy Cole	Georgia
10-13-02	John Bishop	New York
10-00-02	Maxine Marlett	Alabama
10-00-02	Martin Hoover	Indiana
11-07-02	Revy Williamson	Georgia
11-07-02	Floy Driskill	Alabama
11-21-02	Elder Charles V. Estes	Alabama
11-22-02	Freeman Albright	Alabama

11-23-02 Edis Guthrie
11-23-02 Linda Walton

Alabama
Georgia

Listed by State (* — see above list for date)

Alabama

*Elizabeth Rose
Acton
Roger Adams
Gladys Phillips
Adamson
*Freeman Albright
Hubert Anderson
Buddy Bailey
Odie Beasley
Cleo Bennett
Edward Black
Janis Brackett
Annie Brothers
Curtis K. Brothers
William A. Brown,
Sr.
Callie Calvert
Harold Calvert
*A. Curtis Carter
J.B. Chapman
Elmo Chrestman
Lorene Clay
Arthur Cobbs
*Herchel Coffey
*George Cox
Clyde Crossfield
Silas Curtis
*Floy Driskill
(granddaughter of
Bob Burnham)
Murtie Mae Dubois
*Reba Edwards
*Elder Charles V.
Estes
Betty Etheridge
Charles D. Farris
*Paul Frederick
Winnfred Gilbert
Russell Gilliland
George Glass
Hubert Godsey
Susie Gosdin
Lessie Grant
Morris Gray
*Edis Guthrie
Elbert Hale
*Helen Smith Hall

Pauline Harris
Scott Henderson
Irene Godsey Hipp
David Holcomb
Aubrey Holmes
Linus "Bud" Hook
*Dr. James L.
Howell
Bertha Humphries
L.D. "Dovy"
Jackson
Mamie Jenkins
Thedus Keeton
Tommy Knox
Bobby Lacy
*John Lacy
Obie Laminack
Jane Lester
Eddie Lumpkin
*Maxine Marlett
Kelly Mayfield
Harold McElroy
Barbara Ann
McGough
Bernice McGough
*Ethel McGough
Pearlie McGough
Auburn McGraw
Bonnie Meadows
*Warren G.
Meadows
*Polly Moore
Febby Nail
Ed Nelson
Nelda Nelson
Edward Joe Norton
Hazel Parker
*Pearl Patillo
Michael/William
Payton (twins)
Robert Peek
Estelle Screws
Powell
Joan Railey
Ford Reaves
*John Eric Reaves
Wilma Robbins
*Curtis Rogers

*William Ryan
Bob Sawyer
Albert Sharit
*Flora Leona
Skinner
Ruth Smith
Robert Spurlock
*Mary Stiefel
Franklin Story
Mae Thomas
*Lucille Tolbert
Lula Underwood
*Doris Vickery
Michael Warren
Milford Watts
*Idumea Wiggins
*Ruby I. Wilks
Shannon Wilson
Sheila Wilson
George Wyatt

Arkansas

Betty Jane Craig

Arizona

Donna Ruth
Willard Moser

California

Jay Byrne
Jack Dodson
P. Esten
Lolly Haskell
Jean Johnson
John Leslie
Jeanneth Nelson
Alice Pirie
Pat Reif
Gerald Suk
Sally Spiess
Laura Turpin
Paul Turpin

Connecticut

Donald Edwin
Meitzler

Florida

Viola Geiger

*Mary Frances
Beasley Lee
Alan Lomax
Lydia Pinney
Al Whitehead
Donald Woodard

Georgia

Claude Allen
Rube Allred
Susie Bass
Etta Bivins
Opal Bonner
Eileen Bowers
*Cindy Cole
*Kenneth DeLong
*Wilford Denney
*Lucille Garner
Christine Harrell
Billy Hickox
Sarah Jones
Travis Kelley
S.T. McClendon
Othell Moore
Ellen Nash
Virginia Redman
Estelle Akins Reid
Allie Reynolds
Butch Rogers
*George Rogers
*Ike Stanford
*Nell Temple
Rusty Thompson
*Linda Walton
Elmer Wilkinson
Jack Williams
*Revy Williamson
*Verdie (Berta)
Woods
Sara Woolf

Idaho

Bob Lynch

Illinois

*John Bailey
Elinor Burke
Ed Carey
Norman Cutler
Jackie Long
Joseph Mirabella
Jack Poyser
Ann Rohusek

Stephanie Rubin
Tim Sporrong

Indiana

Phyllis Jane Moore
Brown
Frances Fedderson
Art Heffley
Dick Hollihnger
*Martin Hoover
Michael Strathdoe

Iowa

George Hill
Cortona Phelan

Kentucky

Philip Brinkman
Johnny Coulter
Richard Pratt

Maryland

Thomas Krabbe

Massachusetts

Wayne Nelson
Daniel Shea
Leonard Rudd
Spencer

Michigan

Lynn M. Heaton

Minnesota

Glenn Bartoo
Carol Elson
Tom Lopic
Marsha Welstone
Markuson
Mary McEvoy
William
McLaughlin
Walter Perl
Palmer Rogers
John Storms
Sara Thomas
Paul Welstone
Sheila Welston

Missouri

Barbara Bolles
Martha Eike

Nebraska

Dan Davis

New Jersey

Adaya Henis
Maxine Hoffer
G. Robert Jacks
Paula LeForest
Philip Page, Jr.
Lillian Robinson

New Mexico

Everett Yoder

New York

Andreas Albrecht
Frank Harlan Bean
Harry Bingham
*John Bishop
Jack Carman
Harry DuBrin
Mia Durso
Richard Edwards
Margallen Fichter
Timmy Mills (10
years old)
Son of Warren and
Doris Nolt (3 years
old)
Robert Norton
Emil Schau
Sidney Waintrob
Mr. Westmiller
Jack Zwaska

North Carolina

Ron Baker
Edna Merle Grant
Elizabeth Jefferis

Ohio

John Bayer, Sr.
Dorothy Ebert
Bill Stark

Oregon

Trim Bissell
Neila Campbell
Mike Choppy
Kathleen Cotton
Dean Cowles
Ruby Cramer
Carrie Dickenson

Dee Gilles
Patricia Gray
Ralph Hames
Monaco Jensen
Esther Smith

Pennsylvania

David Nagy
Charles Rhyne
Osee Tanner

Tennessee

*Hubert Anderson
Marjorie Ketelle
*Frank Joseph Sills

Texas

Walter Clark
Bob Craig

Vermont

Dorian Brow
Barbara Carns
Vincent Fago
Anne Hayes
Yvette Niquette

Virginia

William Haas

Washington

Nina O'Banion
Ann Jespersion

Wisconsin

Raymond Binder
Lee Egelhoff
John Lohmann
Kathleen Lorsten
Ray Otto, Sr.
*Peter Vea
Mary Jane Wiesmor

State Unknown

Robert Adamson
Kate Elizabeth Ball
Hy Bean
Joseph Brooks
Bob Carey
O.J. Carter
Joanna Collins
Earlston Doc
Hettie Belle Hughes
Fisher
Kyra Fisher
Paul Funk
Roland Garner
Jerry Gibson
Alice Hasserdjian
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The Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is the preservation and perpetuation of Sacred Harp singing and its traditions throughout the United States. SHMHA's interests include Sacred Harp music, history, traditional singing practices, singing schools, singings, and singing conventions.

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.

The Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association announces its initial service project to be instituted in 2003. "Camp Fasola," the first camp in the South for teaching and singing Sacred Harp, will be held June 29th through July 3rd. The five day / four night camp to be held near Anniston, Alabama will be open to children and adults. For more information, contact Jeff Sheppard at (256) 237-1240 or David Ivey at ivey@asc.edu or (256) 881-5291.

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