

# *Sacred Harp Singings*

*2000 & 2001*

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Dear Singers and Friends of Sacred Harp,

We Sacred Harp singers have been blessed to have another wonderful year of singing and fellowship. Many singers have been fortunate to be able to visit across the miles to create and strengthen singing friendships. To help further our treasured tradition, singing schools are being held across the country, new recordings have been produced and released, and new organizations and groups have been formed for the promotion of Sacred Harp. It is my hope and prayer that this book will contribute to this worthy cause.

I extend a special thank you to the many secretaries of our singings and conventions. These secretaries are the key contributors to the success and value of this minutes and directory book. Every week secretaries take time to diligently record the proceedings, prepare and check the minutes, and send their minutes to me. Please take time to say a word of thanks to the secretaries of your singings.

I appreciate the efforts of secretaries to transmit their minutes electronically. Over the past few years more and more of you have been able to send your minutes either on a computer disk or via email. Please continue to help by carefully following the directions in "How To Submit Minutes." Also, please do your best to submit your minutes and payment within two weeks following your singing.

When submitting your minutes, please provide updated information for your singing's directory listing if any of the singing date, location, directions, or points of contact changes. As always, please let me know of any corrections, additions, or deletions to addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, or deaths. Because of space limitations, please carefully consider what you submit to the minutes. The best guideline is to follow the example of the listings that are currently contained in the book.

Finally, I thank everyone who has helped in any way with the publication and distribution of this book. I look forward to singing and working with you in the coming year.

*Shelbie Sheppard*

# HOW TO SUBMIT MINUTES

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

- **Name/Location/Date/Time** Please start the minutes with three lines showing the name of the singing, the location, the calendar date on which it was held.
- **Breaks** Please indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized and on a line by themselves.
- **Two-Day Singings** Indicate the start of a second or third day of singing with the day and date spelled out on a line by itself.
- **Names** Please try to verify the spellings of all names. Do not put state names or abbreviations after singers' names. Do not insert commas between the name and the first song number.
- **Song Numbers** Please list songs only by number. List the name of a song only if the song does not appear in *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. If two songs begin on the same page, be sure to add "t" for top or "b" for bottom to the page number. For example: 31t or 49b. If a particular song is the only song beginning on its page, a "t" or "b" should not be used. For example: 306 (not 306b).
- **Memorial Lesson** When listing those memorialized, please indicate the state of origin and year of death if known. If convenient, list those from the same state together.
- **Officers** Please list the new officers at the end of the minutes, ending with the name of the secretary who is submitting the minutes.
- **Payment** Each singing must pay a fee to appear in the minutes. The fee entitles the singing to receive 10 copies of the minutes book per singing day. Minutes received without payment will not appear in the book.
- **Fees** \$37 per singing day if you want the books mailed to you  
-or- \$30 per singing day if you will pick up the books in person
- **Check Payable To** **Sacred Harp Minutes**
- **Submit To** Shelbie Sheppard  
617 Ayers Drive  
Anniston, AL 36207  
(256) 237-1240

# COMPUTER INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

# SACRED HARP SINGINGS

## 2001 DIRECTORY

### ANNUAL SINGINGS

Note: Fifth Sunday singings are listed here by their dates, and in addition are listed in a separate section starting on page 26, with explanations of the formulas for determining their dates.

#### *January*

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

**Mon., 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 .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 1.0 mile to church at Ingleside—  
Info: John Bealle (513) 861-1137

**Mon., 1st**—Pine Ridge Dunkard Brethren Church—Collins (Covington County), Mississippi—From Collins—Take 84 east out of Collins—Go 1.0 mile to Salem School Road—Take a left—Go 6.0 miles to first crossroads (It is Roscoe McDaniel Road to right and Blakely Creek Church Road to left)—Take a left—Go 0.5 miles to first right (Dennis Town Road)—Church is on Dennis Town Road on the right—Info: Regina Foster (601) 269-3635

**Sun., 7th**—Dutch Treat Singing—Shady Grove Church—Winston County, Alabama—3.0 miles north of Double Springs—Hwy. 195.

**Sun., 7th**—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., 13th, p.m.**—Memorial for Alvin Keeton, Irene Jackson, and Robert Harper—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—Always held on Saturday night before second Sunday in January.

**Sat., 13th, p.m.**—Memorial Singing for Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church—Boldo Community (Walker County), Alabama—6.0 miles east of Jasper, Hwy. 69—Follow Hwy. 69 to Boldo—The church is on the right, next to the fire station. Always held each year on Saturday night before second Sunday in January.

**Sun., 14th**—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., 14th**—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., 20th & Sun., 21st**—All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Old Poway Park—Templars Hall—14134 Midland Road—Poway, San Diego

County, California—9:30-3:30 p.m. (both days)—  
Info: Carla Smith (619) 544-0432 or at work (619) 533-31841

### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 27th**—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Cowden Hall—Fort Worth (Tarrant County), Texas—Dutch Treat—9:30 a.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Always the last Saturday in January—  
Info: David Music (817) 923-1921 ex. 6420

**Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th**—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., 28th**—Friendship Church—Winston County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—8.0 miles southeast of Haleyville—Off Hwy. 195 between mile marker #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., 3rd**—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) 241-0726, x-372/271-1081 (days)

**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—2.0 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**—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., 4th**—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., 4th**—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., 10th**—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., 10th**—Provine Chapel—Mississippi College—Clinton, Mississippi—  
Info: Warren Steel—mudws@olemiss.edu

**Sat., 10th**—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., 11th**—Roy Avery's Memorial (Birthday) Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Tallapoosa County, Alabama—3.0 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., 17th**—Alabama Collegiate Singing—Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center—9th atreet and Hackberry Lane—Tuscaloosa, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Tim Cook (205) 344-5376

**Sat., 17th & Sun., 18th**—Ohio State Convention—Place to be announced—10:00 a.m.—Hosted by Oberlin singers  
Always held on the third Sunday and Saturday before in February—  
Info: John Bealle (513) 861-1137

**Sat., 17th & Sun., 18th**—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

**Sun., 18th**—Sanders Memorial—Cordova Senior Citizens Center—123 Main Street—Cordova (Walker County), Alabama—From Birmingham—U.S. Hwy. 78 northwest almost abreast of Sipsey—Exit left, south, onto County Road 22 heading for Cordova—In Cordova—Turn right onto First—Follow the jogs as it becomes Main—Info: Velton Chafin (205) 387-7380

*Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 24th**—Leicester Sacred Harp Singing Day—St. John the Baptist Parish Centre—Clarendon Park Road—Leicester, United Kingdom—  
Info: Ian West—01\_tag@compuserve.com

**Sat., 24th**—New York State Regional (Binghamton Area)—Vestal Public Library—320 Vestal Parkway East—Vestal, New York—  
Info: Dennis Leipold (607) 724-8784—dleipold@pronetisp.net

**Sat., 24th**—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., 24th**—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., 24th & Sun., 25th**—Pacific Northwest Convention—Washington—Sunset Hill Community Center—Ballard (neighborhood of Seattle), Washington—  
Singing school on Saturday, and all day singing on Sunday—9:30 a.m.—  
Info: David Hough (425) 452-0109—Karen Willard (360) 897-9545

**Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th**—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 (312) 258-7080

**Sun., 25th**—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, Botanical Gardens—Athens (Clarke County), Georgia—Turn right at intersection of Highway 129 and 441 (Milledge Avenue Extension)—Go 1.0 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., 3rd**—Duke Memorial—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Heard County, Georgia—Off U.S. 27 on Armstrong Mill Road, 100 yards past mile marker #17—Two miles south of Carroll/Heard County line between Carrollton and Franklin—13.0 miles from bypass in Carrollton.

**Sat., 3rd**—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—Saturday—Amity United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill Sunday—Page Walker Hotel, Cary—

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

**Sun., 4th**—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial—Ephesus School Auditorium—Ephesus (Heard County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—On Georgia Hwy. 100.

**Sun., 4th**—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: Tim Gilmore (205) 384-0711

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

**Sat., 10th**—Gilliland and Brothers Memorial Singing—Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—From Birmingham—Hwy. 75 north to Douglas—Turn right on Hwy. 168 east (Douglas to Boaz Hwy)—After about 5.0 miles—Turn right off Hwy. 168 east onto County Road 93—Note: You will pass Friendship Church on right before you get to Old Clear Creek Church—9:30 a.m.

**Sat., 10th**—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh McGraw—2.0 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., 10th & Sun., 11th**—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., 10th & Sun., 11th**—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 Hwys. 64 and 110—Saturday—10:00 a.m.—Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Cooper Revision—

Info: Myrl Jones (903) 593-0955—Myra Palmer (214) 223-4617

**Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th**—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—Place to be announced—Northampton, Massachusetts—

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

**Sun., 11th**—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., 17th**—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., 17th, p.m.**—Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—6.0 miles northeast of Jasper—On Hwy. 69—Follow Hwy. 69 into Boldo—The church is on the right, next to the fire station.

**Sun., 18th**—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 4.0 miles—Church on right—Please bring covered dish.

**Sun., 18th**—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 5.0 miles to the four-way stop—Turn left to continue on Hopewell Road—Turn left on Birmingham Road—Church is about 2.0 miles from the intersection on the right.

**Sun., 18th**—Wall Memorial—George Wallace Senior Center—Hollingsworth Drive—Glencoe (Etowah County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—From Gadsden—6.0 miles from Coosa River Bridge off Hwy. 431—Go to the Glencoe First Baptist Church (which is on the right)—Turn left at the traffic signal, cross the railroad tracks—Turn right onto Railroad Avenue, go until the street ends at Pineview Avenue and turn left—Drive 0.1 mile and turn left onto Hollingsworth Drive—The building is on the left—Coming Hwy. 431 north—Turn right on Pineview Avenue before you get to Glencoe First Baptist Church, and follow the rest of the directions.

**Sun., 18th**—The Godsey Sister's Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—Shady Grove Church—Double Springs (Winston County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—3.0 miles north of Double Springs—On Hwy. 195.

#### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 24th**—Vermont State Shape Note Convention—Burlington, Vermont area—Place to be announced—Note: Singing is last Saturday in March except on Easter weekend when it is either the week before or after—

Info: Larry Gordon (802) 426-3210

**Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th**—Georgia State Convention—Senior Citizen's Center—Old Carrollton High School—South White Street—Carrollton, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—I-20 to exit #11 (U.S. 27)—Go south on U.S. 27 to Carrollton, Georgia—Turn left onto Alabama Street at the city cemetery and travel through Adamson Square, the road is now Newman Street—At the second traffic light after the square, turn right onto South White Street—From the South—U.S. 27 north into Carrollton—Turn right onto Alabama Street at the city cemetery.

## *April*

#### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Fri., March 30th, Sat., 31st & Sun., April 1st**—Potomac River Convention—Washington, D.C. area—Info: (301) 897-5274—Steve Sabol—Sabol@his.com

**Sat., March 31st**—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., March 31st**—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., March 31st**—Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Jones Memorial Singing—Cooper Book—Cool Springs Baptist Church—Opp, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Hwy. 84 east, one mile on the right, just past the high school.

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

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

**Sun., 1st**—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 one 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., 6th 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., 7th**—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., 7th**—Brazos River Singing—Star of the Republic Museum—Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park—Washington (Brazos County), Texas—Cooper Revision—From Navasota—Take Hwy. 105 south for 7.0 miles—Turn left onto Farm-to-Market Road 1155 to the Park—Donation and RSVP requested for catered picnic or bring a lunch—Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080

**Sat., 7th**—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

**Sun., 8th**—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 117—Go 9.5 miles (You will cross Hwy. 75)—Turn right onto Hwy. 141—Go 3.9 miles—Turn right onto 783 and immediately back left onto 782—Church is on left.

**Sun., 8th**—Old County Line Church—Jefferson County, Alabama—Near Corner, off Miller Road—9.0 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—Turn back left and go under interstate—Take the first road to the right (County Road 83/Mayfield Rd.)—Go several miles (you will go through a cemetery)—Turn left on Miller Road—Church is on left.

**Sun., 8th**—Palm Sunday Singing—Finstock Village Hall—United Kingdom—Info: Bernard Collard—gm22@dial.pipex.com

***Third Sunday (Easter Sunday) and Saturday before***

**Sat., 14th**—Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—2.0 miles east of Arab—On Hwy. 69—Arab to Guntersville.

**Sat., 14th**—Easter Singing—Henderson Primitive Baptist Church—Henderson, Texas—Cooper Revision—On U.S. 79, six miles east of Henderson—  
Info: John/Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

**Sat., 14th**—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh McGraw—2.0 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., 15th**—Easter Sunday

**Sun., 15th**—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—South of Hwy. 8—8.0 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8—Turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left.

**Sun., 15th**—Old Harmony—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—  
Approximately 10.0 miles east of Heflin—Take Exit 210 (Abernathy exit) off I-20—Take first road on right (County Road 60)—Go 1.0 mile—Church on right.

**Sun., 15th**—Pine Grove Church—Lookout Mountain—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Take I-59 and turn east on AL 68 (exit 205)—  
Follow signs to U.S. 11—Go south on U.S. 11—Look for sign to church between mile marker 212 and 213—Info: Bud Oliver (256) 523-3303

***Fourth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Tues., 17th, 6:00 p.m.**—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary—3939 Gentilly Boulevard—New Orleans, Louisiana—Spring Session  
Info: Dr. Harry Eskew (504) 282-4455, extension 3277

**Sat., 21st**—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 5.0 miles to the four-way stop—Turn left to continue on Hopewell Road—Turn left on Birmingham Road—The church is about 2.0 miles from the intersection, on the right.

**Sat., 21st**—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., 21st**—Friends Meeting House—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

**Sat., 21st**—New York Regional - Rochester Area—Fairport, New York—St Luke's Episcopal Church—

Info: Nancy Crawford (716) 381-4279—nancy.crawford@usa.xerox.com

**Sat., 21st & Sun. 22nd**—Harrod's Creek Shape Note Singing Convention—Harrod's Creek Baptist Church—Brownsboro, Kentucky—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 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—Singing regularly held on the fourth weekend in April—Info: Robert Meek (502) 893-2190

**Sun., 22nd**—Friendship Church—Winston County, Alabama—Eight miles southeast of Haleyville—On Hwy. 195—Turn south at church sign two miles, church on left—Going north—look for church sign, south 2.0 miles.

**Sun., 22nd**—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., 22nd**—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 49 north to County Road 14 (Rosewood Community)—Turn right—Go approximately 2.0 miles—Church on left.

**Sun., 22nd**—Pine Grove Church Singing—Henderson, Texas—Info: John or Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

### *Fifth Sunday and Saturday before*

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

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

**Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th**—Midwest Convention—Ida Noyes Hall (both days)—University of Chicago—Chicago, Illinois—9:15 a.m.—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, preceding July 4

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

**Sun., 29th**—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. 2.0 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—iveyd@usa.net

**Sun., 29th**—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton—North of New Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: Velton Chafin (205) 387-7380

**Sun., 29th**—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—

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

## *May*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 5th**—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt Drive on Monte Sano Mountain—Huntsville (Madison County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn left onto Burritt Drive—Singing usually held on Saturday before the first Sunday—

Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—iveyd@usa.net

**Sat., 5th**—Arrow Rock Singing—Federated Church—High Street—Arrow Rock, Missouri—On High Street (one block north of Main Street)—Tentative Date—Call before making plans! Info: Richard/Susan Green (816) 931-7042

**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—2.0 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**—Emmaus Church—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Take Hwy. 27 south through Carrollton—Go 2.0 miles and turn right on Oak Grove Church Road—Go to cross roads (or 1st street) and turn left.

**Sun., 6th**—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun County), Mississippi—Hwy. 341—South of Reid.

**Sun., 6th**—Old 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., 6th**—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

**Sun., 6th**—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Clay County, Alabama—6.0 miles southwest of Ashland—Near intersection of Hwy. 9 and County Road 5.

#### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

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

**Sun., 13th**—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—3.0 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.

#### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Fri., 18th p.m. & Sat., 19th**—Garden State Singing Convention—Montclair Friend's 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., 19th**—Southern California Regional Singing—San Pedro, California—Info: Carla Smith (619) 533-3181 (days) or (619) 544-0432 (night)

**Sat., 19th**—Mattox Memorial—City Administration Building—Lawrenceburg, Tennessee—10:00 a.m.—Info: Clayton Ezell (931) 762-8267

**Sat., 19th**—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church—Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington.

**Sun., 20th**—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—3.5 miles east of Heflin on U.S. Hwy. 78.

**Sun., 20th**—Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—On Highway 36—Approximately 5.0 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., 20th**—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.

#### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 26th**—Mount Pisgah Singing Society—Stroud (Chambers County), Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Cooper Book—14.0 miles north of Lafayette and 7.0 miles south of Roanoke on U.S. Hwy. 431 at Stroud.

**Sun., 27th**—Gum Pond Decoration Day Singing—Gum Pond Church (Morgan County), Alabama—18.0 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., 27th**—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., 27th**—Doss Memorial—Sardis Baptist Church—Morris (Jefferson County), Alabama—3.0 miles west of Hwy. 31 at Morris on Old Sardis Road.

**Sun., 27th**—Sullins School House—Marion County, Alabama—8.0 miles north of Hamilton, Hwy. 49—The church/school house is 4.0 miles north of the 49/U.S. 278 junction.

**Mon., 28th**—Memorial Day—Jack C. Smith Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Oakhurst Baptist Church—222 East Lake Drive—Decatur, Georgia—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., 2nd**—Northern Shenandoah Valley—Berryville, Virginia—Set date of Saturday before first Sunday in June—

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

**Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd**—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—2.0 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at Amoco service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

**Sun., 3rd**—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—iveyd@usa.net

**Sun., 3rd**—Pine Tucky Church—Winston County, Alabama—5.0 miles south of Double Springs—1.0 miles east of Hwy. 195 on County Road 8.

**Sun., 3rd**—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church—Yalobusha County, Mississippi—Hwy. 32—10.0 miles west of Bruce.

**Sun., 3rd**—Memorial Singing—Fellowship Church—Cullman County, Alabama—8 to 10 miles west of Cullman just off Hwy. 278.

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 9th**—New York State Regional, Albany Area—Place to be Announced—

Info: George/Jean Seiler (518) 583-7813—profitpl@ix.netcom.com—

jwseiler@ix.netcom.com—Michael Ryan (518) 399-6046

**Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th**—Hopewell Homecoming—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Blount County, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—6.0 miles east of Oneonta—One 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., 10th**—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., 10th**—Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church—Cullman County, Alabama—13.0 miles northeast of Cullman—On Hwy. 69—Cullman to Arab—The church is on the south side of the highway.

**Sun., 10th**—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—3.0 miles north of Derma.

**Sun., 10th**—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House)—Fayette County, Alabama—On Hwy. 44—Old Fayette Road.

**Sun., 10th**—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 .5 miles—Turn right on Conners Road—Cross railroad tracks—Church is on right.

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Thurs., 14th, Fri., 15th & Sat., 16th**—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., 16th**—Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial—Addington Chapel Methodist Church—Cullman County, Alabama—15.0 miles southwest of Cullman—Four miles off Hwy. 69 at Wilburn (Bug Tussle)—At Bug Tussle—Turn north on County Road 54 (aka County Road 9)—Go 4.0 miles—Church will be on the left.

**Sun., 17th**—Zion Hill Homecoming Singing—Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church—Brachfield (Rusk County), Texas—10:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision—About 12.0 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., 17th**—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., 17th**—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)—Near Natural Bridge (Winston County), Alabama—Off U.S. Hwy. 278 east at County Road 49.

**Sun., 17th**—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 2.0 more miles—Church is on right.

**Sun., 17th**—Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church—Macedonia Community (Jackson County), Alabama—Four miles south of Section—7.0 miles northwest of Fyffe on county road to Section.

### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 23rd**—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—Seacourt Hall—Botley, Oxford, England.

**Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th**—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—Three miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195.

**Sun., 24th**—DeLong Memorial—Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church—Intersection of Roberts Road and Spalding Drive—Dunwoody (DeKalb County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Exit Georgia 400 north at Northridge heading east—Go south on Roberts Drive, which is almost opposite the end of the exit—Church is at the corner of Roberts Drive and Spalding Drive (approximately 1.0 miles from Georgia 400).

**Sun., 24th**—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama—Five miles south of Jones Chapel on Hwy. 278, the highway from Jones Chapel to Crane Hill—Church is on the right.

**Sun., 24th**—Mt. Lebanon Church—Fayette County, Alabama—8.0 miles northwest of Fayette—Take State Highway 18 west from Fayette—Turn right, north, on State Highway 107—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn right on Mt. Lebanon Road (you will have passed Ballinger Road about midway)—There should be a sign—Church is on the left.

## *July*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., June 30th & Sun., July 1st**—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—iveyd@usa.net

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

**Sun., 1st**—Extension Auditorium (Ag Center) at Perry Fairgrounds—Commerce Street—Perry, Georgia—1:00 p.m.—No lunch—One block South of Hwy. 34.

**Wed., 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 1.0 mile—Church is on right.

**Wed., July 4th**—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Ashland (Clay County), Alabama—From Ashland—Take Hwy. 9 South to County Road 5—Turn right.

**Wed., July 4th**—Independence Day Singing—Mt. Herman Primitive Baptist Church—New Liberty Community (Calhoun County), Mississippi—North of Hwy. 8—3.0 miles west of Vardaman.

**Wed., July 4th**—Jones Chapel Sacred Harp Memorial Singing—Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center—Jones Chapel (Cullman County), Alabama—From I-65—Take U.S. 278 west to Jones Chapel—Turn south at signal light onto County Road 7, also called County Road 940—Go one block, building on right. First Wednesday in July.

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Fri. p.m., 6th & Sat., 7th**—Quebec Convention—Lennoxville, Quebec, Canada—Info: Victor Maltby.



**Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th**—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., 8th**—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., 8th**—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., 8th**—Lamar and Pickens County Convention—Zion Church—Pickens County, Alabama—Eight miles north of Gordo—0.25 mile west of Hwy. 159.

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 14th**—Mt. Oak Methodist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—Six 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., 14th**—Walker County Convention—Sardis Church—Walker County, Alabama—Hwy. 78 West to Warrior River—Cross bridge and take first left (sign will read Gorgus/Cordova)—Go 2 miles—Church is on left.

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

**Sat., 14th**—Michiana Regional—New Testament Baptist Church—Goshen, Indiana—Take State Road 15 south out of Goshen about one mile—Turn right (west) onto County Road 38—Church is approximately 3.0 miles on right—Info: Samuel Sommers (219) 294-6180

**Sun. 15th**—Kalamazoo Singing—Western Michigan University—Wesley Foundation (on campus)—Kalamazoo, Michigan—Follow campus directions towards the Fetzer Center—Wesley Foundation is nearby—

Info: Bill/Martha Beverly (616) 382-4288—beverly@net-link.net

**Sun., 15th**—Chafin, Harbinson, Hollis Memorial Singing—New Prospect Church—Near Bremen—Cullman County, Alabama—From Cullman—Take Hwy. 69 south—Go past landfill—Take County Road 8 south—Go 1.0 mile (First paved road)—Take left and go 0.6 miles.

**Thur., 19th**—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.

### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 21st**—Cotaco Convention—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Gum Pond (Morgan County), Alabama—18.0 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., 21st**—Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial—Old Poway Park—Poway (San Diego County), California—From I-15 take Poway Road exit eastbound—Go approximately 4.0 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., 21st & Sun., 22nd**—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., 22nd**—Chickasaw County Convention—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—South of Hwy. 8—8.0 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8 turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left.

*Fifth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 28th**—Young People's Singing—Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama—Off Highway 75—Turn right at Blount County line and follow signs—Held at different locations—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th—Info: Sarah Harcrow—kharcrow@farmerstel.com

**Sun., 29th**—Lacy's Chapel—Near Henagar—DeKalb County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—2.5 miles west of Henagar off Hwy. 40—Turn left at church sign onto County Road 163 and go 0.3 miles—Lacy's Chapel is on the left.

First Fifth Sunday after July 4th.

**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.. Second fifth Sunday each year.

**Sun., 29th**—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—

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

## *August*

*First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 4th**—Warrior River/Clear Creek Sacred Harp Convention—Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—From Birmingham—Hwy. 75 north to Douglas—Turn right on Hwy. 168 east (Douglas to Boaz Hwy)—After about 5.0 miles—Turn right off Hwy. 168 east onto County Road 93—Note: You will pass Friendship Church on right before you get to Old Clear Creek Church—9:30 a.m.—*Saturday only*.

**Sat., 4th**—Eugene Singing—Eugene, Oregon area—9:30 a.m.—

Info: Jim Brock (511) 345-9652—jbrock@pacinfo.com

First Saturday in August.

**Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th**—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., 5th**—Fayette County Convention—Bevill State Community College-Brewer—2631 Temple Avenue North—Fayette, Alabama.

*Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 11th**—Calhoun County Musical Association—Mt. Herman Primitive Baptist Church—New Liberty Community, Mississippi—North on Hwy. 8—Three miles west of Vardaman—Between Derma and Vardaman.

**Sat., 11th**—New York State Regional, Cooperstown—The Farmers' Museum—Cooperstown, New York—One mile north of Cooperstown on Route 80—

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

Margaret/Ron Bornick (315) 853-6282—ronbornick@cs.com

**Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th**—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., 12th**—Friendship Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—Eight 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., 15th**—Elmore Center Singing—Elmore Center United Methodist Church—Pickens County, Alabama—Four miles south of Gordo on County Roads 9 and 21—This is reputed to have begun in 1845.

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 18th**—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., 18th**—Rock Creek Mountain Home and Ryan Creek Convention—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama—Five miles south of Jones Chapel on US Hwy. 278—Info: David Roberson (205) 681-4389

**Sat., 18th, p.m., Sun., 19th**—Santa Cruz Regional—Santa Cruz, California—Saturday—Women's Center—303 Walnut Avenue—

Sunday—Senior Citizens Opportunities—222 Market Street—

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

**Sun., 19th**—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., 19th**—Cedar Creek Church—Crisp County, Georgia—9.0 miles southwest of Cordele, off Cordele/Albany Hwy—Take Hwy. 300 from I-75 heading south—Go 11.0 miles—Church will be on the right.

**Sun., 19th**—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., 25th**—Bear Creek Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3.0 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195.

**Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th**—Mississippi State Convention—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church—North of Forest, Mississippi—Seven miles north of Forest—On Hwy 21—Between Forest and Sebastopol—

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

**Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th**—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 marker 212 and 213—

Info: Bud Oliver (256) 523-3303

**Sun., 26th**—Cherry Tree Singing—James Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Itawamba County, Mississippi—Four miles south of Hwy. 78 on State Line Road—East of Tremont.

## *September*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 1st**—Mulberry River Convention—Sardis Church—Walker County, Alabama—U.S. Hwy. 78 West to Warrior River—Cross bridge and take first left (sign will read Gorgus/Cordova)—Go 2 miles—Church is on left.

**Sat., 1st**—Maidencreek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport—Berks County, Pennsylvania—Saturday before Labor Day—Info: Betty Hanf (610) 582-5924—Doron Henkin (215) 656-4206 work, (610) 688-6347 home—DAHenkin@aol.com

**Sun., 2nd**—Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Haralson County, Georgia—In Bremen—Take Hwy. 78 East—Turn left (just past mile marker #14) on Old Temple at Car Wash on left—Go across railroad tracks—Go to fork in road onto Cashtown Road—Go to Golf Course—Turn right on Little Vine Church Road (approximately 2.5 miles).

**Sun., 2nd**—Clear Creek Convention West—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—On Hwy. 44, Old Fayette Road.

**Sun., 2nd**—Haynes Creek Church—Rockdale County, Georgia—10 miles north of Conyers on state Hwy. 20—Turn left on Rosebud Road, approximately 3.0 miles, church is on left.

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

### *Labor Day, Monday, September 3*

**Mon., 3rd (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 .4 mile and there will be a sign for the church. Turn right at the church sign onto a dirt road that will lead you to the church.

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 8th**—Central Louisiana Sacred Harp Singing—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Dry Prong (Grant County), Louisiana.

**Sat., 8th**—Oberlin Sacred Harp Singing—Christ Episcopal Church—Oberlin, Ohio—Held on Saturday after Labor Day—

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

**Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th**—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Old Shady Grove Baptist Church—Between Dutton and Section—Jackson County, Alabama—Just off the west side of Hwy. 71—Turn at church sign—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291

**Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th**—UK Sacred Harp Convention—Beeston Youth and Community Centre—Beeston, Nottingham, United Kingdom.

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 15th & Sun., 16th**—Calhoun County Convention—Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church—Four Mile Community—Between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Take Hwy. 21 north from Anniston to Jacksonville—After mile marker 264, you will see a United Methodist Church on right—Go just short of mile marker 265 and turn right on Four Mile Drive—Church is on the right directly in line with mile marker 265.

**Sat., 15th & Sun., 16th**—Rocky Mountain Convention—Colorado—Place to be announced—Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico—Info: Harlan Van Camp ganmaoli@m4.interserv.com

**Sun., 16th**—B.F. White Sacred Harp Singing—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—J.L. White Book.

**Sun., 16th**—Cornelius Benjamin (Bennie) Keeton Memorial Singing—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—0.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

*Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Tues., 18th, 6:00 p.m.**—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary—3939 Gentilly Boulevard—New Orleans, Louisiana—Fall Session—  
Info: Dr. Harry Eskew.

**Sat., 22nd**—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., 22nd & Sun., 23rd**—Illinois State Convention—Charleston, Illinois—  
Location to be announced—

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

**Sun., 23rd**—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Morgan County, Alabama—18.0 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., 23rd**—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—3.0 miles north of Double Springs, Alabama—On Hwy. 195.

**Sun., 23rd**—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Thomaston (Upson County), Georgia—From square in Thomaston—Go west on Georgia 74, approximately 5 blocks—Turn right across railroad at Hammond's Mill Road, then sharp left on Emmaus Church Road—Approximately 0.3 miles.

**Sun., 23rd**—Loosascoona Primitive Baptist Church—Air Mount (Yalobusha County), Mississippi—North of Hwy. 330—11.0 miles west of Bruce.

*Fifth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th**—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Sweetwater Chapel—Lawrenceville (Gwinnett County), Georgia—I-85 north to Exit #104 (Pleasant Hill Road)—Turn right and go 2 miles—Chapel is on the left—You will have to make a U turn at the next traffic light and backtrack if coming from the interstate due to the concrete median—  
First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, after Labor Day.

**Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th**—Minnesota State Convention—Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota—9:30 a.m.—

Info: Christine Stevens (651) 224-4173—Kit Pfau (651) 642-168—  
Keith/Jenny Willard (651) 699-2040

**Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th**—Southwest Texas Convention—Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church—915 East 52nd Street—Between Airport Boulevard and IH-35—Austin, Texas—Fall Session—Cooper Revision—First fifth Sunday and Saturday of the fall (August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving—Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080—Al Rogers (512) 458-9667

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

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

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

## **October**

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

**Fri., 5th, p.m. & Sat., 6th**—New England Convention—Vermont—Place to be announced.

**Sat., 6th**—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., 6th**—Smyrna Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing—Rusk County, Texas—Cooper Revision—Church is on Farm to Market Road 2496—5.0 miles west of Mount Enterprise—Info: Robert Vaughn (903) 863-5379

**Sat., 6th**—Louisiana State—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—8576 Hooper Road—Baton Rouge, Louisiana—Info: Nancy Van Den Akker (504) 286-3845

**Sat., 6th**—Santa Barbara Regional Singing—Goleta, California—Info: Tom/Victoria Ostwald (805) 965-4707

**Sun., 7th**—Sandy Creek Church—Near Flovilla—Butts County, Georgia—One mile south of Flovilla—From intersection of GA Hwys. 42 and 87, go south approximately 2.7 miles on 87 to Darnell Road—Turn left—Church is on right.

**Sun., 7th**—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Near Oneonta—Blount County, Alabama—Six miles east of Oneonta and 1.0 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., 7th**—Old Sardis Church Number 1—Near Lynn—Winston County, Alabama—Three 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., 13th**—Friends Meeting House—Yellow Springs, Ohio—Semi-Annual Singing—Info: John Bealle (513) 861-1137

**Sat., 13th, p.m. & Sun., 14th**—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 1.0 mile and turn left—Go about 1.0 mile on paved road to church on right.

**Sun., 14th**—Walker Cates and H.H. Brown Singing—Muscadine Methodist Church—Muscadine (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Muscadine—Turn south on County Road 49—Go one mile—Church on right.

**Sun., 14th**—Chestnut Grove Church—Near Ider—DeKalb County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—Three miles south of Ider—Off Hwy. 117.

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

**Sun., 14th**—Harper Memorial Singing—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Three miles south of Nauvoo, west of County Road 11—There's a sign for the church on Hwy. 11—Info: Pamela Keeton (205) 221-4465

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

**Sat., 20th**—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 5.0 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., 20th**—Georgia, Alabama, Florida (GAF) Singing Convention—Walton County Shrine Building—Defuniak Springs, Florida—9:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision—Info: David Lee (912) 458-249 or Joe Nall (850) 892-0687

**Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st**—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.

**Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st**—New York State Convention—Unity Hall—103 Vanderkemp Ave.—Barneveld, New York—

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

**Sun., 21st**—Andrew's Chapel—Upson County, Georgia—6.1 miles southeast of Thomaston on Hwy. 74—Turn right on the Rock Road to first stop sign—Bear left—1.0 mile to school—Bring covered dish.

**Sun., 21st**—Reid Memorial Singing—Old County Line Church—Jefferson County, Alabama—Near Corner, off Miller Road—9.0 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—Turn back left and go under interstate—Take the first road to the right (County Road 83/Mayfield Rd.)—Go several miles (you will go through a cemetery)—Turn left on Miller Road—Church is on left.

#### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 27th**—University of Chicago Sacred Harp Anniversary Singing—Ida Noyes Hall—Chicago, Illinois—10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—

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

**Sat., 27th**—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., 27th**—Coy Putnam Memorial—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Near Arab—Marshall County, Alabama—3.0 miles east of Arab—on Hwy. 69—Arab to Guntersville.

**Sat., 27th**—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., 28th**—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., 28th**—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](mailto:syoung@springdaleark.org)

## **November**

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

**Sat., 3rd**—Western Ohio Schoolhouse Singing—Ebenezer Mennonite Church—Bluffton, Ohio—Info: Kathryn Knecht (419) 634-4916

**Sat., 3rd**—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Heard County, Georgia—Off U.S. 27 on Armstrong Mill Road—100 yards just past mile marker #17—Two miles south of Carroll/Heard County Line—Between Carrollton and Franklin—13.0 miles from the bypass in Carrollton—Info: Everett Denney (770) 854-4221

**Sat., 3rd**—Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Near Huntington—Angelina County, Texas—Cooper Revision—4.0 miles on Farm to Market Road 1669 out of Huntington—Info: Burl Russell (409) 624-2173

**Sat., 3rd**—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.*

**Sun., 4th**—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Two 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., 4th**—Mt. Ebron Church Memorial Singing—Mt. Ebron Missionary Baptist Church—Near Double Springs—Winston County, Alabama—Three miles west of Double Springs on Hwy. 25—Double Springs to Lynn.

**Sun., 4th**—South Georgia Singing Convention—Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church—Crisp County, Georgia—9.0 miles south of Cordele—The church is on Lebanon Church Road that runs between Antioch Road and Arabi/Warwick Road—Bring covered dish.

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

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

**Sat., 10th**—Southern Wisconsin—Info: Jim Page (608) 255-6861

**Sat., 10th**—Dallas County Singing—First Primitive Baptist Church—1920 Gross Road—Dallas, Texas—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Info: Bruce/Beverly Coates (972) 227-7976

**Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th**—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., 11th**—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., 11th**—Carey Springs Baptist Church—Randolph (Pontotoc County), Mississippi.

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

**Sat., 17th—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., 18th**—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., 24th & Sun., 25th**—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., 25th**—Ganus and Wilford Wakefield Memorial—King's School House (Mt. Vernon)—Near Lynn—Winston County, Alabama—Off Hwy. 278—Three miles north of Natural Bridge.

*December*

*First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd**—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., 8th & Sun., 9th**—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—0.7 mile south of County Road 14—From US Hwy. 78 in Winfield—Take Hwy. 129 North—County Road 14 turns west off Hwy. 129, then left at church sign—Church is 0.7 miles on right—Info: John Beasley (205) 487-3916

*Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sun. 16th**—Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Off Hwy. 75—Turn right at Blount County line and follow signs.

*Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Mon., 24th**—Christmas Eve

**Tues., 25th**—Christmas Day

*Fifth Sunday and Saturday before*

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

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

**Mon., 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 117—Go 9.5 miles (You will cross Hwy. 75)—Turn right onto Hwy. 141—Go 3.9 miles—Turn right onto 783 and immediately back left onto 782—Church is on left.

## FIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY SINGINGS

<b>First Fifth Weekend</b>	Saturday, April 28 Sunday, April 29
<b>Second Fifth Weekend</b>	Saturday, July 28 Sunday, July 29
<b>Third Fifth Weekend</b>	Saturday, September 29 Sunday, September 30
<b>Fourth Fifth Weekend</b>	Saturday, December 29 Sunday, December 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)*

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

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

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

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

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

**Lacy's Chapel**—Henagar, Alabama—First fifth Sunday after July 4th.

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

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

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

## LOCAL SINGINGS

### *Alabama*

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Huntsville:** First Friday Night—February, April, August, November—7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt Drive, on Monte Sano Mountain—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn onto Burritt Drive—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu—Linton Ballinger (256) 830-5301.

**Ider:** Second Sunday night—October through March—Antioch Church—5.0 miles north of Ider—Left on Hwy. 75—Info: Terry Wootten (256) 632-3830

**Jasper:** Saturday night before second Sunday in January—Memorial Singing—Mrs. Luther Calvert and Mrs. Jim Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church—Boldo Community—5.0 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.

**Mobile:** Third Thursday of each month—7:00 p.m.—Hillcrest Baptist Church—Info: Bill Hogan (334) 342-4137—hoganbi1@ametro.com

**Tuscaloosa:** Second Friday—Except June, July, and August—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Maxwell Hall—University of Alabama (top of knoll on Stadium Drive)—Info: Tim Cook (205) 344-5376

### *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:** First Sunday—4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—Potluck dinner following—Info: Alice Sharp (510) 843-8259—avsharp@earthlink.com

**Los Angeles:** First and third Sunday night of each month—3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—First Sunday Singing held in Eagle Rock at the home of Mary Rose and Stephen O'Leary (213) 254-7707—Regular third Sunday singings are held in Mar Vista at the home of Susan and Paul Turpin—

Info: Susan Turpin (310) 390-4165

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

**Palo Alto:** 2nd Sundays 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 4th 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) 585-4773—carolyn@deacy.com—Chris Thorman—chris@thorman.com

**Santa Cruz:** Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6 p.m.—Info: Shelly Phillips (831) 426-9155—shelley@cruzio.com

## *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 home—Info: Phyllis/Neely Bruce (203) 347-3003

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

## *District of Columbia*

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

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

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

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

## *Florida*

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

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

**Hilliard:** Saturday night before first Sunday of each month—7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—Nathlene Primitive Baptist Church—Cooper Edition—

Info: Tollie Lee (904) 845-2624—TollieLeeSaws@webtv.net

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

## *Georgia*

**Alpharetta:** Friday before the third Sunday—Except June, July, August and December—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Take Georgia Hwy. 400—Exit 10—Old Milton Parkway—Alpharetta—Go east on Old Milton for 2.6 miles—Turn left at light onto Kimball Bridge Road—Go 0.2 miles—Church on left—Info: Faye Pettis (770) 889-1703

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

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

**Hoboken:** Saturday before the third Sunday in each month—Hoboken Elementary School—7:00 p.m.—Take 82 East to Hoboken to the second caution light—Turn left on Kelly—Cross R.R. tracks—Take second paved street to the left—Go to the end of the block—The school and parking is 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 second Monday night—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Mountain Park United Methodist Church—1405 Rockbridge Road—Info: Eric Tweedy (770) 469-6954—bartwe@atl.mindspring.com

## *Illinois*

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

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

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

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

## *Indiana*

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

Info: Marlen Rust (812) 336-2792

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

## *Iowa*

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

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

## *Kansas*

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

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

## *Kentucky*

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

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

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

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

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

Michelle Cull (502) 587-7510

## *Maine*

**Belfast:** Second Monday each month—7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—

Info: (207) 338-1265 or (207) 382-3017—hutchb@uninets.net

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

Info: Joe Kucera, (207) 285-7358

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

## *Maryland*

**Baltimore:** Second Sunday—4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6:00 p.m.—

Info: Joanne DeVoe (410) 366-1959

## *Massachusetts*

**Amherst:** First Sunday—1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.—At a private home—  
Info: Ruth and Richard Hooke (413) 549-3587

**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—ely@star.enet.dec.com

**Leyden:** Every fifth Thursday—Home of Laura Timmerman—Potluck supper  
at 6:00 p.m.—singing from 7-10:00 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  
Coffeeshouse—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*

**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.—

Info: Keith/Jenny Willard (651) 699-2040—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—hoganbi1@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  
glashous@teleclipse.net

## *Missouri*

**Kansas City:** Third Sunday—Starting at 1:30 p.m.—  
Info: Susan/Richard Green (816) 931-7042.

**Lawrence (Kansas):** First Sunday—1:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—  
Info: Susan/Richard Green (816) 931-7042.

**Saint Louis:** First, third, and fifth Mondays—7:30 p.m.—  
Info: Karen Isbell (314) 664-1411—Becky Browne (314) 968-8921

## *Nebraska*

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

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

Third Friday night of each month—8:00 p.m.—Jean Carhart's home—1315 South 92nd Street—

Info: Jean Carhart (402)-991-0444—amazinggrace@msn.com

## *New Jersey*

**Princeton:** Princeton Theological Seminary Campus—3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Room B-17, Stuart Hall on the campus—January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3—All are first Sundays of the month—

Info: Ginny Landgraf—virginia.landgraf@ptsem.edu—609.895.9531

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—2:00 p.m.—Except July, August, December—Potluck after singing, usually about 6:00 p.m.—  
Info: Brenda Pena (718) 793-2848—dick@prolific.com  
**Rochester:** Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Sampler Records Music Hall—Info: Chris Haller (716) 387-9570—chrish@moose.netacc.net—Nancy Crawford (716) 381-4279 (home), (716) 422-8189 (work)—  
Nancy.Crawford@usa.xerox.com  
**West Islip, Long Island:** Info: Frederick Rasenberger—(516) 671-0459.

## *North Carolina*

**Chapel Hill:** Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Person Hall on University of North Carolina campus—Info: Matt Cartmill (919) 493-8519—Becky Hart (919) 682-2517 (H)—(919) 966-4032 (W)—bhart@sphvax.sph.unc.edu  
**Durham:** Third Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Watts Street Baptist Church—Info: Joy/Ron Craig (919) 929-3695—Becky Hart (see Chapel Hill, above).  
**Raleigh:** Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Usually in Mordecai Historic Park Chapel—Info: Lynda Hambourger—(919) 781-3596—Becky Hart (see Chapel Hill above).  
**Winston-Salem:** Most third Sundays—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—In singers' homes—Info: Betty McGurk or Gene Anderson (910) 374-5943—Cleve Callison (910) 760-2822

## *Ohio*

**Cleveland Area:** Second Sunday—3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.—Various Locations—Info: Charles Wells (440) 774-1926—charles@freude.com  
**Kent:** Southeast of Cleveland—Monthly/First Sunday each month—6:30 p.m.—Unitarian-Universalist Church of Kent—228 Gougler St. (Hwy. 43 North)—Info: Hal Walker (330) 677-2430—halliewalk@hotmail.com  
**Oberlin:** One evening a week when Oberlin College is in session—Info: Chandler York (440) 774-5160 or Charles Wells (440) 774-1926—charles@freude.com

## *Oklahoma*

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

## *Oregon*

Information for all Oregon singings is available by contacting Karen Willard (360) 897-9545—hallock@aa.net  
**Eugene:** Second and fourth Thursdays—Info: Jean Murphy (503) 342-4131  
**Portland:** Second and Fourth Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church in Chapel—1126 SW Park Avenue—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  
**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 Dhurch—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 weekend each month—7:00-9:00  
p.m.—Northside UMC—435 Summit Dr.—  
Info: Frances Carnell (864) 862-4373

### ***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  
**Grand Prairie:** Third Saturdays—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Practice singing—The  
Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—St. Joseph's Episcopal Church—4829 South  
Carrier Parkway—Info: Larry/Karol Wheat (214) 262-2550—  
Bruce/Beverly Coates (972) 476-9937  
**Houston:** Saturday before third Sunday—6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Practice  
singing—Cooper Revision/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Varies from place  
to place.  
**Nacogdoches:** First Sunday—Not held in November—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—  
Practice singing—Cooper Revision/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Landmark  
Baptist Church—113 Mitchell Street—Info: Robert Vaughn (903) 863-5379

### ***Vermont***

**Brattleboro:** Monthly—Third and Fifth Sunday—5:00 p.m. during DST- 4:30  
p.m. EST—Meetings will rotate—  
Info: Peter Amidon (802) 257-1006 or Marti Sterin samrah@together.net  
**Burlington Area:** Monthly—Sundays—Except in summer—5:00 p.m.—  
Info: Marti Sterin (802) 849-2208—samrah@together.net  
**Middletown Springs (Near Rutland):** Second Wednesday—7:30 p.m.-9:00  
p.m.—Info: David Wright (802) 235-2376—Beth Miller (802) 235-2734  
**Montpelier or Plainfield:** Usually first Saturday—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Call  
to confirm—Info: Larry Gordon (802) 426-3210—

L.H. Spencer (802) 563-2547

**Norwich:** Third Thursday—Potluck at 6:00 p.m.—Singing 7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Info: Brigid Farrell (802) 649-3964

**Springfield:** Second and fourth Fridays—7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.—Info: Walt/Pat Colteryahn (802) 885-9521

## *Virginia*

**Northern Shenandoah Valley:** First Saturday—4:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6 p.m.—Close to Winchester and Berryville—

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

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

## *Washington*

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

**Bellevue:** Fourth Sunday—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—

Info: David/Katharine Hough (425) 451-0109

**Okanogan Valley:** Second and fourth Tuesdays—7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—

Info: Mary Lassila (509) 826-5299

**Olympia:** Third Sunday—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Re-organized LDS Church—Miller in Olympia—

Info: (360) 754-6230 for directions—Janet Partlow (360) 352-7902

**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.—Phinney Ridge Lutheran—7500 Greenwood North—Info: Jack Lofton (206) 783-4508

## *Wisconsin*

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

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

## **Singings Outside the United States**

### *Canada*

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

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

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

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

### *England*

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

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

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



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

### WOOTTEN NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

#### Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama

#### December 31, 1999-January 1, 2000

The thirty-eighth session of the annual Wootten New Year's Eve Singing was held at Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama, and was called to order by Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten leading songs on pages 82t, 76b, and 48t.

Jeffrey Wootten welcomed everyone, and prayer was offered by Billy Ray Killen. Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten led songs on pages 201 and 421. Leaders: Terry Wootten 283, 422; Jeff Sheppard 335, 439; David Ivey 83b; Louis Hughes 378b (for Bill Green); Jerry Wootten 448t; Heath Townson 28t, 68b; Dewayne Wootten 28b, 571 (CB); Shane Wootten 53; Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 74b; Marlon Wootten 376.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by Marty Wootten leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Marty Wootten and David Lee 101t, 121; Levon Wootten 128; Olivia Allen 572 (CB); David Townson and Hunter Townson 45t, 348b; Loyd Ivey and Karen Ivey 540 (CB), 454; Eloise Wootten 186; Phil Townson, Denette Townson, Raven Townson, and Dani Townson "Mercy Seat", 559 (CB); Aaron Wootten 144; Gerald Wootten, Jeremy Wootten, Zach Wootten, Jerry Wootten, and Christie Wootten 282; Cathy Lee 39t; Myra Dalton 48b; Brenda Merritt and John Merritt 192, 38t (CB); Kristie Wootten, Jenny Wootten, Lorrie Wootten, and Kennedy Wootten 573 (CB), 66; Linda Thomas and Cassie Franklin 475; Shelbie Sheppard 38b; Betty Wright 405; Rodney Ivey and Don Bowen 270, "Trusting" (WB).

## REFRESHMENTS

Jeffrey Wootten brought the class to order leading songs on pages 47t and 543 (for Phillip Wootten). Leaders: Allison Dodson 335; Linda Sides and Coy Ivey 384, 480; Henry Schuman 318; Nate Green and Norma Green 205; John Plunkett 495; Larry Beveridge 32t; Syble Adams 367 (CB); Scott Swanton 35; Tommie Spurlock 452; Boyd Scott 127, 358; Aubrey Barfield 365; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Sandie Scott 130; Martha Henderson 73t, 383; Edith Tate 532 (for Marie Aldridge); Margaret Spurlock 112; Flarce Creel, Cindy Franklin, and Ann Jett 269; Mary Ruth Stiefel 234; Rayford Brown, Vicky Brown, and Kennedy Wootten 147t, 505 (CB), 571 (CB); Terry Wootten 518 (CB), 515 (CB) . . . HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! . . . 484b (CB), 159, and 54t (CB).

Levon Wootten dismissed the class with prayer, and those who wished continued with singing.

Chairmen - Marty Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

## **CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S SINGING** **Walnut Hills Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio** **Saturday, January 1, 2000**

The ninth annual New Year's Day Singing was held at Walnut Hills Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was called to order by Wendy Gilchrist leading song on page 313.

The class organized with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman - Rich Overturf; Secretary - John Bealle.

Leaders: Eloise Clark 130, 178; Rich Overturf 491, 276; Debbie Hall 34b, 66; John Bealle 335, 299; Karen Arnett 146, 528; Mike Hieber 535, 448b.

### RECESS

Rich Overturf called the class to order leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Steve Tossey 143, 63; Karen Arnett 163 (for Christine Cox), 515b; Lois Hurt 81t, 81b; Bob Meek 452b, 441; Denise Morris 566, 457; Wendy Gilchrist 479, 47t; Bruce Kokernot 497, 551. Bob Meek dismissed the class with prayer for the noon meal.

### LUNCH

Rich Overturf called the class to order leading song on page 147. Leaders: Debbie Hall 186, 198; Fred Todt 475, 344; Bob Swope 362, 338; Joseph Pimentel 107, 269; Karen Arnett 300, 196; Bob Meek 268, 480; Eloise Clark 209, 48b; Denise Morris 161, 442; John Bealle 217, 218; Claire Outten 504, 47b.

### RECESS

Rich Overturf called the class to order with song on page 159. Leaders: Wendy Gilchrist 29t, 312b; Lois Hurt 470, 358; Bruce Kokernot 38t, 415; Joseph Pimentel 133, 117; Bob Swope 53, 495; Fred Todt 28t, 361; Debbie Hall 72b, 127 (for Christine Cox); Rich Overturf 330.

Bruce Kokernot led song on page 84 as the closing song, and Bob Meek dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Rich Overturf; Secretary - John Bealle.

## **NEW YEAR'S DAY COOPER BOOK SINGING** **Pine Ridge Dunkard Brethren Church, Collins, Mississippi** **Saturday, January 1, 2000**

Andrew Albers called the class to order leading song on page 49t. Johnny Lee offered the opening prayer. Andrew Albers led song on page 35.

The class organized with the following officers elected: Chairman - Andrew Albers; Vice Chairman - Bill Hogan; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker; Chaplain - G.C. Waldrep.

Leaders: Andrew Albers 24; Bill Hogan 528; Nancy Van Den Akker 44; G.C. Waldrep 488b; Johnny Lee 511b; Brooks Strickland 393t; Wanda Gregg 40; Tim Cook 478; John Lee Van Horn 497; Martha Henderson 39; Ben Caston 85; Mark Davis 224; Junie McNeil 572; Henry McGuire 300; Curt Davis 45t; Jen Gray 545; Regina Glass 162; John Merritt 511t.

#### RECESS

Bill Hogan called the class to order with song on page 331b. Durwood Scarborough and Neva Dee Mayes were remembered in prayer. Also remembered in prayer: Arlon Gardner, Harry Eskew, Mary Turner, and Bill Green. Andrew Albers led the memorial lesson. Mark Davis led song on page 240 in memory of Durwood Scarborough. Andrew Albers closed the memorial with song on page 377.

Leaders: Tim Cook and Mako Cook 505, 484b; Martha Henderson 503; Johnny Lee 507b; G.C. Waldrep 524; Nancy Van Den Akker 573; Andrew Albers 369. G.C. Waldrep offered prayer for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Bill Hogan and John Merritt called the class to order leading song on page 490. Leaders: Curt Davis 348t; Andrew Albers 267b; Bill Hogan 184b; Nancy Van Den Akker 384; G.C. Waldrep 192; Wanda Gregg 470; John Merritt and Curt Davis 392; Elizabeth Muhleisen 268t; Ben Caston 72; Tim Cook 553b; Henry McGuire 220; Regina Glass 339; Johnny Lee 515; Brooks Stickland 485; John Lee Van Horn 56; Junie McNeil 397; Jean Gray 299; Martha Henderson 376; Mark Davis 522; Andrew Albers 254.

#### RECESS

Andrew Albers called the class to order leading song on page 396. Leaders: Bill Hogan 68t; Nancy Van Den Akker 31t; G.C. Waldrep 86; Elizabeth Muhleisen 159; Wanda Gregg 38t; John Merritt 76b; Tim Cook and Mako Cook 571; Johnny Lee 47t; Martha Henderson 199; John Lee Van Horn 54t; Jean Gray 82; Regina Glass "Delusion" (text by John Merritt); Andrew Albers 543b, 45b. Announcements were made. Andrew Albers led song on page 496t as the closing song. G.C. Waldrep dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Andrew Albers; Vice Chairman - Bill Hogan; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

### **DUTCH TREAT SINGING**

#### **Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama January 2, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp Dutch Treat 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 47t. The morning prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton. Kermit Adams led song on page 47b.

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

Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 75; Gene Wakefield 284; Gladys Bonds 39t, 48t; Johnny Humber 145t, 146; Julie Poston 274t, 421; Walton Donaldson 30t, 317b; Mary Alice Wakefield 145b, 111b; Chris Rice 480, 384; Beatrice Brewer 137, 112; Pernie Pelfrey 147b, 147t; Kermit Adams 389.

## RECESS

Travis Keeton brought the class to order leading songs on pages 400 and 426t. Leaders: Flarce Creel 475; Martha Henderson 385t, 144; Ken Tate 119, 124; Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 31b; Parnell Berry 177, 283; Faye Donaldson 371, 430; Glenn Keeton 117, 231; Jayne Fulmer 300, 454; Larry Ballinger 157, 135.

## LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 129 and 348b. Leaders: Willodean Barton 290, 34b; Harrison Creel 498, 512; Elmer Conwill 379, 179; Roma Rice 104, 354b; Edith Tate 73t, 89; Billy Williams 77b, 43; Milford Watts 460; Josie Hyde 297, 225t, 234; Martha Henderson 326; Josie Hyde 189; Harrison Creel 378b.

Kermit Adams led songs on pages 28b and 37b for the closing songs. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

## **STATE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA** **Food Services Building, Carrollton, Georgia** **January 2, 2000**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at the Food Service Building, State University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia was held the first Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Myron House leading song on page 90. The morning prayer was led by B.J. Harris. Myron House led song on page 113; Charlene Wallace 139, 205; Sheri Taylor 186 (for Naomi Sailors), 203; Evelyn Harris 87, 32; Mary F. Smith 103 (for Mozelle Sheppard), 123.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Sheri Taylor and Mary F. Smith; Memorial Committee - Everette Denney.

Leaders: Myron House 102; Bobby Jackson 34, 59; Jimmie Denney 61, 143; Phillip Langley 273, 81; Jan House 495, 335; John Plunkett 110, 374.

## RECESS

The class was called together by Felton Denney leading songs on pages 73 and 31. Leaders: Tommy McGraw 270, 37b; Henry Schuman 77, 225; Lee Rogers 409, 40; Jeff Sheppard 410 (in memory of Erskin Norton, son of Elder and Mrs. Lewis Norton), 404; Eric Tweedy 365, 383; Andy Anderson 77b, 31b; Teenie Moody 78, 39; Charles Woods 144, 99; Richard DeLong 403.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Myron House leading song on page 387. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 163, 271; Lonnie Rogers 318, 222 (for Vivian Rogers).

Memorial lesson: Everette Denney led song on page 119 in memory of Mrs. Jewel Simpkins, Erskin Norton, Grady Lane, Connie Stogner, Mrs. Dollie Hudgins, and Ralph Lassiter. Prayer was offered by B.J. Harris. Everette Denney led song on page 27 for all the sick and shut-ins and closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Bonnie Flowers 76b, 512; Oscar McGuire 276, 441; Josephine Denney 75, 127; Hugh McGraw 81b; Martha Ann Stegar 277, 275; B.J. Harris 345, 445; Eschol Hughes 235, 100; Lisa Webb 148, 159, 178 (for Laura Webb Frey); Estelle Flowers 133, 290; Bernard Denney 112, 155; Henry Schuman 317, 532 (for Pauline Childers); Felton Denney 149 (by request).

Announcements were made. Myron House and Felton Denney led song on page 323 as the closing song. B.J. Harris dismissed the class with prayer.



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

**LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY MEMORIAL**  
**Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama**  
**Saturday, January 8, 2000**

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.

Harrison Creel led song on page 317 as the opening song, followed with prayer led by Elder Ronald Gilmore.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 111b; Elvin Guthrie 172, 200; L.E. Hannah 187, 498; Lisa Geist 276; Furn Kitchens 378b; Kenneth Tate 167, 119; Brenda Merritt 336, 434; Earl Ballinger 432; Willodean Barton 416; Dennis George 28b, 208; Amber Springfield 171; A.C. McGough 454; Betty Kitchens 89; David Roberson 63; Shelley Davis 73t; Julianna Jett and Madison Jett 146, 87; Danny Creel 269, 383; Edis Guthrie 186; Glenn Keeton 278t.

**REFRESHMENTS**

Leaders: John Merritt 225, 393; John Hocutt 312, 475; Tim Dalton 33b, 44; Marie Guthrie 280; Travis Keeton 147; Larry Ballinger 101t; Edith Tate 157; Ellis Shipp 108t, 358; Jackie Tanner 76b, 298; April Hall 29t, 83t; Wanda Capps 189; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 45t; Eldagene Roberson 144; Ann Jett 496, 546; Elsie Moon 395; Janet Lucas 268; Flarce Creel and Cassie Franklin 112, 438; Velton Chafin 130.

Cassie Franklin and Harrison Creel led song on page 512 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Ronald Gilmore.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin; Secretary - Wanda Capps.

**JACK KERR AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL**  
**Camp Ground Methodist Church, North of Fruithurst, Alabama**  
**January 9, 2000**

The annual memorial singing for Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr was held on the second Sunday in January at Camp Ground Methodist Church, and was called to order by B.J. Harris leading song on page 32t. Felton Denney led the morning prayer. B.J. Harris led song on page 30t; Charlene Wallace 59, 63; Hester Edwards and Charlene Wallace 123, 358 (in memory of Vertie Perry and Raymond Laminack).

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Henry Johnson; Secretary - Mary F. Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 34b, 338; Mary F. Smith 176b, 72b; Felton Denney 231, 147b; Bobby Jackson 34t, 378b, 378t; Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; Don Bowen 37b, 31t, 33b; Jimmie Denney 276, 101t, 274t.

**RECESS**

Henry Johnson called the class to order leading song on page 570. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 544, 163t; Judy Mincey 475, 146; Lonnie Rogers 186, 225t, 348b; Hugh McGraw 350, 369; Carlene Griffin 81t, 222 (for Vivian Rogers); Everette Denney 335, 405; Winford Kerr 47b, 294; Lois Bowman, Winford Kerr, Irene Snow, and all the relatives of the Kerr family 45t.

## LUNCH

B.J. Harris brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 445b. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 97, 325, 432; Eunice Webb 373, 235b; Mark Fuller 59, 68b; Ora Martin 274t, 208; Lou Cotney 497, 212, 172; Charlene Wallace 99, 283; Felton Denney 503; Mary F. Smith 569b; Judy Mincey 501b; Everette Denney 489b, 490; Earlis McGraw 435b.

Announcements were made. B.J. Harris and Henry Johnson led song on page 267 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by the pastor of the church.

Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Henry Johnson; Secretary - Mary F. Smith.

## ANNIVERSARY SINGING Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois January 9, 2000

The all day singing in celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers was convened at 10:25 a.m. at the Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago. Chair Kris Richardson called the class to order leading song on page 142. Jim Swanson led the opening prayer. Suzanne Flandreau led song on page 276; Connie Karduck 475; Cathryn Baker 472; Jim Swanson 107; Kiri Miller 454.

Chair Kris Richardson called the class into a business session for the purpose of electing officers. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chair - Suzanne Flandreau; Vice Chair - Dean Slaton; Secretary - Cathryn Baker; Chaplain - Jim Swanson; Arranging Committee - Mark Miller, Jerilyn Schumacher, and Doug Stapleton; Resolutions Committee - Kate Lingley and Ted Johnson; Memorial Committee - Kiri Miller, John Seaton, and Wendy Wahn; Finance Committee - Marcia Johnson, Jim Helke, and Dick Dunagan. Leaders: Dick Dunagan and Val Dunagan 284; Al Frank 146; Berkley Moore 282; Kate Lingley 99; Gladys Epting 148; Lisa Grayson 383; Mark Miller 270; Becky Browne 362 (for Gary Gronau who could not come because of knee replacement surgery); John Seaton 47t; Joanna Fabke 378b; Wendy Wahn 269; Tony Reeves 300; Ted Mercer 376; Carol Crawford 164; Sue Kessel 304; Hugh Thomas 497; Samuel Sommers 422; Jeanette Lowry 183; Richard DeLong 403 (prefaced his leading with special thanks for care and attention during his time of grief at the death of his grandmother).

## RECESS

Dean Slaton brought the class to order leading song on page 501. Leaders: Dave Ressler 29t; Jim Helke 441; Jerry Enright 176b; James Page 505; Ann Heider 344; Herb Schroeder 332; Charlie Derleth 137; Bruce Holmes 147; John Bailey 436.

Chair Suzanne Flandreau called the class to order for the Founders' Lesson. She recognized the nine "intrepid" founders of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers who met in January sixteen years ago and laid the groundwork for us to gather together today in celebration. Three of the founders were present: Marcia Johnson, Ted Johnson, and Judy Hauff. These three briefly recounted the initial singing in a living room with chairs in rows, using a baton to lead the songs. They believe we have come very far since then and thanked the class for celebrating this anniversary. Marcia Johnson led song on 38b; Ted Johnson 485; Marcia Johnson 547; and Judy Hauff 368. This ended the Founders' Lesson. Leaders: Melanie Hauff 444; Doug Stapleton 217; Petrina Patti 171. Jim Swanson led the blessing before the class was dismissed for lunch.

## LUNCH

Singing resumed with Suzanne Flandreau leading song on 32t. Leaders: Julie Vea 411; Pete Ellerton 473; Jo Dell Albi 74t; Dean Slaton 94; Bill Hamblin 106; Orin Youngquist 254; Jim Lawrie 200; David Barford 189; Becky Browne 474; Debra Barford 335; Wendy Wahn 548; Nathan Barford 274t; Samuel Sommers 358; Richard DeLong 336; Emmie Barford 86; David Ressler 214; Joanna Fabke 122; Tony Reeves 504.

## RECESS

The class resumed singing with Cathryn Baker leading song on page 128 (by request). Leaders: Jim Crawford 268; Jerilyn Schumacher 294; Jeanette Lowry 419; Carol Crawford 48b; Berkley Moore 215.

Chair Suzanne Flandreau called the class to order for the Memorial Lesson. John Seaton prefaced reading the names of those who had passed away in the last year by remarking that the memorial lesson means many things to the people in each class. This fellowship brings great joys. It helps us remember traditions that have been handed down for many years. But for him the memorial lesson was the reminder of the faces of so many singers as they raised their voices in song with the words lifting all of our spirits. He particularly wanted to remember the Southern singers, but others as well. There was no need to say anything else, but that as the names were read we should remember the singing faces of those named who now sing in the happy choir above.

Wendy Wahn read the following names and led song on page 347 for: Howard Rush - Indiana; Dollie Hudgins and Horace DeLong - Georgia; Bob Moran, Scott Oliver, Pat McCauley, Gerry Armstrong, Dorothy Wells, Robert Hartung, and Nellie Shelby - Illinois; Jack Page - Texas; Harold Thomas - Wisconsin. Kiri Miller prefaced reading the names of those who are ill or shut-in by remarking that it was very hard to be young at singings. Many start singing older than she is, but we are all taught by those who are older still. It is difficult to see those who taught her appear on these lists, with more and more names being familiar as time passes. She reminded us that we could still help the people on this list and urged us to do so. The names of those remembered: Carol, Vivian, and Ray McCurry - North Carolina; John Flandreau - New York; Bernice Embry, Hugh Bill McGuire, and Madeleine Steel - Mississippi; Gary Gronau and Teddy Menke (an eleven-year-old transplant patient) - Missouri; Gail Longe - Wisconsin; Dell Lee and Rita Patrusa - Illinois; Bob Scorgie - Wisconsin; Linda Morris - Maryland; Betty Wahn - Florida; Lawrence and Lula Underwood - Alabama. Kiri Miller led song on page 34t, first verse, for those remembered, and closed the memorial.

Leaders: Charlie Derleth 66; Jim Page 155; Judy Hauff 536; Ted Johnson 448t; Connie Karduck 222; Melanie Hauff 216; Marcia Johnson 434; Ted Mercer 61; Jerry Enright 442; Lisa Grayson 112.

Chair Suzanne Flandreau called a business session for the purpose of hearing reports.

Jim Helke reported that the Finance Committee had met its expenses and thanked all those who had contributed.

Kate Lingley reported for the Resolutions Committee. For their heroic organizational work, we resolve to thank:

- 1) Last year's Chair, Kris Richardson; and all the officers for this year's singing along with all the different committees for their outstanding jobs in keeping us all in order.
- 2) Kate Thomas and Nora Stormitt for their unstinting work in the kitchen.

- 3) Al Frank, Janet Miller, Hugh Thomas, and Bill Hamblin for giving up part of the singing to man the registration table.
  - 4) Those who provided carpools, including Jim Helke and Megan Jennings (and probably many others) for helping provide transportation for South Side singers.
  - 5) Sue Kessel for seeking out places for out-of-town guests to gather in the evening before the sing.
  - 6) The Irish American Heritage Center for providing this space for our singing.
- Lastly, we resolve to thank each and every singer who showed up, brought food, and sang with all their hearts, as it is this singing which brings us together and will continue to do so for years to come.

The Arranging Committee reported that 47 people from 6 states had led 78 songs.

Announcements were made. Jim Swanson led the class in a closing prayer. Suzanne Flandreau, Cathryn Baker, and Dean Slaton led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed.

Chair - Suzanne Flandreau; Vice Chair - Dean Slaton; Secretary - Cathryn Baker.

## **ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION** **Synergy School, San Francisco, California** **January 16, 2000**

The twelfth annual All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Synergy School in San Francisco, California. The singing was opened by Mary Rose O'Leary leading 510. Jim Friedrich then led the morning prayer. Carolyn Deacy welcomed everyone and called the singing to order by leading 59.

Leaders: Chris Thorman 31t; Bob Brylawski 163t; Barbara Saxton 209; Carla Smith 399b.

The class organized with the following officers elected and appointed: Chairman: Carolyn Deacy; Vice-Chairman: Janice Hecksel; Treasurers: Richard Rands, Chris Thorman, and Karen Willard; Secretary: Pat Boyd; Arranging Committee: Diane Doe and Carla Smith; Chaplain: Jim Friedrich; Memorial Committee: Mary Rose O'Leary and Janet Rands; Resolutions: Stephen O'Leary and Katy Hicks.

Leaders: Iona Singleton 122; Rachel Maureen Brylawski 107; Hugh McGuire 402; Karen Schaffer 178; Shelly Phillips 335; Pat Boyd 48b; Karen Willard 316; Duncan MacLeod 146; Jerry Schreiber 528; John Merritt 240.

### **RECESS**

Janice Hecksel called the class to order by leading the song on page 276. Leaders: Norma Ruptier 497; Seth Holloway 388; Matt Wells 49b; Greg Freemon 444; Karen Willard 40; Gary Smith 569b; Paul Ralston 236; DJ Hatfield 212; Robert Katz 147t; Jim Friedrich 344; Karen Stingle 273; Tom Ostwald 268; Pat Teverbaugh 73b.

### **RECESS**

The singing resumed with Janet Herman leading song 47t. Leaders: Alice Sharp 180; Sandy Klein 34b; Tony Park 299; Lois Hurt 551b; John Schaffer 556b; Tom Ayres 260.

Mary Rose O'Leary gave a memorial lesson for those who passed away in the last year and led song 77t for the deceased. Richard DeLong spoke about his grandmother who had sung Sacred Harp all her life, and he led the song on page 56. Those remembered were: Ralph Heath from Alabama; Martha Fitzgerald, Fr. Vincent Martin, Betty White, Ruby Lowe, Wilma Hastings, Dick Croft, Isabel

Hanson, Helen Quick, Stanley Grams, Don Jolly, John Campbell, Gayla Stafford, Mei Chang, Perrie Bentson, Martha Davis, Lorrie DeLoach, Clady Ritch, David Ackles, Joe Belzer, Mr. Young, all from California; Dollie Hudgins from Georgia; Marguerite Ogren Anderson, Elaine Berman from Illinois; Frances Friedrich from Minnesota; Durward Scarborough from Mississippi; Carleen Moreno from New York; Frank Soifer from Oregon; Ed Craig from Texas; Craig Landvatter, Andrea Gentry from Utah. Janet Rands spoke movingly about those who are sick or shut in and about the caregivers of the sick and shut in, and led the song on page 164 for the sick and shut in. The names of the sick and shut-in are: Dario Landazuri, Baba Herrick, Susan Turpin, Beth Webb, Deborah Thompson, Polly Thomas, Ron Wolf, Lydia Powell, Farrington Daniels, Lissa Callirhoe, Debora Johnson, Cecilia Kruger, Ruth Kuschmierz, Anitra Gendreau, Marion Black, and Arnold Zwicky.

Leaders: Midge Harder 296; Mark Miller 480.

#### LUNCH

Janice Hecksel called the class to order by leading the song on page 128. Leaders: Kiri Miller 442; Brenda Merritt 47b; Rick Russell 196; Jeannette Ralston 408; Richard DeLong 448t; Laura Boyd Russell 428; Jack Lofton 504; Betty Herman 455; Jerilyn Schumacher 145t; Janet Herman 217; Janice Hecksel 481; Tom Payne 73; Paul Prochaska 117; Jinx McGuire 148; Stephen O'Leary 567.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Mary Rose O'Leary and Carolyn Deacy leading the song on page 155. Leaders: Leah Wilde 38b; Phillip Garrison 58; Dan Curtis 56b; Michael Armstrong 503b; Sid Hildum 85; Greg Carroll 86; Richard DeLong 542; Sarah Beasley Smith 129; Winston Stephens 28b; Vicki Solomon 155; Shannon McGuire 313b; Eric Schutter 269; Kathleen Eschen-Pipes 254; Mary Rose O'Leary 318; Carolyn Deacy 501.

At this point in time, announcements were made. The treasury committee announced that expenses had been met. The chairman thanked all who participated in the planning of the singing and the lunch, and made a special thank you to Richard DeLong, who led the singing school on the Saturday before the convention. The location for next year's thirteenth annual California All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention will be San Diego.

The class took the parting hand during the closing song on page 62, led by Carolyn Deacy. The class was dismissed with a prayer led by Jim Friedrich. Chairman - Carolyn Deacy; Vice Chairman - Janice Hecksel; Secretary - Pat Boyd.

## **FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH** **Haleyville, Winston County, Alabama** **January 23, 2000**

The third session of this singing was held on the fourth Sunday in January at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church in Haleyville, Alabama, and was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 39b, 37b, and 124. Glenn Keeton led the class in morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Ivalene Donaldson; Arranging Committee - Wilton Donaldson and Gene Wakefield. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 129, 335, 81t; Mary Alice Wakefield 82t, 145b; Glenn Keeton 34b, 64, 503; Gene Wakefield 138t, 112, 168; Doyal Williams 29t, 84; Julietta Haynes 209, 222, 300; Larry Ballinger 139, 123t, 310.

#### RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading songs on pages 68b and 348b. Leaders: Ethel Williams 338; Gravis Ballinger 78, 99; Kermit Adams 384, 426t, 67; Lisa Geist 273, 546, 528; Lavaughn Ballinger 565b, 405, 45t; Faye Donaldson 108t, 30t, 40; Amber Springfield 49b, 58, 391; Jayne Fulmer 186, 299, 454.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Hyde leading song on page 297. Leaders: Wilton Donaldson 316, 566, 317b; Chris Bell 276, 385b, 268; Julie Poston 274t, 421, 285t; Pernie Pelfrey and Chris Bell 275b, 371; Ken Tate 314, 119; Julie Tate 56t, 457; L.E. Hannah 511, 389; Willodean Barton 418, 475, 482; Parnell Berry 216, 215, 306; Tim Gilmore 402, 76b, 74t; Josie Hyde 224, 183, 43; Betty Hood 73t, 61, 63; Will Townsend and Chris Bell 59; Josie Hyde 408, 236; Delene Bradford and Betty Hood 143, 358.

John Hyde and Travis Keeton led song on page 75 as the closing song. Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Ivalene Donaldson.

### **SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** **Fort Worth, Texas** **Saturday, January 29, 2000**

The sixteenth annual Sacred Harp Singing was held in Cowden Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. This is the ninth year that the 1991 Revision of The Sacred Harp has been used, and it was an excellent singing with 85 in attendance.

Dr. David Music called the morning session to order at 9:35 a.m. and led song on page 59. Leon Ballinger led the morning prayer. After a welcome to all singers and opening comments, Dr. Music recognized Dr. Timothy Studstill as chairman of the Arranging Committee and Carla Sandy as Secretary.

Leaders: Dr. Bill Reynolds 145; Leon Ballinger 155; Josh Rogan 532; Owen Ross 454; Father Ronald Baker 148; Michele Rogan 178; Tim Reynolds 492; Gary Rogan 56; Mary Bachmann 146; Beverly Coates 183; Avon Miller 518; Vivian Rogan 84; H.P. O'Mary 335; Cheryl Foreman 66; Reed Coates 56b; Robert Handel 440; Sarah Coates 455; Tom Owen 475; Bruce Coates 34b; Esther Huchaby 270; Jeb Owen 480; Kelly Beard 206; Mike Moseley 504. Dr. David Music acknowledged the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary students in attendance and then called on Ron Ethridge and Tommy Sandifer to help him lead song on page 49.

#### RECESS

Dr. Timothy Studstill opened the second session by leading song on page 198. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 313b; Ernestine Pipkin 110; John Morris 312; Liz Rogan 273; Scott Curran 47; Baron Powers 168; Catherine Rogan 171; Kelly Beard 200; Owen Ross 304; Dr. Bill Reynolds 133; Josh Rogan 300; Leon Ballinger 490; Father Ronald Baker 117; Michele Rogan 479; Mary Bachmann 373; Gary Rogan 384. Dr. David Music dismissed the class for lunch.

#### LUNCH

After several impromptu songs were sung, Dr. David Music opened the afternoon session at 1:20 p.m. by leading song on page 40. Leaders: Beverly Coates 464; Avon Miller 542; Vivian Rogan 335; Cheryl Foreman 209; H.P. O'Mary 235; Reed Coates 112; Robert Handel 489; Sarah Coates 344; Tom Owen 163b; Bruce Coates 111b; Jeb Owen 318; Mike Moseley 135; Kelly Beard 378; Ernestine Pipkin 203; Baron Powers 119; John Morris 222; Liz Rogan 448;

Tim Reynolds 278; Gary Rogan 299; Mary Bachmann 71; Owen Ross 31; Father Ronald Baker 128; Catherine Rogan 63; Leon Ballinger 269; Michele Rogan 215; Kelly Beard 379; Josh Rogan 410; Dr. Bill Reynolds 85; Tim Studstill 159.

Dr. Timothy Studstill asked for requests from those not leading and the following song leaders were called: Tim Reynolds 397; Josh Rogan 358; Esther Huckaby and Kelly Beard 224; Beverly Coates 225; Tom Owen 143; Owen Ross 268.

Dr. Bill Reynolds was then asked to lead 45t (Amazing Grace) and close in prayer.

Chairman - Dr. David Music; Secretary - Carla Sandy.

**PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTMAN MEMORIAL**  
**Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**January 30, 2000**

The class was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Velton Chafin leading song on page 31b. Rev. Donald Flippo led the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led songs on pages 30t and 31t.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Edith Tate.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35; Flarce Creel 39b, 48t; Josie Hyde 329, 477; Julie Wakefield 345b, 343b; Gene Wakefield and Mary Alice Wakefield 101t, 59, 102, 100; Elsie Moon 207, 418; John Hyde 73t, 61, 68b; Wilton Donaldson 37b, 56t; Larry Ballinger 78, 112; John Hocutt 92, 312b; Travis Keeton 388, 142, 172; John Etheridge 318, 283.

**RECESS**

The class resumed singing with songs on pages 50 and 57. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 146, 426t; Edith Tate 93, 446, 292; Brenda Merritt 203, 542, 428, 532; David Roberson 340, 222, 274t; Lisa Geist 272, 377, 327; Tim Cook 480, 287. John Merritt offered the blessing for the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

John Merritt brought the class to order leading song on page 144. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 290, 270, 138b; Wanda Capps 546, 269, 178; Eldagene Roberson 349, 306; Ann Jett 136, 448b, 88t (for Marie Aldridge); Glenn Keeton 58, 475, 278; John Merritt 213, 34b, 505 (CB); Dewayne Hawthorne 74b, 47b, 225t; Shelley Davis 512, 145t, 343; Connie Hall 36b, 75; Cecil Sanders 460; John Etheridge 51; Dewayne Hawthorne 137.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 521 as the closing song. Glenn Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

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

**LIBERTY CHURCH**  
**Henagar, Alabama**  
**January 30, 2000**

The annual fifth Sunday singing at Liberty Baptist Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with Chairman David Ivey leading songs on pages 108t and 129. The morning prayer was led by Pastor Tony Ivey.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey 32t, 101t; Secretary Norma Green 24b; Tony Ivey 31t; Shane Wootten 49b, 155; Loyd Ivey 89, 318; Marlon Wootten 147t, 448b; Eloise Wootten 224, 276; Billy Thompson 569b; Rex Wilks 73t.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Ivey leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Dennis George 235b, 58; Hobert Ivey 282, 47t; Betty Wright and Cheyenne Ivey 319; Karen House 34t, 34b; Syble Adams 277; Cath Oss 99; Donna Wootten and Loyd Ivey 312b; Sarah Harcrow 178; Linda Thomas 39t; Stuart Ivey 189; Laura Clawson 480; Leola Smith 176b; Sandy Ivey 503; Elene Stovall 192 (for Don Bowen); Lynn deBenedette 376; Henry Johnson 267; Richard Ivey 567; Nate Green and Norma Green 204; Karen Ivey 112; Cindy Franklin 198, 328; Kelly House 135, 542. Billy Thompson asked the blessing for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 354b. Leaders: Bud Oliver 39b; Allison Ivey 399b; Tim Dalton 47b; Scott Ivey, Jarrod George, Jackson Harcrow, and Stuart Ivey led 63 and walked time; Linton Ballinger 81t; Susan Harcrow 273; Jeffrey Wootten 421; Mike Thompson 208; Cassie Franklin 186; Dean Daniels 45t; Helen Lambert and Larry Lambert 75, 332; Laura Patterson, Barbara Isbell, and Max Bereuffy 72b; Max Bereuffy 532; Dwayne Wootten and Jamie Wootten 571 (CB); Jackson Harcrow 68b, 145t; Jarrod George 196; April Hall 33b; Jim Cauthen and Joyce Cauthen 128; Jenny Wootten 300.

#### RECESS

Marty Wootten brought the class together leading song on page 66. Leaders: Melvin Stiefel 36b; Teresa Bethune, Lindsey Bethune, and Jessica Ivey 501 (CB); Lorrie Wootten 410t; Charles Stiefel 448t; Coy Ivey and Marie Ivey 384; Shane Wootten, Richard Ivey, and Jarrod George 358 (by request); Bud Oliver, Shane Wootten, Richard Ivey, and Jarrod George 270; Stuart Ivey and Jackson Harcrow 49b; Karen Ivey, Allison Ivey, and Rilla Greeson 106; Loyd Ivey and David Ivey 100 (for Marian Biddle).

Following announcements, David Ivey and Rodney Ivey led 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Pastor Tony Ivey.

A singing school was held at Liberty on Friday night and Saturday morning preceding this singing

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Green.

### **ROTUNDA SINGING** **State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama** **Saturday, February 5, 2000**

The third 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 different books are used: "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision"; "Christian Harmony"; "Colored Sacred Harp"; and "Cooper Revision Book", with 30 minute sessions from each book.

Jim Carnes brought the class to order leading song on page 82t from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision", and the morning prayer was offered by Don Clark.

The first session was from the "Christian Harmony" with Bill Hogan acting as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Ozella Blackmon 131, 110; Bill Hogan 86b, 135; John Etheridge 64; Tim Cook 49, 59b; Don Clark 253; George Cox 298, 41t; Regina Glass 346, 339.



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

Leaders: Ed Snell 1, 4; Janice Johnson 19, 20; H.J. Jackson 18, 9, 10, 65; Herbert Buckhannon 64; H.J. Jackson 24.

The third session was from the "Cooper Revision Book" with Don Clark acting as Arranging Committee. Leaders: Kennon Smith 497, 365; Bobby Jackson 282; Frank Hadaway 290; Dewayne Hawthorne 436b; Betty Wright 511b; Sharon Whitehead 229; John Etheridge 336t; Eloise Watkins 478; Charlotte Bishop 571.

The fourth session was from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision" with Elene Stovall acting as Arranging Committee. Leaders: Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall 99; Judy Caudle 397; Don Bowen 171; Robert Handel 107; Judy Mincey 475; Elder J.L. Hopper 198; Lee Rogers 196; Gene Wakefield 168; Kathleen Robbins 142. Brother H.J. Jackson offered the blessing for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Jim Carnes and Celia Carnes leading song on page 146 from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision".

The first afternoon session was from the "Christian Harmony". Leaders: Cecile Cox 149; Retha Deason 110; Margie Simmons 142; Elvin Morris 235; Tish Crocker 204t; Donald R. Smith 160; Robert Handel 81t; John Etheridge 261b.

Our next session was devoted to songs from the "Colored Sacred Harp". Leaders: H.J. Jackson 74b; Ed Snell 25b; Herbert Buckhannon 62; Janice Johnson 59b; H.J. Jackson 87b, 95.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with songs from the "Cooper Revision Book". Leaders: Bill Hogan 505, 184; Regina Glass 393t; Don Clark 398b; Kennon Smith 54t; Bobby Jackson 381t; Dewayne Hawthorne 68t; Frank Hadaway 58; Betty Wright 323b.

The final session was held from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision". Leaders: Amanda Denson 217; Jimmie Denney 101t; Liz Bryant 384; Charles Wood 510; Mary Alice Wakefield 119; Jim Cauthen and Joyce Cauthen 47b; Annie Lee Price 434; Don Bowen and Betty Wright 347; Don Clark 491 (in memory of Mrs. Holt Morris).

Announcements were made. Jim Carnes, John Etheridge, and Elene Stovall led song on page 436 as the closing song. Elder Donald Smith dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jim Carnes; Vice Chairman - John Etheridge; Secretary - Linda Thomas; Arranging Committee - Elene Stovall, Don Clark, Bill Hogan, and H.J. Jackson.

## **BOB BURNHAM MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Jacksonville, Alabama**

**February 6, 2000**

The thirty-third session of the Bob Burnham Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in February, and was called to order by Ruth Brown leading song on page 59. Roy Nelson led the class in morning prayer. Ruth Brown led song on page 63; Jeff Sheppard 61; Shelbie Sheppard 216, 208 (in memory of Uncle Bob Burnham); and Margie Smith 313t.

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

Leaders: Pearl Guier 503; Nancy Allen 32t; Richard Ivey 182; Teenie Moody 430; Lamar Smith 76b; Joyce Clackum 127.

Ruth Brown introduced the mayor of Jacksonville, Dr. Jerry Smith, and asked that he say a few words to the group. Dr. Smith welcomed everyone to the City of Jacksonville and expressed his appreciation to us for attending this event and extended an invitation to come again next year.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 390; Jeannette DePoy 229; Coy Ivey 99; Eloise Watkins 49b; Lonnie Rogers 348b; Daphene Causey 349.

#### RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading song on page 75. Leaders: Allison Ivey 377; Jimmy Cates 37b; Mary Florence Smith 383; Louis Hughes 57; Elene Stovall 189; Richard DeLong 41; Linda Thomas 303; B.M. Smith 28b; Katherine Benefield 111t; Tommy McGraw 480; Lou Cotney 318; Eschol Hughes 111b; Evelyn Harris 47t; David Ivey 202; Flora Skinner 434; Randall Smith and Rodney Ivey 137, 475 (for Virgil Phillips who was present, but not able to lead); Karen Ivey 201; B.J. Harris 225t; Cassie Franklin 373; Judy Mincey 367.

#### LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading song on page 87. Leaders: Scott DePoy 179; Eunice Webb 290; Howard McGuire 354; Jenny Wootten 66; Stuart Ivey 192; Charlene Wallace 218; Terry Wootten 436; Pam Nunn 200; Everette Denney 426t; Lee Rogers 534; Roy Nelson 283; Jewel Wootten 212; Jimmie Denney 155; Bonnie Flowers 299; S.T. Reed 567; Estelle Flowers 45t; Rodney Ivey and Allison Ivey 31t (by special request in memory of Greg Garret); Earlis McGraw 148; Susan Harcrow 217; Felton Denney 73; Reba Norton 275b; Buell Cobb 467; Bobby Jackson 569; Ora Martin 340; Don Bowen 270; Sarah Harcrow 347; Homer Benefield 56t; Sylvia Holland 456; Louise Holland 323b; Louise Nelson 350; Terry Wootten "Love At Home" (special request by Virgil Phillips); Flora Skinner 426b; Nellie Mae White and Ruth Daniels 378; Kanieth Calvert 159; Karen Reaves 339; Jeff Sheppard 142 (requested by Ruth Brown). Ruth Brown, Pearl Guier, and Jeff Sheppard led song on page 46 as the closing song. Howard McGuire dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Ruth Brown; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretaries - Shelbie Sheppard and Hester Edwards.

### **LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING**

**University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall, Chicago, Illinois  
February 6, 2000**

The eighth annual Lincoln's Birthday singing at the University of Chicago's Ida Noyes Hall was called to order by Kiri Miller at 1:00 p.m. with song on page 59. Jim Swanson led the class in prayer.

Leaders: Marcia Johnson and grandson, Teddy Thomas 33t; Steve Warner 148; Doug Stapleton 178; John Kimbrough 155.

Kiri Miller called a business meeting. Kate Lingley was elected Chair and arranged for the election of the other officers.

Leaders: Kate Lingley 497; Cathryn Baker 472; Karen Freund 278b; Jim Helke 335; Bruce Holmes 267; Al Frank 102; John Seaton 47t; Kris Richardson 344; Jim Swanson 216; Ted Mercer 106 (by request); Sue Kessel 365; Ariel Weinberg 63; Ted Johnson 215; Susan Geil 147t; Judy Hauff 112; Suzanne Flandreau 163t.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Kate Lingley leading song on page 441. Leaders: Jerry Enright 131t; Teddy Thomas 32t; Rachel Adelstein 268; Violet Stark 358; Lisa Grayson 448t; Hugh Thomas 126; Dean Slaton 512; Orwin Youngquist 38t;

Laura Koepke 442; Melanie Hauff 318; Jerry Enright 300; Susan Geil 81t; Bill Hamblin 107; Aaron Kahn 198; Karen Freund 271t; Ted Mercer 62; Sue Kessel 455.

Chairman Kate Lingley called for announcements of local and regional singings. The singing resumed with Lisa Grayson leading song on page 436. Leaders: John Seaton 68b; Judy Hauff 411; Rachel Adelstein 448b; Kris Richardson 269; Dean Slaton 422; Melanie Hauff 277; Steve Warner 547. Kate Lingley, Kiri Miller, and Cathryn Baker closed the singing with song on page 347, and Jim Swanson offered a closing prayer.

The specific date of the singing varies from year to year, but it is always held in conjunction with the University of Chicago Folk Festival. In 2001, the singing will be on the first or second Sunday in February. For more information, please contact the University of Chicago Shape-Note Singers' Association.

Chairman - Kate Lingley; Vice Chairman - Cathryn Baker; Secretary - Jim Swanson.

### **MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE Clinton, Mississippi Saturday, February 12, 2000**

The annual Mississippi College Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in February, and was called to order by Mark Davis leading songs on pages 45, 72b, and 63. Lewis Oswalt led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 452, 87, 81, 82; Kurt Davis 45t, 354b, 128; John Lee Van Horn 183, 220; Arlon Gardner 144, 166; Bob DeJohn 159; Mark Davis 168, 137; Walter Blair 155, 154; Henry McGuire 300, 306.

#### **RECESS**

Lewis Oswalt called the class to order leading songs on pages 146 and 196.

Leaders: Regina Glass 147t, 142; Colvin Mann 143; Toni Hines 515; John Hollingsworth 489; Esther Mann 270, 369.

#### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Bob DeJohn leading song on page 162.

Leaders: Arlon Gardner 448; Lydia Hamby 175, 268; John Lee Van Horn 269; Lydia Hamby 200; Mark Davis 224; Drew McGuire 63; Arlon Gardner 83; Esther Mann 66.

#### **RECESS**

Henry McGuire brought the class to order leading song on page 171. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 347; Henry McGuire 490; Lydia Hamby 312b, 434, 442; Lewis Oswalt 40; Esther Mann 297; Pat Hamby 117.

A memorial lesson was given for Durwood Scarborough and song on page 240 was sung in his memory.

Announcements were made. Mark Davis led song on page 46 as the closing song and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Mark Davis; Secretary - Regina Glass.

### **UNION UNIVERSITY SINGING Jackson, Tennessee Saturday, February 12, 2000**

Dr. Andrew Roby, Chairman of the Union University Music Department, opened the first annual Sacred Harp singing with prayer. Because it was the first such meeting at Union, and possibly in west Tennessee (in recent years), Dr. Michael Penny gave an introduction and a short demonstration of Sacred Harp

singing technique. Also attending was Tim Reynolds of Nashville and Dr. Warren Steel of Ole Miss, both of whom gave helpful leadership.

Leaders: Dr. Michael Penny 45t; Tim Reynolds 49t; Tim Reynolds, Don Richards, and Diane Gatwood 159; Warren Steel, Lewis Frost, John Detwiler, and Marjorie Richard 47, 36b, 74b; Lewis Frost 49b, 59; Kathy Hull 354b (Dr. Joseph Blass of the music faculty pointed out that this song, "Happy Land", was quoted in the musical, "The King And I"), 59; Warren Steel 111t; Jonie Cairns 63, 317b; Aaron Campbell 145b, 128; Michael Penny 130; Georgia Wellborn and Tim Reynolds 85, 313b; Robert Johnson and Lewis Frost 147t, 146; Angela Garrow and Lewis Frost 73b; Warren Steel 179; Ronnie Douglas 312b, 313t; Kathy Hull 143; Lewis Frost 147b, 148; Don Richard 117, 200; Lewis Frost 569; Lewis Frost and Jason Varnick 569b.

#### LUNCH

Dr. Warren Steel and Shana Cox brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 424. Leaders: Paul Tipton 112, 255b; Lewis Frost and Pam Dennis 107, 106; Lewis Frost, Pam Dennis, and Polly Hatch 84; Michael Penny 81t; Mark Bingham 142; Warren Steel 285t; Aaron Campbell and Lewis Frost 141; Lewis Frost 515b; Kathy Hull 277; Michael Penny 127; Paul Tipton 242; Don Richard 268,

Lewis Frost led song on page 437 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Dr. Joseph Blass, Union University music faculty member.

Chairman - Michael Penny; Secretary - Angela Garrow.

### **MOUNTAIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** **Stone Mountain, Georgia** **February 13, 2000**

The special singing was called to order by Eric Tweedy leading song on page 61.

Eric Tweedy offered an opening prayer, and conducted a short business session to elect a secretary. Chris Tweedy was elected to serve as the Secretary.

Leaders: Helen Bryson 47t, 121; Susan Cole 59; Susan Posey 268, 178; Judy Mincey 523b, 86; Chris Tweedy 347, 535b; Amelia Miller 503, 147; Laura Akerman 224, 543; Don Bowen 99, 97; Jeremy York 179, 228; John Plunkett 175b, 271b.

#### RECESS

Eric Tweedy brought the class back to order by leading songs on pages 479 and 540. Leaders: Helen Bryson 542, 286; Susan Cole 334, 120; Lee Rogers 41, 352; Susan Posey 146, 236; John Plunkett 76t, 312t; Judy Mincey 150, 365; Andy Morse 57, 151; Chris Tweedy 566; Amelia Miller 49b, 313b; Laura Akerman 481, 518; Don Bowen 569t, 531; Jeremy York 501b, 285t; Lee Rogers 275b, 425b; Andy Morse 349, 367; Jeremy York 547; Eric Tweedy 504; Don Bowen 368.

Eric Tweedy led song on page 62 as the closing song, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Eric Tweedy; Secretary - Chris Tweedy.

### **ALABAMA COLLEGIATE SINGING** **University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama** **Saturday, February 19, 2000**

The second annual session of the Alabama Collegiate Singing was held in the hall of the Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center on the campus of the

University of Alabama. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Cook leading song on page 49t. Lavaughn Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Tim Cook; Secretary - Amber Springfield; Arranging Committee - Latisha Crocker; Memorial Committee - Elder Donald Smith.

Leaders: Tim Cook 63; Donald Smith 448; Latisha Crocker 159; Amber Springfield 389; Harvey Dockery 68b; Mary Alice Wakefield 145b; Don Clark 503; George Cox 490; Cecile Cox 340; Edward Howton 436; Glenn Keeton 475; Regina Glass 421; Lora Cargo 498; Judy Caudle 150; John Plunkett 297; John Etheridge 67; Leslie Ballinger 78.

#### RECESS

The morning session resumed with Elder J.L. Hopper leading song on page 178.

Leaders: Etma Barton 298; Wayne Baines 155; Pinina Kane 335; Dewayne Hawthorne 341; Laura Akerman 137; Gravis Ballinger 300; Ruth Wyers 393; Glenda Hopper 40; Eugene Wakefield 168; Nate Green and Norma Green 312t; Ola Meadows 426t; Velton Chafin 144; John Merritt "Delusion"; Brenda Merritt 559 (CB); Charles Kitchens 90; Irma Hitt 317b; Toney Smith 328; Mako Cook 347. J.L. Hopper offered the blessing for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Tim Cook called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 186. Toney Smith stood to recognize the attendance of Colonel Rupert Yarbrough, who, though now on in years, was a pillar of the Sacred Harp community in Tuscaloosa. Leaders: Daniel Kinsaul 117; Amanda Denson 273; Huey Jones 306; Kate Merritt 196; Donald Smith 314; Latisha Crocker 274t; Amber Springfield 391; Don Clark 186; George Cox 348b; Cecile Cox 290; Maxine Lacy, Peggy Bergman, and Edward Howton 101t, 318; Glenn Keeton 278t; Regina Glass 29t; Lora Cargo 454, Judy Caudle 448t.

The memorial lesson was held with Donald Smith leading songs on page 69t and 75 for Claudine Lancaster. Mrs. Lancaster, another lifetime singer and supporter of Sacred Harp, provided several dishes for this singing the previous year, even though she was too infirm to attend. Memorial lesson concluded.

#### RECESS

Tim Cook called the class back to order leading song on page 549b in honor of Dr. James Howell, another local Sacred Harp singer and supporter, not able to attend due to infirmities. Leaders: John Plunkett 308; Donavan Brown and Lavaughn Ballinger; W.T. Wyers 176b; Leslie Ballinger 30t; J.L. Hopper 245; Dwight Engle 445; Pinina Kane 319; Dewayne Hawthorne 326; Laura Akerman 569b; Gravis Ballinger and Amber Springfield 34b; Ruth Wyers 87; Glenda Hopper 108t; Eugene Wakefield 284; Nate Green and Norma Green "Nettie"; John Merritt, Brenda Merritt, and Kate Merritt 392 (CB), 38t (CB); Charles Kitchens and Talley Kitchens 205.

Announcements were made. Tim Cook led song on page 414b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Donald Smith.

Chairman - Tim Cook; Secretary - Amber Springfield.

## OHIO STATE CONVENTION

Bluffton And Cygnet, Ohio

February 19-20, 2000

Saturday, February 19

The eighth annual Ohio State Convention was held at the Ebenezer Mennonite Church Schoolhouse, Bluffton, Ohio. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Steve Postellon leading songs on pages 59 and 40. Chairman

Laura Russell led song on page 34b. Since attendance was limited because of poor weather, the business meeting was deferred until later in the day. Chaplain Beth Huener led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Beth Huener 454, 547; Kay Huener 324, 95; Bob Meek 441, 270; Pauline Childers 224, 111b; Kathryn Knecht 87, 361; Maria Knecht 96, 99; Joseph Pimentel 178, 269; Martha Lang 159, 163b; Charles Knecht 453, 191; Alexander Knecht 117, 144; Teresa Kasperick 45t, 55.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Steve Postellon; Vice Chairman - Chandler York; Secretary - Henry Schuman; Treasurer - Kay Huener; Arranging - Henry Schuman; Memorial - Eloise Clark; Registration - Teresa Kasperick; Resolutions - Michael Darby; Chaplains - Beth Huener and Kay Huener.

#### RECESS

The class was brought together by Steve Postellon leading song on page 85.

Leaders: Eloise Clark 31t, 313b; John Bayer 29t, 278b; Karen Amelia 299, 485; Eric Conrad 107, 300; Regina Bayer 312t, 182; Shawn Fenton 137, 38b; Claire Outten 335, 504; Rich Overturf 133, 330b; Megan Jones 111, 110; Brad Oglesby 369, 171; Loraine Bayer 179, 65. Chaplain Beth Huener led the class in a blessing for lunch.

#### LUNCH

Joe Todd called the class to order leading songs on pages 312b and 480. Leaders: Laura Russell 569, 142; Michael Darby 148, 328; Denise Morris 184, 189; Fred Todt 196, 68b; Debbie Hall 474, 192; Beth Todd 280, 501; John Bealle 442, 362; Bob Meek, John Bayer, and Pauline Childers "Mercy Seat" (LH); Rich Overturf 373; Regina Bayer 168; Claire Outten 455; Brad Oglesby 127; Martha Lang 48t; Shawn Fenton 155; Loraine Bayer 503; Joseph Pimentel 497; Denise Morris 524; Eric Conrad 551; John Bayer 125.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Kay Huener leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Beth Todd 344; Fred Todt 276; Beth Huener 200; Michael Darby 430; Pauline Childers 318; Karen Amelia 528; John Bealle 543; Debbie Hall 217; Joe Todd 475; Eloise Clark 198; Henry Schuman 532; Ann Marie Bullock 523.

Chairman Steve Postellon closed the afternoon session with song on page 448t.

The closing prayer was led by Chaplain Beth Huener, and the class was dismissed at 4:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, February 20**

The Sunday session was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cygnet, Ohio, with Chairman Steve Postellon calling the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 30t. Chaplain Kay Huener led the opening prayer. Leaders: Steve Postellon 283, 277; Kay Huener 63, 66; Joe Todd 384, 47t; Josie Bealle 45t; Eloise Clark 44, 48b; Fred Todt 83t, 361; Teresa Kasperick 38t, 334; Seth Houston 189, 85; Pauline Childers 234, 475; Michael Darby 84, 131b; Beth Todd 48t, 89.

#### RECESS

Chandler York called the class to order with songs on pages 36b and 566.

Leaders: Karen Amelia 556, 34b; Charles Wells 99, 569b; Maria Knecht 100, 95; Kathryn Knecht 394, 35; Eric Schedler 551, 107; Denise Morris 297, 86; Alexander Knecht 96, 77t; Charles Knecht 481, 410t; Chloe Maher 142, 284; John Bealle 377, 240; Naomi Morse 455, 178.

A memorial lesson was held. Eloise Clark spoke to the class about the traditions that make a Sacred Harp convention more than just the songs and music that we all love. These things, which include dinner and taking our turn in the square,

give us pleasure, release, and relaxation. But, they also include traditions that help us to ground ourselves to our place in this world. They help us to recognize and accept our human frailties and as expressed in the memorial lesson, that our path from birth to death is inevitable.

In this 21st century America, we are often in too big a rush to stop to realize that sickness and death are also part of our existence. When we rush through life we don't take care to value that what we have is ours only for a short time before we pass it to the next generation. We do not take the time to listen to those who can teach our generation about what we can do to make our life better and about dying.

The memorial lesson is our opportunity to slow down, take a deep breath and appreciate the aspects of being on earth - that we are born; we learn from our elders, we teach our children and grandchildren; then pass on. One way that we can express our appreciation for life and the lives of others is to think of those who cannot be with us today. Some are ill and may be otherwise shut in. Others have passed on. Let us now turn our thoughts and prayers to those sick and shut-ins: Ed Huener - Ohio; Eleanor Chamberlain - Pennsylvania; Harrison Creel, Flarce Creel, Marie Aldridge, and Sheila Moon - Alabama. Kay Huener led song on page 217 for those remembered.

Now let us turn our attention to those friends and family who have passed to another home: Glenn Conrad - Ohio; Libby Dukes and Perry Arndt - Florida; Jean Farwell - Illinois; Scharlene Nesler - Oklahoma. Pauline Childers led song on page 288 for the deceased. Chaplain Kay Huener led the class in prayer for all those who could not be with us today and closed the memorial.

Leaders: Laura Russell 515, 268; Debbie Hall 163t, 497. Chaplain Kay Huener led the class in the blessing for lunch.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Chairman Steve Postellon leading song on page 87. Leaders: David Wright 61, 171; Jo Schultz 472, 315; Jean Squires 504; Sylvia Thomas 372; Seth Houston 183; Chandler York "Wednesdays" and "Roxborough" (both by Chandler York); Chloe Maher 146; Charles Wells 285t; Karen Amelia 485; Alexander Knecht 49t; Charles Knecht 500; Naomi Morse 117; David Wright 274t; Denis Morris 212; Eric Schedler 49b; Teresa Kasperick 133.

#### RECESS

Chandler York brought the class back to order leading song on page 368. Leaders: Michael Darby 236; Maria Knecht 475; Kathryn Knecht 179; John Bealle 522; Pauline Childers 214; Joe Todd 39t; Debbie Hall 200; Henry Schuman 319, 290; Kay Huener 56t; Fred Todt 546; Laura Russell 81t; Chandler York 47b; Eloise Clark 120; Beth Todd 124; Laura Weber 147t; John Bealle, Christina Howard, Michael Brown, and Meagan Hayes 159; Denise Morris 250; Pauline Childers 269; Seth Houston 112; Henry Schuman 101t.

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

Treasurer Kay Huener reported that sufficient funds were collected to cover expenses.

Michael Darby spoke for the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee would like to offer thanks for this marvelous singing. We offer our thanks to almighty God for giving us voices to lift in His praise. Special thanks to and for:

- 1) All those who came from near and far to join us for this convention.
- 2) The Ebenezer Mennonite Church and Sacred Heart Catholic Church for hosting the singing.

- 3) All who brought food for the wonderful dinner on the grounds.
- 4) All the northwest Ohio singers who helped to make the convention successful.

And, be it resolved, that all Ohio singers are encouraged to attend Southern conventions as well as supporting our local conventions.

The business session was closed. Announcements were made of upcoming singings across the country. After taking the "The Parting Hand", the class was dismissed with prayer by Chaplain Kay Huener.

Chairman - Steve Postellon; Vice Chairman - Chandler York; Secretary - Henry Schuman.

## **KEYSTONE SINGING CONVENTION**

**Havertown Friends Meeting, Havertown, Pennsylvania, and  
Franklin Inn Club, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**February 19-20, 2000**

**Saturday, February 19**

The second annual Keystone Singing Convention was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in February at Havertown Friends Meeting just west of Philadelphia, and was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Doron Henkin leading song on page 276. Guy Bankes offered the opening prayer.

Officers and committees of the convention were: Chairman - Doron Henkin; Vice Chairman of Housing/Volunteers - Margaret Sayvetz; Vice Chairman of Kitchen - Mary McCaffrey; Treasurer - Hal Kunkel; Arrangements - Barbara Swetman, Gina Balestracci, Susan Bingham, Diane Mennella, and Gerry Hoffman; Secretary - Gabriel Kastle.

Leaders: Joanne DeVoe 47t; Walter Smith 135; Karen House 59; James Ulrich 40; Marian McKenzie 189; Tom Padwa 300; Leland delRe 32t; Gerry Hoffman 278b; Susan Bingham 457; Hal Kunkel 179; John delRe 101; Ted Stokes 47b; Doron Henkin 100; Diane Mennella 392; Ellie Soler 347; Gabriel Kastle 31t.

### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Diane Mennella leading song on page 148.

Leaders: Roland Hutchinson 473; Ginny Landgraf 501b; Charles Deering 569b; Joanne DeVoe 484; Elise Meyer-Bothling 89; Adrian Mariano 185; Walter Smith 178; Donna Abrahams 496; Frank Evans 66; Rosemary Greenaway 29t; Juanita Heyerman 87; Gina Balestracci 271; Joni Seidenstein 168; Barbara Swetman 38t; Bob Todd 479; Guy Bankes 287. Stephen Bloyd offered the blessing for lunch.

### **LUNCH**

The class was called to order by Gabriel Kastle leading song on page 33b.

Leaders: Adrian Mariano 504; Rosemary Greenaway 171; Leland delRe 144; Ginny Landgraf 260; Gina Balestracci 312b; Gabriel Kastle 430; Barbara Swetman 299; Joanne DeVoe 327; Gerry Hoffman 270; Donna Abrahams 532; Bob Todd 341; Charles Deering 290; Ellie Soler 378b; Joni Seidenstein 294; Elise Meyer-Bothling 324; Guy Bankes 228; Roland Hutchinson 518; Doron Henkin 245.

### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Guy Bankes leading song on page 34b.

James Ulrich conducted the memorial and led song on page 122 for the deceased. Betty Hanf led song on page 330 for the sick and shut-ins: Rosa Hughes - Alabama; Dorothy Garber and Susan Garber - Connecticut; Phil Shea and Sandra Boston - Massachusetts; Mary Ann Goula - New Jersey; Mia Durso -



New York; Pauline Hutchinson, Kristina Middlekauf, Joe Borelli, Bonnie Borelli, and Barbara Smith - Pennsylvania. Let it be noted thankfully that Bob Todd of Pennsylvania overcame severe health challenges to join us in this convention which he also so amazingly helped to put on. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Claire Simon 147t; Andrew Huffman 379; James Ulrich 334; Hal Kunkel 530; Frank Evans 269; Seth Huffman, Elsa Solek, Leland delRe, Gilead Henkin, Daniel Henkin, and Hannah Henkin 354 (children's lesson); Juanita Heyerman 472; Laura Clawson 58; Tom Padwa 180; Susan Bingham 454; Mike Cuil 86; Diane Mennella 386; Ted Stokes 417; Karen House 373; John delRe 78; Margaret Sayvetz 84; Walter Smith 528; Adrian Mariano 198; Joanne DeVoe 77; James Ulrich 73; Laura Clawson 95; Leland delRe 146; Walter Smith 159; Tom Padwa 91; Gina Balestracci 112.

Guy Bankes dismissed the class with prayer.

### **Sunday, February 20**

The convention met at the Franklin Inn Club in Center City, Philadelphia for the Sunday session. Doron Henkin called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 47t.

At this time, new and out-of-book tunes were sung with leaders and sources: Hal Kunkel 232t (HS); Gina Balestracci "Glocester" (William Billings); Charles Deering 63t (HS); Diane Mennella 122t (HS); Gabriel Kastle "Encouragement" and "Mt. Zion" (both by Gabriel Kastle); Ted Stokes "The Good Old Way" (traditional, arranged by Ted Stokes); Doron Henkin "Hymn to Joy" (arranged from Beethoven, from a seven-shape Mennonite hymnal) (by request); Roland Hutchinson "Usher" (by Roland Hutchinson).

### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Ginny Landgraf leading song on page 39t.

Leaders: Gina Balestracci 110; Paula McGray 391; Gerry Hoffman 569t; Donna Abrahams 28t; Joni Seidenstein 278b; Ginny Landgraf 368; Claire Simon 551; Charles Deering 358; Elise Meyer-Bothling 28b; Roland Hutchinson 446; Hal Kunkel 59; Diane Mennella 278t; Ted Stokes 61; Adrian Mariano 300; Leland delRe 212; Juanita Heyerman 29t; Guy Bankes 68b; Margaret Sayvetz 34b; John delRe 333; Bob Todd 49b; Doron Henkin 53; Gabriel Kastle 522; Donna Abrahams 455; Gina Balestracci 40; Susan Bingham 340.

### **LUNCH**

Adrian Mariano brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 148.

Leaders: Rosemary Greenaway 203; Barbara Swetman 383; Ellie Soler 277; Frank Evans 200; Ginny Landgraf 81t; Joyell Washington 106; Paula McGray 272; Gerry Hoffman 142; Claire Simon 107; Charles Deering 288; Carrie Hoagland 24b; Elise Meyer-Bothling 120; Roland Hutchinson 242; Hal Kunkel 177; Diane Mennella 76t; Ted Stokes 229; Adrian Mariano 114; Joni Seidenstein 344; Guy Bankes 479; Leland delRe, Hannah Henkin, Gilead Henkin, and Daniel Henkin 388 (children's lesson); Juanita Heyerman 143; Guy Bankes 350; Margaret Sayvetz 171; John delRe 218; Doron Henkin 192; Bob Todd 313b; Gabriel Kastle 274t; Donna Abrahams 163t; Gina Balestracci 430; Susan Bingham 362; Rosemary Greenaway 163b; Barbara Swetman 276; Ellie Soler 361.

Doron Henkin led song on page 62 as the closing song, and Guy Bankes dismissed the class with prayer.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to those who traveled, hosted, sang, coordinated, helped, prayed, smiled, and in all generous ways gave to the convention. Chairman - Doron Henkin; Secretary - Gabriel Kastle.

**SANDERS MEMORIAL**  
**Sardis Church, Walker County, Alabama**  
**February 20, 2000**

The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Velton Chafin leading songs on pages 48t and 73b. Clayton Ezell led the class in morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 36b; Tim Gilmore 64, 217; Woodrow Hocutt 208, 273; A.D. Chandler 72t, 72b; Clayton Ezell 196, 182; Travis Keeton 129, 73t; Edith Tate 512 (for Harrison Creel), 532; Brenda Merritt 336, 434; Gordon Wilkinson 123t, 475; Corene White 171, 216; Glenn Keeton 285t, 390.

**RECESS**

Velton Chafin called the class to order leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 299, 270; Ann Jett 229 (CB), 501 (CB); Josie Hyde 224, 142, 569; Kenneth Tate 167, 337; L.E. Hannah 498, 187; Lora Cargo 128, 460, 454; Mary Alice Wakefield 111t, 145b; Shelley Davis 145t, 37b. Lavaughn Ballinger asked the blessing for the food.

**LUNCH**

The class resumed singing with song on page 97. Leaders: Wanda Capps 546, 222; John Hyde 63, 297; Marie Aldridge 192; Beatrice Brewer 137, 112, 384; Eugene Wakefield 294, 138t, 284; Billy Williams 154, 448, 231; Amber Springfield 38b, 155; John Merritt 45t, 68b, 358; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405; Charles Kitchens 201, 326; Furn Kitchens 343, 216; Glenn Keeton 236; Brenda Merritt 505 (CB); Wanda Capps 34t, 225t; Marie Aldridge 436; Josie Hyde 507; Clayton Ezell 340; Cecil Sanders 480; Harold Watson 143; John Merritt 393; Furn Kitchens 338, 146.

Announcements were made. The song on page 445 was sung as the closing song, and Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt; Secretary - Edith Tate.

**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**St. Alban's Chapel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**  
**Saturday, February 26, 2000**

Bill Hogan called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 33b.

Wallace McKenzie offered the opening prayer.

Jim Fields taught a singing school, and ended his instructions by leading song on page 117.

Leaders: Brad Pope 569b; Wallace McKenzie 155; Nancy Van Den Akker 347; Bill Hogan 391; Wanda Gregg 63; Will Austin 99; Virginia Fields 45t; Elizabeth Muhleisen 480 (in honor of John Hocutt's approaching birthday); Bradley White 312b; A.E. Probst 66; Regina Foster 365; Georgia Kanode 358; Matt Stowe 128; John Kanode 314; Jim Fields 315; Christie Smith 471b; Jeff Corbett 345b; Susan Mitchell 59; Brad Pope 198. Wallace McKenzie led the blessing before lunch.

**LUNCH**

Bill Hogan called the class back to order leading song on page 53.

Officers were elected: Chairman - Brad Pope; Vice Chairman - Wallace McKenzie; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

Leaders: Jung Hea Bail 30t; Charles Franklin 176t; Will Austin 361; Wallace McKenzie 268; Nancy Van Den Akker 454; Wanda Gregg 460; Virginia Fields

68b; Elizabeth Muhleisen 384; A.E. Probst 178; Julie Ashton 57; Susan Spillman 159; Regina Foster 297; Georgia Kanode 348b; John Kanode 49t; Jeff Corbett 81t; Susan Mitchell 60; Charles Franklin 475; Brad Pope 236; Will Austin 146; Jim Fields 55; Bill Hogan 147t, 269; Wanda Gregg 40; John Kanode 41; Jeff Corbett 95b; Elizabeth Muhleisen 270; Bill Hogan 207; Brad Pope 32b; Regina Foster 163b.

Brad Pope led song on page 56t as the closing song. Bill Hogan dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Brad Pope; Vice Chairman - Wallace McKenzie; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

## **NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING** **Vestal Public Library, Vestal, New York** **Saturday, February 26, 2000**

The first New York State Regional Singing of 2000 was held at the Vestal Public Library, Vestal, New York, and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dennis Leipold leading song on page 49t. Tim Brown led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Gina Balestracci 28b, 515; Susan Hengelsberg 354b, 38; Tom Metzger 112, 48b; Roland Hutchinson 95, 268; Ron Bornick 228, 186; Eileen Metzger 159, 178; Guy Banks 315, 352; Margaret Bornick 523, 504.

### **RECESS**

The singing resumed with Dennis Leipold leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Eric Bean 148, 384; Mary Ann Morrison 47, 313b; Allen Fannin 442, 163t; Ginny Huszagh 200, 191; Barbara Swetman "Good Old Days", 415; Jim Ulrich 273, 497; Nicola Collett 131, 455; Patricia Geritz 143, 503b; Karen House 475, 446; Tim Brown 198, 66; Diane Mennella 278b, 564; Kathy Collett 155, 217; Tim Wheeler 430, 203; Laura Densmore 98 (CB), 528. Eileen Metzger offered a blessing before lunch.

### **LUNCH**

Dennis Leipold brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 276 and 168. Leaders: Gina Balestracci 71; Susan Hengelsberg "Wild Ride to Heaven"; Tom Metzger 70b; Roland Hutchinson 189; Ron Bornick 454; Eileen Metzger 114; Guy Banks 40; Margaret Bornick 236; Eric Bean 285; Mary Ann Morrison 269; Allen Fannin 45; Ginny Huszagh 181; Barbara Swetman 229; Jim Ulrich 479; Nicola Collett 146; Pat Geritz 48; Karen House 99; Tim Brown 84; Diane Mennella 272; Charmaine Wolfe 300; Kathy Collett 334; Laura Densmore 408.

### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Dennis Leipold leading 101t. Leaders: Karen House 434; Guy Banks 171; Jim Ulrich 107; Gina Balestracci 350; Susan Hengelsberg 175b; Charmaine Wolfe 142; Nan Olsen and Laura Densmore 163b; Diane Mennella 542; Roland Hutchinson 149; Tom Metzger 383; Ron Bornick 128; Allen Fannin 270; Eileen Metzger 77. Announcements were made of upcoming singings. Leaders: Mary Ann Morrison 49b; Brian Collett 532; Margaret Bornick 117; Nicola Collett 31; Pat Geritz 147; Kathy Collett 47b; Eric Bean 122; Ginny Huszagh 195.

Dennis Leipold led song on page 62 as the closing song. Tim Brown led the closing prayer.

Chairman - Dennis Leipold; Secretary - Gina Balestracci.

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION - WASHINGTON**  
**Sunset Hill Community Club, Seattle, Washington**  
**February 26-27, 2000**

**Saturday, February 26**

All songs on Saturday were selections from "The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Revised Cooper Book Edition".

The ninth annual session of the Washington portion of the Pacific Northwest Convention began on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. The class was called to order by Chairman David Hough leading song on page 47t. The opening prayer was given by Joanne Hoover.

A brief business session was held and affirmed current officers in their positions for another year.

Karen Willard introduced Stanley Smith of Ozark, Alabama, the music editor for the 1992 edition of "The B. F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision." Mr. Smith gave a brief history of this songbook's descent from the 1844 Sacred Harp, as well as stories of Mr. Cooper, and of the following songs, which Mr. Smith led the class in singing: 391, 503, 229, 138, 411, 559, 497, and 567.

Kathy Erlandson gave the blessing as the class dismissed for dinner.

**LUNCH**

David Hough formally assembled the class for an afternoon of singing leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Peter Irvine 543; Susan Helf 571; Charles Scudder 518; Katharine Hough 478; Hugh McGuire 346; Carla Smith 38t; Tom Yeager 47b; Jenny Willard 140; Johnny Lee 511; Martha Applegate 32t; Keith Willard 416t; Frances Mendenhall 186; Tom Payne 494; Fran Ross 106; Jim Brock 334; Norm Boynton 45t; Mryka Hall-Beyer 393.

**RECESS**

Joanne Hoover brought the class back to order with song on page 72. Leaders: Bruce Rowland 572; Marie Brandis 500; Jerry Schreiber 522; Karen Stingle 371; Kathy Vlach 336b; Jack Lofton 335; Jenny Willard 199; Hugh McGuire 78; Karen Willard 163b; Peter Irvine 203; Charles Scudder 38b; Jinx McGuire 171; Keith Willard 505; Reed Schilbach 324; Johnny Lee 41; Polly Ogden 63; Jim Van Horn 521; David Hough 54.

Announcements were made. Chairman David Hough led song on page 147 as the closing song, and the closing prayer was offered by Kathy Erlandson.

**Sunday, February 27**

"The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition" was the only book used on Sunday.

David Hough called the class together at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 59. Chaplain Jim Friedrich led the opening prayer. Leaders: Anne Huckins 276; Ken Cofield 49b; Shannon McGuire 84; John Carson 290; Betty Jones 145t; Jim Friedrich 532; Jane Grant 344; Gary Plouff 123b; Darlene Simpson-Brown 503b; Gerry Currins 268; Jan Evans 178; Will Marcotte 114; Elizabeth Riggs 479; Patrick Rice 91; Jenny Sterne 353; Bruce Rowland 568.

**RECESS**

David Landazuri brought the class back to order with song on page 146. Leaders: Laura Lovell 198; Karen Stingle 551; Marcia Herivel 122; Jill Accetta 388; Marie Brandis 384; Martha Smith 361; Johnny Lee 68b; Marsha Stedman 200; Bruce MacDonald 163; Marilyn Murata 277; Stanley Smith 151.

Memorial Lesson: Johnny Lee spoke movingly of the importance of remembering one another in this fashion.

Shannon McGuire led 566 for the following sick and shut-ins: Lucille Lembke, Dan Schiavone, Karin Karangelen, Mildred Smith, Howard Jarrell, Sue Dierks,

Ursula Rauskolb, Muriel Plouff, Sharon Nygren, Bob Northrop, Imants Reba, and Jan Johnson.

Johnny Lee spoke again and then Shannon McGuire led 31t for the following deceased: Ron Lang, Glenn Hinsdale, Elizabeth Hinsdale, Dean Mescoe, Earl Adams, Ethyl McGuire Andrews, Tom Hudson, and Kenneth Kirkland - Washington; Dario Landazuri, Don Jolly, Wilma Fenderson Hastings, Sam Croft, and S. Rodman - California; Frank Soifer, Joe Smith, and Maxine Harmon - Oregon; Dodge Wiggins - New Mexico; Susan Fishburn - Iowa; Kenneth Recher - Indiana; J. Gordon Gilkey - Georgia; Stanley Slivinski, Claudia "Skippy" Slivinski, Barb Mowbray, and Stas Karnitsky - states unknown. Stanley Smith closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 369; Reed Schilbach 61; Audrey Karabinus 542; Jean Marcotte 66; Hugh McGuire 375; Mryka Hall-Beyer 236; Jim Brock 350. Jim Friedrich gave the blessing as we adjourned for dinner.

#### LUNCH

Katharine Hough called the class back to order leading song on page 569.

Leaders: Tom Payne 173; Raoul Titus 410t; Carla Smith 528; Fran Ross 258; Peter Irvine 260; Dave Hough 496; Jack Lofton 497; Polly Ogden 328; Keith Willard 144; Susan Helf 163b; Jacob Priestly 455.

#### RECESS

Joanne Hoover called the class back with song on page 40. Leaders: Jenny Willard 318; Karen Schaffer 128; Jan Maher 377; Carolyn Gilkey 71; Karen Willard 547; Sharla Hulsey 35; Frances Mendenhall 344; Paul Robinson 365; Martha Applegate 504; Johnny Lee 565; Kathy Vlach 143; Charles Scudder 86; Anne Huckins 474; Stanley Smith 454; Joanne Hoover 362; Jim Friedrich 56b; Darlene Simpson-Brown 176; Ken Cofield 159; Hugh McGuire 434; John Carson 38b; Shannon McGuire 188; Peter Irvine 282.

Business session: The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met; the headcounters reported convention attendance as follows: Washington 67; Oregon 24; California 7; Georgia 2; Minnesota 2; Nebraska 2; and 1 each from Michigan, Utah, Alabama, and Alberta, Canada.

Carla Smith and Anne Huckins of the Resolutions Committee thanked all who had worked so hard to make this convention a success, and special thanks were tendered to Stanley Smith for his wonderful singing school.

Chairman David Hough led song on page 62 as the closing song, inviting all who wished to take the parting hand. Jim Friedrich 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 26-27, 2000**

**Saturday, February 26**

The eighth annual session of the Texas State Convention met at the Conference Center in College Station, Texas. The class was called to order by Chairman Jeb Owen leading song on page 492. Gaylon Powell led the invocation.

Leaders: Chairman Jeb Owen 490; Vice Chairman John Morris 491; Secretary Vivian Rogan 49t; Beverly Coates 475; Ryan Ross 276; Tom Owen 498; Cissy Moseley 532; Scott Wizeman 40; Emmie Morris 142; Josh Rogan 344; D.J. Hatfield 163t; Doris Hanks 384; Baron Powers 85; Liz Rogan 376; Owen Ross 203; Robert Handel 29b; Edith Owen 480; Donald Ross 546; Mary Bachmann

569b; Leon Ballinger 299; Catherine Rogan 222; Greg Economides 504; Myra Palmer 318.

#### RECESS

Vice Chairman John Morris brought the class to order with song on page page 36b. Leaders: Scott Curran 176b; Diane Ross 503; Zach Rogan 280; Cheryl Foreman 460; Gaylon Powell 442; Amanda Owen 535b; Kelly Beard 434; Albano Alban 166b; Katie Moseley 34b; B.E. Matthews 294; Reed Coates 212; Michele Rogan 196; Bruce Coates 163b; Myrl Jones 189; Peter Nichols 117; Olivia Powell 448b; Gary Rogan 383; Amanda Blevins 84.

Chairman Jeb Owen appointed Beverly Coates and Dr. Don Barker to the Memorial Committee. John Morris was appointed to recognize the sick and shut-ins. Donald Ross, Gaylon Powell, and Leon Ballinger were appointed to the Nominating Committee.

#### LUNCH

Vice Chairman John Morris called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 53. Leaders: Dr. Don Barker 145t; Ernestine Pipkin 146; Al Rogers 198; Curtis Owen 150; Sarah Coates 543; David Moseley 186; Mary Oruc 49b; Stanley Chang 269; Kevin Powell 107; Terre Schill 134; Stephen Latimer 178; Mike Moseley 182; Greg Economides 200; Beverly Coates 362; Ryan Ross 217; Tom Owen 528; Cissy Moseley 566.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Chairman Jeb Owen with song on page 56t. Leaders: Scott Wizeman 59; Emmie Morris 455; Josh Rogan 438t; D.J. Hatfield 229; Doris Hanks 44t; Baron Powers 268; Owen Ross 395; Robert Handel 61; Edith Owen 328; Donald Ross 499; Mary Bachmann 47t; Leon Ballinger 454; Stanley Chang 479; Myra Palmer 436; Scott Curran 112; Diane Ross 507; Cheryl Foreman 350; Gaylon Powell 536; Kelly Beard 298; Amanda Owen 209. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the 2001 Texas State Convention: Chairman - John Morris; Vice Chairman - Sarah Coates; Secretary/Treasurer - Vivian Rogan. The slate of officers was accepted by acclamation.

The day of singing was brought to a close with song on page 414.

#### **Sunday, February 27**

The Sunday session of the Texas State Convention was called to order by Chairman Jeb Owen leading song on page 31t. Dr. Don Barker gave the invocation.

Leaders: Chairman Jeb Owen 548; Vice Chairman John Morris 421; Secretary Vivian Rogan 73b; Billy Moseley 480; Albano Alban 145b; Michele Rogan 168; B.E. Matthews 565; Reed Coates 220; Mary Oruc 47b; David Moseley 441; Amanda Blevins 171; Gary Rogan 324; Dr. Don Barker 452b; Katie Moseley 192; Al Rogers 63; Catherine Rogan 373; Curtis Owen 551; Sarah Coates 183; Peter Nichols 358; Terre Schill 339.

#### RECESS

Chairman Jeb Owen led song on page 378b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Mike Moseley 532; Zach Rogan 222; Doris Hanks 218; Josh Rogan 45t; Bruce Coates 503; Cissy Moseley 34b; Donald Ross 481; Myra Palmer 208; Leon Ballinger 137; Beverly Coates 524; James Moseley 39b; Cheryl Foreman 515; Tom Owen 291; Diane Ross 347; D.J. Hatfield 245; Myrl Jones 430. The memorial lesson was held. Dr. Don Barker read from Psalms, and Beverly Coates led song on page 512 in memory of those who had passed on since our last convention. John Morris led song on page 337 in honor of those who were sick and shut-ins.

## LUNCH

Chairman Jeb Owen called the class to order leading song on page 176b. Leaders: Baron Powers 119; Emmie Morris 273; Scott Curran 142; Liz Rogan 203; Gaylon Powell 86; Edith Owen 122; Robert Handel 348b; Amanda Owen 475; Billy Moseley 47t; Michele Rogan 455; Monnie Ross 148; B.E. Matthews 426b; Reed Coates 99; David Moseley 189; Amanda Blevins 40; Gary Rogan 285t; Don Barker 82t; Katie Moseley 318; Sarah Coates 76b; Terre Schill 234; James Moseley 49t; Olivia Powell 236; Kevin Powell 440; Vivian Rogan 84.

Gaylon Powell gave the financial report, and announcements of future singings were made.

Leaders: Mike Moseley 198; Doris Hanks 299; Josh Rogan 300; Bruce Coates 77t; Cissy Moseley 535; Donald Ross 368; Leon Ballinger 278; Olivia Powell 532; Kevin Powell 454; Jeb Owen 163b.

The closing song was number 178, and Curtis Owen closed the convention with prayer.

Chairman - Jeb Owen; Vice Chairman - John Morris; Secretary - Vivian Rogan.

## UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA State Botanical Gardens, Athens, Georgia February 27, 2000

The twenty-seventh session of the Social Harp and Sacred Harp singing was held at the Visitor Center of the State Botanical Gardens, Athens, Georgia on the fourth Sunday in February.

“The Social Harp” by John G. McCurry was first published in 1855 and was reprinted by the University of Georgia Press in 1973. “The Social Harp” is used in the morning session and “The Sacred Harp” is used in the afternoon session. John Garst called the class to order at 10:30 a.m. with song on page 101.

Morning prayer was led by John Hollingsworth.

The business session was held with the following officers re-elected: Chairman: John Garst; Vice Chairman - John Hollingsworth; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Lee Rogers and Judy Mincey.

John Hollingsworth led song on page 190. Leaders: Lee Rogers 44; Judy Mincey 135; Charlene Wallace 27; Hugh McGraw 78; Henry Zittrouer 66, 30; Karen Morris 27b, 98; John Plunkett 195, 188; Berkley Moore 161b, 21; Liz Bryant 60, 182.

## RECESS

The class was called together with John Garst leading song on page 187. Leaders: Don Bowen 209; Sharon Kellam 216, 87; Andy Anderson 129; Margie Dietz 119; Tim Meeks 229, 163; Earlis McGraw 158; Kelly Morris 156; Billy Hollingsworth 79b; Ted Mercer 53; Martha Ann Stegar 38; Richard DeLong 154; Tom McGraw 76; Richard Johnson 176; Bruce King 237; Angelia Benton 86.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Hollingsworth leading song on page 49. Leaders: Sharon Hamrick 276, 306; Kevin Kelly 442; Raymond Hamrick 369.

John Garst requested Hugh McGraw to lead “Tender Hearted Christian” by William Walker, 1846. It was recorded to be played at a music conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Leaders: John Plunkett 541; Sharon Kellam 37; Richard DeLong 308; Andy Anderson 542; Earlis McGraw 163; Margie Dietz 294; Don Bowen 45; Angelia Benton 358; Billy Hollingsworth 551; Judy Mincey 540; Kelly Morris 147; Ann

Roberts 182; Henry Zittrouer 270; Liz Bryant and Lynn Bryant 142; Tom McGraw 480; Martha Ann Stegar 200, 70; Bruce King 183; Berkley Moore 209. Announcements were made. John Garst led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Chaplain John Hollingsworth. Chairman - John Garst; Vice Chairman - John Hollingsworth; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

### **DUKE MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Heard County, Georgia  
Saturday, March 4, 2000**

The Duke Memorial Sacred Harp Singing met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County, Georgia on Saturday before the first Sunday in March.

The class was called to order by Everette Denney leading songs on pages 59, 137, and 503; and Jimmie Denney leading song on page 143. Lonnie Rogers led the class in morning prayer. Jimmie Denney led song on page 101t, and Josephine Denney led songs on pages 145b and 45t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Jimmie Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney; Arranging Committee - Lonnie Rogers.

Leaders: Everette Denney 405; Bernard Denney 339, 164, 403; George Garner 63, 68b.

#### **RECESS**

Everette Denney brought the class to order leading song on page 127. Leaders: Bobby Jackson 72, 459, 341; Eunice Webb 100, 112; Mary Florence Smith 565b, 37b, 47b; Tom McGraw 268, 318, 270; Becky Hafner-Camp 147t, 58; Henry Johnson 49t, 49b, 388; Lou Cotney 358, 172, 212.

#### **LUNCH**

Jimmie Denney brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 186. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 425; Margie Dietz 312b, 61; Teenie Moody 136, 205; Laura Akerman 288, 282, 404; Jeremy York 36b, 99, 66, 40; Rev. Lloyd Toney 111t, 111b; Hester Edwards 274t, 104, 73b; Lonnie Rogers 141, 348b; Felton Denney 31t, 33b, 155; Laura Akerman 143; Becky Hafner-Camp 277.

Everette Denney led song on page 40 as the closing song. Felton Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Jimmie Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney.

### **NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**Amity United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
Page Walker Hotel, Cary, North Carolina  
Saturday, March 4, 2000**

Amity United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Outgoing Chairman John Feddersen opened the convention by leading song on page 49t. Sally Owens offered the invocation. John Feddersen led song on page 48t; Suzanne Newton 31t; Tim Gee 63.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairlady - Lynda Hambourger; Vice Chairman - John Feddersen; Secretary - Tim Gee; Chaplain - Henry Bizzell.

Leaders: Lynda Hambourger 124; Blake Morris 228; G.C. Waldrep 510 (leading for John Schmucker); Mary Ann Daly 445; Don Polaski 128; Nancy Newell



163b; Jane Pepler 383; Matt Cartmill 201b; Claudia Egelhoff 352; Sandra Polaski 192; Peggy Loddengaard 68b; Patricia Temple 99; Art Broadus 535b; Gail Doss 196.

#### RECESS

Lynda Hambourger reconvened the class by leading song on page 89. Leaders: Mary Wright 337; Fred Beardsley 532; John Feddersen 280; Blake Morris 501b; Tim Gee 210; G.C. Waldrep 250; Suzanne Newton 47t; Mary Ann Daly 77t; Nancy Newell 159; Hugh McGraw 423; Jane Pepler 65; Matt Cartmill 78; Sandra Polaski 155; Peggy Loddengaard 378b; Patricia Temple 556; Gail Doss 107.

#### LUNCH

Lynda Hambourger called the class to order leading song on page 142. Leaders: Mary Wright 480; Art Broadus 105; Erin Newton 143; Mary Johnston 73t; Fred Beardsley 149; Susan Kelley and Diane Bruton 515; John Feddersen 220; Blake Morris 433; Tim Gee 102; G.C. Waldrep 472; Suzanne Newton 150; Hugh McGraw 151; Mary Ann Daly 504; Don Polaski 200; Nancy Newell 276; Lynda Hambourger 391; Matt Cartmill 528; Claudia Egelhoff 203; Sandra Polaski 455; Peggy Loddengaard 82t.

#### RECESS

Lynda Hambourger reconvened the class by leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Patricia Temple 312t; Mary Wright 64; Art Broadus 569b; Erin Newton 546; Mary Johnston 313b; Fred Beardsley 474; Blake Morris 444; Tim Gee 191; G.C. Waldrep 268; Suzanne Newton 344; Hugh McGraw 342; Don Polaski 198; Lynda Hambourger 347.

The remainder of the day was filled with “new traditions” songs. Unless otherwise noted, the leaders led their own compositions. Leaders: Blake Morris “Templewright”, “Northminster”; Mary Ann Daly “Eclipse”, “Provisions”; Matt Cartmill “Amanda” (by Justin Morgan); John Feddersen “Introductory”; Lynda Hambourger “Newton”; Tim Gee “Pontchartrain” (by Ann Bosold). The class was dismissed with a prayer.

### **Sunday, March 5**

Page Walker Hotel, Cary, North Carolina

Lynda Hambourger called the class to order by leading song on page 46. Henry Bizzell gave the invocation.

Leaders: Matt Cartmill 183; Gail Doss 270; John Feddersen 79; Hugh McGraw 413; Tim Gee 457; Mary Ann Daly 127; Peggy Loddengaard 122; Mary Wright 290; G.C. Waldrep 370; Claudia Egelhoff 556; Cathy Tucker 144; Art Broadus 147t; Tom Tucker 29t; Nancy Newell 146; Fred Beardsley 475.

#### RECESS

Lynda Hambourger brought the class to order leading song on page 492.

Claudia Egelhoff conducted the memorial service during which she led songs on page 66 and 354t. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Erin Newton 72b; Guy Bankes 444; Patricia Temple 481; Matt Cartmill 189; Gail Doss 224; John Feddersen 550; Hugh McGraw 188; Tim Gee 39t; Mary Ann Daly 38b.

#### LUNCH

Lynda Hambourger called the class to order leading song on page 220. Leaders: Peggy Loddengaard 34t; Suzanne Newton 306; Mary Wright 121; G.C. Waldrep 426b; Claudia Egelhoff 504; Cathy Tucker 327; Art Broadus 287; Tom Tucker 448t; Nancy Newell 148; Fred Beardsley 299; Susan Kelley 159; Guy Bankes 441; Patricia Temple 297; Matt Cartmill 236; Gail Doss 318; John Feddersen 415.

## RECESS

Lynda Hambourger reconvened the class with song on page 361. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 25, 24b; Tim Gee 117; Mary Ann Daly 372; Peggy Loddengaard 358; Suzanne Newton 163t; Mary Wright 71; G.C. Waldrep 490; Art Broadus 454; Tom Tucker 362; Guy Banks 324; Fred Beardsley 513; Guy Banks 224; Lynda Hambourger 180.

Lynda Hambourger led song on page 62 as the closing song. Henry Bizzell dismissed the convention with a prayer.

Chairlady - Lynda Hambourger; Vice Chairman - John Feddersen; Secretary - Tim Gee.

## MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROGERS MEMORIAL

### Ephesus, Georgia

March 5, 2000

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 33b and 101t. Billy Joe Harris led the class in the morning prayer. B.M. Smith led songs on pages 448b and 475. The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Karen Rollins; Arranging Committee - Mary Florence Smith; Memorial Committee - Karleen Williams, Pearl Guier, and Ruth Brown.

Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 91 and 177. Denney Rogers, mayor of Ephesus, welcomed everyone.

Leaders: Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Felton Denney 299, 489; Elder Marshall Avery 74b; Teenie Moody 269; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Leola Smith 185; Everette Denney 34b; Betty Wright 410; Jackie Tanner 39b; Jan House 135; Louis Hughes, Jr. 34t; Floy Wilder 336; Cassie Franklin 217; Daphene Causey 216; Milton Oliver 224; Tokay Shumake 81t; Billy Joe Harris 503.

## RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading song on page 97. Leaders: Eloise Watkins 225t; "Happy Birthday" to all who had birthdays this week; Tom McGraw 73; Nate Green and Norma Green 122; Susan Rice, Laura Robinson, Kayla McWhorter, Beverly Rollins, and Randa Rollins (all granddaughters of Lonnie and Vivian Rogers) 59, 345t; Bud Oliver 324; Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Louvorn, and Denney Rogers (children of Lonnie and Vivian Rogers) 143, 358; John Plunkett 394; Estelle Flowers 434; Henry Johnson 462; Mattie Townsel and Rodney Ivey 137; Sheri Taylor 142; Scott DePoy 282; Pearl Guier 49t; Don Bowen 283; Earlis McGraw 568; Eunice Webb 480; Bobby Jackson 290; Diane Avery 145t. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Elder Marshall Avery.

## LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 343.

Leaders: Jimmie Denney 294; Howard McGuire 192; Cindy Franklin 436.

Lonnie Rogers introduced the principal of Ephesus School, Rebecca Carlyle, who gave a warm welcome to all.

The memorial was held with the following deceased remembered: Mrs. Lois Daniel, Mrs. Kermit Cavender, Mrs. Opal Rogers, Elder Roy Avery, Lillybelle Ayers, Dollie Hudgins, Ed Craig, and Vela (Mrs. T.H.) Ross. Felton Denney led song on page 285t for the deceased.

Richard DeLong led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins. Louis Hughes, Sr. closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 29t; Helen Bryson 411; Oscar McGuire 573; Judy Mincey 538; Bonnie Flowers 333; Jeannette DePoy 129; Curtis Rogers 457; T.J. Stewart 144; Richard DeLong 395; Louise Holland 37b; Gene Duke 429; Floy Wilder 383; Cassie Franklin and Rodney Ivey 186; Henry Johnson 138b; Nate Green and Norma Green 341; Bud Oliver 42; Cindy Franklin and Jackie Tanner 270; Louis Hughes 565; Jeff Sheppard 215; Oscar McGuire 441; Daphene Causey 222 (for Vivian Rogers); B.M. Smith 384; Denney Rogers 318.

Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers and Jeff Sheppard led song on page 354b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Lloyd Toney.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Karen Rollins.

**MARTHA HARPER NIX, LEWIS KEETON, AND LAVADA  
MCGOUGH GILMORE MEMORIAL  
New Flatwoods Church, Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama  
March 5, 2000**

The eighty-fifth annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. Elder Ronald Gilmore led the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 392.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Glenn Keeton and Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 142; Josie Hyde 234, 222; Gravis Ballinger 99, 110; Lisa Geist 532, 269; Parnell Berry 298, 283; L.E. Hannah 511, 112; Dovie Jackson 319, 418; Flarce Creel 270, 475; Cecil Sanders 111b; Lena Keeton 200, 480 (in memory of her mother, Maude Keeton); Linton Ballinger 300, 299; Estelle Gilmore and J.H. Gilmore 421 (in memory of Lavada Gilmore and in honor of Dovie Jackson) 275b, 34t, 376; Lavaughn Ballinger 401, 84.

**RECESS**

Tim Gilmore called the class to order with songs on pages 134, 273, and 383.

Leaders: Alene Woodley 39b, 83t; Earl Ballinger 37b, 460; Anita Naramore and daughter, Ronnie 145b, 136; Ken Tate 167, 124; Elsie Moon 434, 336; Larry Ballinger 101t, 180; Julie Poston 343b, 345b; Harrison Creel 348b, 512.

Elder Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore welcomed everyone and led "Not Made With Hands" (WB). Earl Ballinger offered the blessing for the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was brought to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 382 in memory of Martha Harper Nix and 387 in memory of his grandfather, Lewis Keeton. Leaders: Anne Steel 59, 39t; Gene Wakefield 100, 102; Janet Jones 373, 317b; John Hyde 75, 63; Brenda Merritt 335, 436; Huey Jones 498, 500; Mary Alice Wakefield 388, 87; Warren Steel 179, 377; Mary Ellen Jones 196, 454; Julie Tate 68b, 47t; Faye Donaldson 371, 430; A.C. McGough 390, 235; Joyce Hubbit 327, 143 (in memory of Lavada Gilmore); Kermit Adams 288, 78; Wanda Capps 216, 225t; Amber Springfield 448b, 166; Alonzo Malone 183, 432; Shelley Capps 145t, 30t; Latrive Bailey 45t; John Merritt 503, 491; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 176; Glenn Keeton 231, 117; Edith Tate 73t, 106; Elder Ronald Gilmore 306.

Travis Keeton and Tim Gilmore led song on page 62 as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

**GILLILAND AND BROTHERS MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church,**  
**Marshall County, Alabama**  
**Saturday, March 11, 2000**

The Gilliland and Brothers Memorial Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Carmon Brothers leading song on page 59. W.T. Scott gave the morning devotion and prayer. Carmon Brothers led songs on pages 72b and 77t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Larry Lambert; Vice Chairman - Paul Gilliland; Secretary - Helen Lambert; Arranging Committee - Ruby Brothers and Helen Lambert; Memorial Committee - Steven Lambert.

Leaders: Larry Lambert 73t, 410t; Helen Lambert 74b, 332, 75; Linda Thomas 137, 345t, 345b, 290 (for Virgil Phillips and Ruby Phillips); John Merritt 499, 225t, 358.

**RECESS**

Larry Lambert brought the class to order leading song on page 410b. Leaders: Jewel Wootten and Freeman Wootten 82t, 30t, 37b, 426t; Steven Lambert 323b, 47b, 68b; Brenda Merritt 337, 319, 67; Willowese Malone 164, 147t (in memory of Elder J.O. Handley), 354 (in memory of Luther Gilliland); Paul Gilliland 565b, 490 (in memory of those passed on and in honor of Sarah Brothers who could not be in attendance); Lottie Martin 36t, 335, 434.

Elder J.L. Hopper offered the blessing for the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Paul Gilliland called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 569; Kenneth Fannin led songs on pages 176b, 313t, and 405.

Steve Lambert led songs on pages 89 and 47b for the following deceased: Cecil Gilliland, Ozetta Gilliland, Ester Wall Brown, Alice Washburn, Elder J.O. Handley, and Ervin Brothers.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Lilly Lybrand, Annie Brothers, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips.

Leaders: Elder J.L. Hopper 117, 218, 188; Carol Fannin 109, 145b; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 222, 452, 143; John Merritt 501 (CB); Brenda Merritt 436, 571 (CB); Larry Lambert 388.

Announcements were made. Larry Lambert led song on page 62 as the closing song. Carmon Brothers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Larry Lambert; Vice Chairman - Paul Gilliland; Secretary - Helen Lambert.

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

**New Harmony Community Center, New Harmony, Texas**  
**March 11-12, 2000**  
**Saturday, March 11**

The twentieth session of the Smith County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by President Myrl Jones leading song on page 270. Myrl Jones stated that the office of Chaplain had been vacant for several years and that she had asked Dallas Smith if he would serve as Chaplain for the Convention. Dallas Smith welcomed all singers and quoted a scripture before offering the opening

prayer. Myrl Jones appointed Tammy Powell and Cheryl Foreman to serve as the Arranging Committee. Myrl Jones led song on page 277 followed by the officers of the convention leading one song each: Vice President Gaylon Powell 559; and Treasurer Melba Sue Utz 404.

Leaders: Kelly Beard 377, 112; Curtis Owen 101t, 137; Edith Owen 489, 508; Ernestine Pipkin 82, 88b; Dale Redmon, Jr. 274, 549; Phyllis Costner 168, 189; Gary Rogan 276, 54t; Marion Grant 48t, 49t; Bruce Coates 312, 558; Avon Miller 477, 202.

#### RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class to order leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Beverly Coates 186, 567; John Beard 434, 282; Marcelene Hardy 172, 192; Myra Palmer 497, 522; Michelle Rogan 196, 31t; Reed Coates 392, 224; Vivian Rogan 68t, 128; Josh Rogan 398b, 411.

Myrl Jones appointed the following committees: Memorial Committee - Gaylon Powell, Myra Palmer, and Olivia Powell; Nominating Committee - Marcelene Hardy, Azalee Barnett, and Kevin Powell. Dallas Smith welcomed all the singers to the convention and gave the prayer for lunch.

#### LUNCH

Myrl Jones called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 142.

Leaders: Kevin Powell 331b, 240; Leon Ballinger 120, 384; Scott Curran 571, 450; Cheryl Foreman 77t, 159; Amanda Blevins 170, 40; John Morris 41, 38t; Jeb Owen 176t, 99; Liz Rogan 220, 442; Olivia Powell 171, 235; Monnie Ross 335, 47t; Margaret Roundsaval 222, 61.

Myrl Jones called the business meeting to order. A motion was made and carried to put the minutes of this singing into the national "Sacred Harp Singings, Minutes and Directory". The Treasurer gave a financial report, and the Nominating Committee gave their nominations of officers for the next year.

Gaylon Powell would move from Vice President to President; Vice President - Scott Curran; Treasurer - Melba Sue Utz; Secretary - Tammy Powell; Chaplain - Dallas Smith. A motion was made and carried to accept these officers.

#### RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class to order leading song on page 313. Leaders: David Rousseau 58, 84; Pauline Willis 572, 573; Mary Bachmann 132, 341; Robert Handel 575, 488t; Thomas Smith 304, 127; Azalee Barnett 447t, 45t; Judy Hughes 516, 130; Sue Utz 174, 475; Neal Vaught 492, 107t; Dustin Roundsaval 505, 500; Michelle Rogan 110; Reed Coates 217; Josh Rogan 300; Jeb Owen 559 (by request).

Myrl Jones made closing remarks and led song on page 507b as the closing song. Curtis Owen dismissed the class with prayer.

#### **Sunday, March 12**

Myrl Jones called the Sunday morning session to order leading song on page 332. Gaylon Powell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Myrl Jones 129; Gaylon Powell 312, 183; Olivia Powell 40, 450; Cheryl Foreman 53, 106; Lawson Smith 142, 108b; Amanda Blevins 85, 508; Scott Curran 112, 186; Dustin Roundsaval 299, 522; Kevin Powell 543, 200; Liz Rogan 82, 216; Jeb Owen 230, 381; John Morris 574, 290.

#### RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the convention back to order leading song on page 100.

Leaders: Marcelene Hardy 189, 172; Mary Bachmann 393t, 43; Azalee Barnett 572, 384; Sharon Stephenson 563, 571; Robert Handel 140, 536; Thomas Smith 192, 235; Dustin Roundsaval 128, 137; Liz Rogan 376, 148; Amanda Blevins 39, 358; John Morris 98, 119; Cheryl Foreman 324, 470.

Memorial Service - Olivia Powell read the names of the deceased and led song on page 274 for: Ed Craig, Joe Nelson, and Gordon Fisher - Texas; Terry Davis - Virginia. Gaylon Powell read a poem about heaven and led song on page 430. Azalee Barnett read the names of the sick and shut-ins and led song on page 45t. Those remembered: Verna Powell, Mildred Edmonds, B.E. Matthews, Ophelia Matthews, Yvonne Davis, Georgia Kanode, Mrs. Charlie Vaughn, Annie Mae Smith, Jr., Alcie Craig, and Marie Smith. Chaplain Dallas Smith led the prayer for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Myrl Jones called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 361. Leaders: Olivia Powell 276, 277; Jeb Owen 36b, 336; Kevin Powell 532, 74b; Scott Curran 290, 171; Azalee Barnett 447t; Mary Bachmann 410, 568; Robert Handel 268b, 395; Thomas Smith 288, 282; Gaylon Powell 131, 406; Pauline Willis 171, 100; Sue Utz 335, 540; Dustin Roundsaval 61; Cheryl Foreman 83t; Amanda Blevins 168; Scott Curran 47t; Kevin Powell and Olivia Powell 300; Liz Rogan and Jeb Owen 47b.

Myrl Jones led song on page 69 as the closing song to end the convention.

Chaplain Dallas Smith dismissed the class with prayer.

President - Gaylon Powell; Vice President - Scott Curran; Secretary - Tammy Powell.

### **WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**Davis Ballroom, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts  
March 11-12, 2000**

**Saturday, March 11**

The Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Catherine Oss leading song on page 318. Catherine Oss led the class in an opening prayer.

Following introductory comments, the Saturday morning session was turned over to David Ivey who led a singing school. David Ivey provided a useful and easy to understand description of the rudiments of Sacred Harp singing focusing his comments on pitch, timing, and accent.

#### RECESS

The class was reassembled by Vice Chair Eliza Cavanaugh leading song on page 34b.

David Ivey continued the singing school by focusing on everything one should consider when leading at a convention.

George Seiler offered a prayer before the class was dismissed for lunch.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Eric Morgan leading song on page 59. Leaders: Tim Eriksen 300; Richard DeLong 419; Allison Schofield 442; Peter Irvine 387; Lynne deBenedette 542; Rodney Ivey 475; Kate Richardson 312b; Dennis O'Brien 304; Tom Gibney 147b; Kshama Ananthapura 58; Max Berueffy 411; Janet Morgan 282; Jeannette DePoy 82; Ruth Hooke 198; Henry Johnson 138b; Karen House, Sally House, and Kelly House 503b; Neely Bruce 254; Ginny Landgraf 428; Allen Fannin 163t; Lyra O'Brien 101b; Scott DePoy 146; Elene Stovall 436; George Seiler 347; Mary Ellen Donaldson 383.

#### RECESS

The class was called back together by Jeff Colby leading song on page 30b.

Leaders: Linda Shea 323b; Karen Ivey 142; Duncan Vinson 26; Lori Rodgers

217; Gabriel Feinwold 40; Katie Servos 504; Anne Kozlouskus 207; Jim Desmond 269; Greta Eckhart 178; Michael Ryan 122; Kathy Tucker 144; Dennis George 480; Lydia Vernon-Jones 510; Carol Selleck 89. Announcements were made. The singing resumed with the following leaders: Matthew Wojick 290; Paula McGray 546; Dan Hertzler 47b; Chris Noren 362; Anne Pratt 496; Ginnie Ely 313t.

Catherine Oss led song on page 335 to close the Saturday session. Tom Mousin dismissed the class with prayer.

### **Sunday, March 12**

Chair Catherine Oss brought Sunday's class to order by leading song on page 48t. Vice Chair Eliza Cavanaugh offered an opening prayer by reading two verses from the 89th Psalm.

Leaders: Eliza Cavanaugh 48b; Eric Morgan 274t; Jeff Colby 345b; Kelly House 59; Laura Timmerman 41; Karen House 446; Lynne deBenedette 99; Barbara Swetman 415; Kara Morin 178; Guy Bankes 532; Inga Knets 171; David Ivey 481; Laura Clawson 176t; Rosemary Greenaway 203; Oona Coy 569b; Ellie Soler 358; Henry Johnson 56b; Mirjana Lausevic 216; John Redman 236.

### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Peter Irvine leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Roland Hutchinson 553; Hannah Coyle and Kelly House 39t; Paula McGray 31t; Diane Mennella 386; Corbin Rodgers and Eric Morgan 401; Martha Lang 504; Phill Wisor 68b; Gina Balestracci 352; Richard Schmeidler 474; Kelsey Wessels 276; Paul Gauthier 565b; Mary Ann Morrison 38t; Tom Tucker 457; Alexis Brie Wildau 300; Aaron Girard 163t; Jeannette DePoy 566; Eliza Goodhue 163b; Laura Risk 179; Sherry Wong 183; Ruth Hooke 155.

Vice Chair Eliza Cavanaugh offered the following words for the memorial lesson: "We feel a loss when someone passes on whom we love; someone who taught us to sing or to live, or one who taught the ones who teach us. Life can seem lonely, jagged...and our hearts go out in sadness to those who are most deeply affected by the loss. Yet, Sacred Harp singing reveals the unbreakable bond between us and points us to a higher joy. In singing for these people, we can celebrate their lives and the immortal effects they've had on our singing and on our experience."

Eliza Cavanaugh led song on page 229 in memory of the deceased: Sybil Baird, Antoinette Swetman, Vester Jones, and Flossie Jones - Alabama; Dorina Holt, Helen Desmond, and Barbara Keany - Connecticut; Charles Cofone - Florida; Dollie Hudgins and Horace DeLong - Georgia; Nelly Martin - Kentucky; Marsha Foster - Maryland; Peg Brown, Tom Lapan, Barbara Lisa Mears, Jean Hosmer, and Paul Leblance - Massachusetts; Chris Randgaard - Minnesota; Nicole Shnarf - New Jersey; Tina Hand and Ben Hertzler - New Mexico; Ursula Woodfield - New York; Edward Lowe and Elizabeth Place Berry - North Carolina; Estes Benson - Rhode Island; Bill Akaman - Vermont.

Oona Coy continued the memorial lesson by leading song on page 70t for the sick and shut-in: Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips - Alabama; Ursula Roscole - California; Dorothy Garber and Jack Phillips - Connecticut; Elsie Lawless, Donald Lawless, and Ben James - Massachusetts; Sharon Neely Nygren - North Carolina; Joe Geornoff and Jordan Glover - New York; Katie Clark - Vermont. Catherine Oss led song on page 49t to close the morning session. Martha Lang offered a prayer before lunch.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was brought to order by Max Berueffy leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Tim Eriksen 282; Will Thomas 209; Richard DeLong 380; Allison Schofield 74b; Rodney Ivey 384; Kate Richardson 101t; Nate Morrison

189; Kshama Ananthapura 349; Janet Morgan 400; Allen Fannin 110; Karen Ivey 192; Lori Rodgers 85; Scott DePoy 114; Jim Desmond 347; Elene Stovall 270; Cathy Tucker 480; George Seiler 268; Linda Shea 547; Lydia Vernon-Jones 95b; Dennis George 137; Carol Selleck 235; Matthew Wojick 250; Chris Noren 455; Anne Pratt 49b; Barbara Swetman 485.

Chair Catherine Oss called a business meeting for the purpose of hearing committee reports.

The Secretary reported that the convention was well attended with 216 registrants from 20 states. Of the 216 who registered, 86 led.

The Finance Committee reported that enough money was collected to cover the expenses of the convention.

The Resolutions Committee submitted the following report thanking the following committees and people for their hard work in making this a successful convention: Welcoming Committee - Linda Shea, Chair; Arranging Committee - Kelly House, Chair; Publicity Committee - Tim Eriksen, Chair; Signs - Jim Desmond and Berk Meisler; Locating Committee - Kara Morin; Memorial Committee for a fine lesson - Chair Eliza Cavanaugh, Phill Wisor, and Oona Coy; Finance Committee - Jeff Colby and Kara Morin; Social - Ruth Hooke and Richard Hooke; Food - Laura Clawson, Lynne deBenedette, and Paula McGray; Singing Schools - Laura Timmerman, Coordinator; Massachusetts Cultural Council; Country Dance and Song Society for loan of books; David Ivey for a wonderful singing school; Dan Richardson for recording; Sacred Harp Publishing Company for the books; Smith College - Chris Fargey, Special Events Coordinator; Tim Brusso, building manager/chairs; Office of Public Safety; Officers - Catherine Oss, Chair; Eliza Cavanaugh, Vice Chair; Jeff Colby, Treasurer; Eric Morgan, Secretary; and all the visitors.

Chair Catherine Oss asked if the Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention should have a convention the following year. Those in attendance responded in the affirmative. A call for those interested in attending meetings of the Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was made.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by Kara Morin leading song on page 228. Leaders: Ginnie Ely 498; Inga Knets 168; Roland Hutchinson 36t; Laura Clawson 186; Mirjana Lausevic 131b; Diane Mennella 271t; Paul Gauthier 428; Gina Balestracci 430; David Ivey 138; Rosemary Greenaway 53; Tom Tucker 369; Kelsey Wessel 147t; Alexis Brie Wildau 448t; Martha Lang 551; Mary Ann Morrison 269; Sherry Wong 70b; Richard Schmeidler 66; Aaron Girard 299. Announcements were made. Catherine Oss, Eliza Cavanaugh, Jeff Colby, and Eric Morgan led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with a prayer offered by Catherine Oss.

Chair - Catherine Oss; Vice Chair - Eliza Cavanaugh; Secretary - Eric Morgan.

## **MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION** **St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri** **March 11-12, 2000**

**Saturday, March 11**

The fifteenth annual Missouri State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 10:15 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ by Chairman Bill Ellason leading song on page 59. Charlie Derleth offered the morning prayer. Convention officers were: Chairman - Bill Ellason; Vice Chairperson - Barbara Uhlemann; Secretary - Rebecca Browne; Memorial Committee - Teenie Moody, Dean Slaton, and Karen Isbell.



Leaders: Barbara Uhlemann 474; Charlie Derleth 348b; Pattie Doss 171; Presley Barker 324; Jo Dell Albi 32; Dave Ressler 203; Karen Isbell 313t; Peggy Brayfield 344; Charles Scudder 163b; Don Bowen 99; Jeanette Lowry 270b; Jon Giles 298; Felton Denney 73t; Syd Caldwell 475; James Page 505; Jenny Willard 318; Dan Gibbons "Wings of Song".

#### RECESS

Bill Ellason called the class to order leading song on page 82. Leaders: Ted Johnson 89; Susan Green 523; Jimmie Denney 186; Jim Solheim "Dragon"; Jerry Enright 16 (MH); Judy Hauff 20 (MH); Lou Cotney 218; John Bayer 53; Jan Ketelle 304; Karen Freund 278t. Bill Ellason asked the blessing.

#### LUNCH

Bill Ellason brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Gary Gronau 222; Floy Wilder 430; Dennis Corcoran 40 (MH); Teenie Moody and Tom McGraw 268; Dean Slaton 38 (MH); Sandra Jordan 59; Val Dunagan 472; Connie Karduck 498; Regina Bayer 454; Marcia Johnson 196; William Shetter 441; Everette Denney 347; Ted Mercer 419; Julie Veal 315; Mike Veech 277; Tommy McGraw 383; Matt Wells 389; Melanie Hauff 216; Pearl Guier 448b; John Bailey 137.

#### RECESS

Rebecca Browne brought the class to order leading song on page 299. Leaders: Lorraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 179; Dan Brittain 399; Mary Smith 434; Charles Wells 47b; Nate Green and Norma Green 120; Betty Wright 569b; Dick Dunagan 271t; Philip Denney 155; Jacob Affolter 436; Syd Caldwell, Dan Brittain, Bill Caldwell, and Mary Ellen Wilkerson 146; Susan Green 217; Bob Borcharding 300.

#### RECESS

Jon Giles called the class back to order leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Everette Denney 405; Matt Wells 29t; Charles Scudder 286; Jerry Enright 542; Peggy Brayfield 385t; JoDell Albi 214; Jan Ketelle 13 (MH); John Bayer 417; Connie Karduck 385b; Dennis Corcoran 66; Jenny Willard 36b; Julie Veal 327. The class was dismissed with prayer.

### **Sunday, March 12**

Chairman Bill Ellason brought the convention to order at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 68b. Charles Wells led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Karen Isbell 142; Pattie Doss 411; Charles Derleth 36b; Barbara Uhlemann 40; Dave Ressler 440; Jim Solheim 372; Presley Barker 54; Luke Barker 324; Dan Gibbons 466; Peggy Brayfield 556; Felton Denney 503; Loraine Bayer 133; Mary Smith 276; Ted Mercer 240; Lila Leyland 479; John Ramsey 288; Dan Brittain 355; Marcia Johnson 283.

#### RECESS

Bill Ellason brought the class to order leading song on page 63. Leaders: Mike Veech 497; John Bailey 145b; Mary Ellen Wilkerson, Syd Caldwell, and Bill Caldwell 124; John Shetter 195; Penny Kujawinski 313b; Melanie Hauff 52 (MH); Betty Wright 323b; Philip Denney 120; Wendy Hofmann 86; Teenie Moody 430; Ted Johnson 447.

#### RECESS

Bill Ellason led song on page 37b to call the class together. Leaders: Syd Caldwell 442 (for Amanda Dean and Mary Gardner); Regina Bayer 197; Charles Wells 386; Connie Karduck 548; John Bayer 567; Karen Freund 566; Don Bowen 34 (MH) (for Judy Mincey); Pearl Guier 49t; Jimmie Denney 101t; Dean Slaton 362; Tommy McGraw 317; Judy Hauff 481; Josephine Denney 147t; Jerry Enright and Felton Denney 77t.

## LUNCH

Chairman Bill Ellason called the afternoon session together leading song on page 346. Leaders: Matt Wells 480; Jan Ketelle 297; Nate Green and Norma Green 99; Philip Denney 120; Lou Cotney 189; James Page 27 (MH); Floy Wilder 183; Jon Giles 404; Everette Denney 335; Julie Veal 444.

Teenie Moody conducted the memorial lesson. "We remember ancestors, those who started the tradition. There are several empty chairs each year, and each deserves our sadness and respect. There is a time for all things. Fifty years ago, we sang all the time. We had no choice, we sang because our parents did. We didn't always enjoy it before, because as children you had to. I said if I ever get away from Sacred Harp, I'd never come back. When I married, I realized Sacred Harp was what I wanted. I gave my children a choice, but the older you get, the more you realize how precious Sacred Harp is, and appreciate the gift that was given. All the others are gone, and how can we fill their shoes?"

Dean Slaton commented on how he had been singing for fifteen years for the sick and shut-ins, and that he knows that a lot of people have been helped because we have remembered them through our songs. Those remembered today include:

Art Berg, Patty Weiss, and Bob Scorgie - Wisconsin; Beau Caldwell and Myrtis Smith - Arkansas; Jack Corley, Mozelle Sheppard, Verdie Touchstone, and I.V. McWhorter - Georgia; Alcie Craig - Texas; Daniel Davis - Nebraska; Lorene Fraembs and Karen Hojnacki - Illinois; Maxine Gilbert - Nevada; Laura Hearne and George Rock - Missouri; Rosa Hughes, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, and Virgil Phillips - Alabama; Dolores Kaatz - New York; Philip Page, Jr. - New Jersey. Dean Slaton led song on page 216 for the sick.

Karen Isbell read the deceased list, and then led song on page 348b for the following deceased: Roy Avery - Alabama; Ed Craig and Jack Page - Texas; Dolores Doss, Fred Potrue, and Bob Moran - Illinois; Lannis Groft - Nebraska; Margaret Hensley, Esther Rottmann, Marie Stone, Barbara Scudder, and Helen Kelly - Missouri; Dollie Hudgins - Georgia; Don Jolly and Patrick Waddell - California; Lonnie Napier - Florida; Cindy Shely - Kansas. Mary Smith closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Rebecca Browne 74b; Jenny Willard 302; Wendy Hoffman 360; Jim Solheim 56 (MH).

## RECESS

Bill Ellason called the class to order leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Karen Isbell 20 (MH); Jeanette Lowry 475; Tommy McGraw and Mary Smith 373; Karen Freund 42; Gary Gronau 269; Philip Denney 358; Marcia Johnson 434; Mike Veech 228; Judy Hauff 504; Teenie Moody 391; Ted Johnson 485; Melanie Hauff 536; Ruth Brown 63.

Rebecca Browne closed the convention with prayer, and all who wished took the parting hand.

Chairman - Bill Ellason; Vice Chairperson - Barbara Uhlemann; Secretary - Rebecca Browne.

## OXFORD CITY HALL Oxford, Mississippi March 12, 2000

The twentieth annual Sacred Harp singing at Oxford City Hall was called to order by Warren Steel leading songs on pages 138b and 142. John Van Horn led the morning prayer. Mark Tew led songs on pages 108b and 117.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Warren Steel; Vice Chairman - Mark Tew; Secretary - Anne Steel; Arranging Committee - Regina Foster and Lavaughn Ballinger.

Leaders: Anne Steel 180, 503; John Merritt 47b, 240; Josie Hyde 234, 220; Curt Davis 45t, 354b; Brenda Merritt 428, 440; John Hyde 314, 297; Tim Reynolds 86, 203; Sandie Scott 128, 40; Mark Davis 441, 209.

#### RECESS

Larry Ballinger called the class together leading songs on pages 300 and 425.

Leaders: Lisa Geist 276, 546; Lena Keeton 112, 475; Amber Springfield 391, 137, 475 (for Virgil Phillips, via cell phone to his hospital room in Birmingham, Alabama); Bob Cook 457, 361; John Van Horn 179, 442; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 78; John Simmons 178, 547; Gene Wakefield 138t, 168; Velton Chafin 348b, 97.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Warren Steel leading song on page 65. Leaders: Regina Foster 114, 216; Carolyn Craig 324, 146; Janet Jenkins 288, 268; Ruby Easley 569b; Lavaughn Ballinger 63; Mary Alice Wakefield 145b, 87; Julie Poston 101t, 343b; Marilyn Burchett 42, 29t; Jack Barbera 89, 139; Andy Davis 269, 434; Tim Cook 344, 448t; Willodean Brunette 341; Dorothea McCowan 120, 196, 64; Tim Reynolds 192; Sandie Scott 130; Carolyn Craig 277; Marilyn Burchett 408.

Announcements were made. Warren Steel led song on page 235 as the closing song. John Simmons dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Warren Steel; Vice Chairman - Mark Tew; Secretary - Anne Steel.

### **STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama Saturday, March 18, 2000**

The annual Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in March, and was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 73b. Elder Ronald Gilmore led the class in prayer. Velton Chafin led song on page 76t.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 155; Lora Cargo 112; Lavaughn Ballinger 167; L.E. Hannah 306; Cecil Sanders 340; Willodean Barton 290; Gene Wakefield 168; Josie Hyde 224; Henry Guthery 151; Ashley Keeton 300, 215; Leon Ballinger 217; Furn Kitchens 216; John Hyde 63; Brenda Merritt 448; Kenneth Tate 119; A.C. McGough 454; Elder Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 45t; Flarce Creel 27; John Merritt "Delusion", "Travelers Rest" (both new songs by John Merritt); Larry Ballinger 109; Tim Gilmore 312t; Mary Alice Wakefield 388.

#### RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class to order leading song on page 97. Leaders: Lisa Geist 269; Perney Pelfrey 137; Sherrie Guthery 58; Faye Donaldson 225t; Edith Tate 532; Billy Williams 54; Amber Springfield 391; Charles Kitchens 179; Ann Jett 88t; Glenn Keeton 64; Cassie Franklin 368; Harrison Creel 512; Glenn Keeton and Lena Keeton 475; Cassie Franklin 344, 474; Henry Guthery 451.

Velton Chafin led song on page 46 as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

**HOBOKEN ALL-DAY SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**(COOPER BOOK)**  
**Hoboken, Georgia**  
**Saturday, March 18, 2000**

The annual Hoboken All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by David Lee and Clarke Lee leading song on page 70t. Aubrey Barfield offered the morning prayer. David Lee and Clark Lee welcomed everyone and then led the class in singing the scale.

Leaders: David Lee 268t (walked time); Clarke Lee 283t (walked time); Julie Lee 159; Kathy Lee 393b; Amy Lee 126; Don Clark 138t; Mel Kersey 47t; Karen Willard and Barbara Willard 150; Mike Jones 76b; Ted Johnson 89; Barbara Swetman 107t; Blake Morris 175b; Aubrey Barfield 497; Mary Elizabeth Lee 40; Louis Hughes 138b; Syble Adams 505; Don Bowen 478; Reba Windom 559; Kathy Williams 53.

**RECESS**

Clarke Lee brought the class to order leading song on page 358. Leaders: Lee Bradley 63; Riley Lee 485; Jerilyn Schumacher 361; Kit Pfau 337; Charlie Brewer 38b; Frank Hathaway 58; Stephanie Steuver 348t; Dewayne Hawthorne 285t; Eleanor Haase 335; Bill Aplin 217; Kathryn Keller 127; Gail Doss 196; Mike Devane and Joshua Devane 484b; Howard Katz 30b; Lee Rogers 411; Tor Bejnar 229.

**RECESS**

David Lee brought the class to order leading song on page 274t. Leaders: Jason Deal 72; John Bailey 449; Karen Buche 516; Alice Bejnar and Bill Aplin 121; Tollie Lee 84; Betty Wright 39; Myra Dalton 199; Sharon Kellam 103; Tommie Spurlock 574; Ruel Lee 511t; Stanley Smith 140.

David Lee paid tribute to past Sacred Harp song leaders from the Hoboken area, the earliest known one being Lazarus Dowling. All the descendants of Lazarus Dowling that were present gathered in the square and led song on page 500 in his memory.

**LUNCH**

Clarke Lee and Walter Justice brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 537. Leaders: Steve Warner 99; Agnes Farris 410; Marcia Johnson and her sister, Grace 218; Bryant Lee 104 (walked time); Jane Spencer 47b; Jenny Willard 367; Bobby Jackson 290; Judy Mincey 446t; Laura Densmore 336t; Ginnie Ely 344; Bobbie Goodell 323b; John Etheridge 292b; Cath Oss 278b; Juanita Heyerman 28b; Anne Heider 192; Keith Willard 416t.

**RECESS**

Johnny Lee, Bill Prescott, and Mary Dixon Prescott brought the class to order leading song on page 358. David Lee and Clarke Lee led "Mercy Seat" from the Lloyd Hymnal by special request of James and Claudine Townson. Leaders: John Bayer 133; Bob Bonnell 511b; Regina Bayer, Rachel Lee, and Hannah Lee 54t; Eric Brough 488b; Coy Ivey 137; Liz Bryant 38t; Jesse Roberts 434; Sara Pietrantoni 405; Margaret Spurlock 108b; Otis Hester and Polly Hester 276, 277; Winston Jones 553b.

David Lee and Clarke Lee led songs on pages 393t and 45t by special request. Mrs. Roxie Chesser Crenshaw, 92 years old, came to the square and led "Angel Band".

Announcements were made. David Lee and Clarke Lee led song on page 207b as the closing song. Elder Tollie Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairmen - David Lee and Clarke Lee; Arranging Committee - Don Clark;  
Secretary - Amy Lee.

**GARRISON MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)**  
**Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Birmingham Road,**  
**Alpharetta, Georgia**  
**March 19, 2000**

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 59 and 70t. Elder Charles Cagle offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - Elder Bobby Cagle; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

Leaders: Loy Garrison 225; Elder Bobby Cagle 54t, 449; Gloria Jean Cathcart 577; Winona Cagle and Kristy Cathcart 358, 568, 507b; Ray Richards 500, 501 (for Bonnie Cagle); Martha Ann Stegar 277, 335; Faye Pettis 290, 377, 518; Jack Corley 83b, 83t, 421; Ray Richards 506, 229, 45t; Loy Garrison 515, 513, 505; Ray Richards 540, 541 (for Elder Charles Cagle).

Loy Garrison led song on page 37 for the deceased.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Loy Garrison leading song on page 55t.

Leaders: Winona Cagle 554, 572; Elder Bobby Cagle 440, 461, 336t, 546; Eric Tweedy 53, 26b; Martha Ann Stegar 61, 99, 171; Faye Pettis 497, 451b, 363, 341; Jack Corley 334, 168; Eric Tweedy 161, 574, 63, 503.

Loy Garrison led song on page 69 as the closing song. Elder Bobby Cagle dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - Elder Bobby Cagle; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

**WALL MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**Glencoe Senior Citizen Center, Glencoe, Alabama**  
**March 19, 2000**

The annual Wall Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Glencoe Senior Citizen Center on the third Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Bud Oliver leading songs on pages 32t and 59. Hershell King offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin and Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 101t, 108t; Shelbie Sheppard 332, 105; Martha Woodard 204; Leola Smith 418; Mary Florence Smith 63, 53; Randall Smith and Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Hershell King 544; Patsy Gentle 147t, 68b; Jimmy Cates 137, 112; Teenie Moody 168, 391.

**RECESS**

Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 42. Leaders: Tom McGraw 283, 475; Douglas Conn 430, 120; Daphene Causey 318, 460; Louis Hughes 176t; Pearl Guier 127, 303; Henry Johnson 358, 338 (in memory of Willie Windsor); Evelyn Harris 155, 89; Shelley Capps 512, 405; Dennis George 421, 235; Eloise Wootten 186, 299.

**LUNCH**

Bud Oliver brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Elene Stovall 217, 222; Wanda Capps 142, 448t; B.J. Harris 452, 503; Mattie Townsel 176b, 213; Sonja Randall 87, 128; Bonnie Flowers 34b, 229; Milton Oliver 321, 314; Cassie Franklin 74t, 345b; Shane Wootten 300; Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 312b, 270; Louis Hughes 129; Leola Smith 185; Cindy Franklin 336, 454; Bud Oliver 73t, 47t; Rodney Ivey 45t, 358; Henry Johnson 319; Martha Woodard 335; Shane Wootten 317; Rodney Ivey and Ruth Brown 111t, 328; Marlon Wootten 144; Marlon Wootten and Donna Wootten 74b; Cassie Franklin 57.

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver and Rodney Ivey led song on page 146 as the closing song. Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

## **THE GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING** **Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama** **March 19, 2000**

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 Kermit Adams leading song on page 47t. Velton Chafin led the class in 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 343b, 392; Cecil Sanders 294; Mary Alice Wakefield 82t; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 566; Faye Donaldson 432, 371; Gladys Bonds 546, 499; David Ballinger 123t, 300; Juanita Whitman 48t, 480; Dawson Adams 134, 77t; Julie Postom 76b, 101t; Velton Chafin 402, 78.

### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 73t and 179. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 102, 103; Ashley Keeton 168, 196; John Merritt 278b, 240; Lena Keeton 64, 145b; Jayne Fulmer 63, 186; Linton Ballinger 141, 144; L.E. Hannah 310, 83t; Chris Rice 384, 282.

A memorial lesson was held in memory of the following deceased who passed away this last year: Mertice Hood Graham, Claudie Freeman, Ester Brown, Lela Crider, and E.E. Kilgo. Also remembered were the four sisters for whom the singing is named. Roma Rice led songs on pages 321b, 34t, and 317b for the deceased.

Nell Adams read a tribute to the four sisters, and for the day of memorializing, and asked for prayer for the family of Emily Jones. Lavaughn Ballinger led the class in prayer.

### **LUNCH**

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 176b. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 331, 217; Lisa Geist 276, 273; Glenn Keeton 117, 231; Julietta Haynes 211, 216; Tim Gilmore 209, 215, 312t; Brenda Merritt 142, 183; Larry Ballinger 425, 410t; Amber Springfield 229, 389; Lavaughn Ballinger 147t, 84; John Merritt 48t, 45t; Billy Williams 297, 154; Pernie Pelfrey 426t (for Rose Altha Taylor), 74b; Kenneth Tate 75, 275b; Josie Hyde 475, 477.

Travis Keeton and John Hyde led song on page 46 as the closing song. Glenn Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Roma Rice.

**GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION**  
**Old DeKalb Courthouse, Decatur, Georgia**  
**March 25-26, 2000**

**Saturday, March 25**

The thirty-ninth session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Old DeKalb Courthouse, Decatur, Georgia the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March. The convention was called to order by Louis Hughes, Sr. leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was offered by Phil Summerlin. Louis Hughes, Sr. led song on page 39; Jeannette DePoy 31; Charlene Wallace 283 (for Carlene Griffin); and Elder Jesse Roberts 411. Committee members were called: Richard DeLong 57; Laura Akerman 518; Lee Rogers 475; Kelly Morris 49b; Janice Paulk 384; John Plunkett 303; Faye Pettis 455; Don Bowen 99; Doug Allison 179; Jimmie Denney 186; Kenneth DeLong 568; Daryl Chesney 327; Phillip Denney 120; Allison Dodson 335.

**RECESS**

The class was called together by Louis Hughes, Sr. leading song on page 82. Leaders: Henry Zittrouer 87; Frances Carnell and Sara Carnell 269; Clarke Lee 503; Ellie Soler 277; Lonnie Rogers 225; Phil Summerlin 270; Kate Hauk 178. A motion was made and seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman - Jeannette DePoy; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Chaplain - Elder Jesse Roberts; Arranging Committee - Richard DeLong, Eric Tweedy, and Scott DePoy; Memorial Committee - Kelly Morris and John Plunkett; Resolutions Committee - John Hollingsworth and Lee Rogers; Finance Committee - Helen Bryson and Don Bowen; Locating Committee - Faye Pettis, Jimmie Denney, and Louis Hughes, Sr.

**RECESS**

The class was called together with Helen Bryson leading song on page 101. Leaders: Everette Denney 405; Joan Durdin 29; Charles Woods 489; Jack Corley 300; Al Grindon 28b; Sandie Scott 40; Felton Denney 73; David Lee 299; Ricky Parnell 236; Fred Todt 142; Betty Wright 347; Eric Carnell 143; Marilyn Burchett 42; Martha Beverly 274; Margie Dietz 46.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Felton Denney leading song on page 523. Leaders: Cath Oss 318; Henry Johnson 70b; Bud Oliver 39; Reba Windom 192; Jermony York 34b; Kathy Williams 208; Joseph Pimentel 155; Laura Clawson 72b; Lena Keeton 546; Ted Mercer 328; Kelly Macklin and John Daniel delRe 196; John delRe 32; Karen Snowbird 532; Kathy Lee 171; Karen House 440; Leland delRe 504; Diane Menn 448; Sharon Kellam 312; Karen Willard 349; Louis Hughes, Jr. 348b; John Redman 496; Debra Jones 454; LeAnne Carnell 74.

**RECESS**

Jeannette DePoy and Elizabeth Roles called the class together with song on page 30b. Leaders: Karen Morris 430; Jack Smith 145; Phillip Langley 456; Sandra Wilkerson 282; Buell Cobb, Sara, and Lane 33b; Malinda Snow 551; Otis Hester 558; Mark Miller 201; Daphene Causey 442; Elene Stovall 528; Glenn Keeton 231; Bill Beverly 547; Judy Mincey 464; Mike Grimes 159; Steve Pace 63; Earlis McGraw 148.

Announcements were made. Jeannette DePoy led song on page 63 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Jesse Roberts.

## Sunday, March 26

The convention was called to order by Jeannette DePoy leading song on page 34b. The morning prayer was led by Elder Jesse Roberts. Jeannette DePoy led song on page 421, and Felton Denney led song on page 503. Leaders: Louise Holland 273; Frank Adams 159; Andy Anderson 117; John Hollingsworth 460; Liz Bryant 377; Andy Morse 168; Tom McGraw 383; Frances Mary D'Andrea 380; Judy Mincey 410; Bonnie Flowers 172; Eric Tweedy 122; Laura Akerman 280; John Redman 362; Kelly Morris 47b; Carlene Griffin 77b.

### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Felton Denney leading song on page 155. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 569b; Kathy Lee, Rodney Willard, and Barbara Willard 128; Don Bowen 510; Karen Snowbird 198; Phillip Langley 200; Sandie Scott and Hugh McGraw 130; Earlis McGraw 163; Marilyn Burchett 81; Allison Dodson 138b; John Plunkett 571; Martha Beverly 216; Henry Johnson 285; Diane McNella 217.

### RECESS

Jeannette DePoy called the class together with song on page 67. Leaders: Teenie Moody 430; Janet Sheppard 114; Mary F. Smith 434; Helen Bryson 340 (for Mr. and Mrs. Allen Coates); Polly Hester 137; Fred Todt 361; Raymond Hamrick 136; Bill Beverly 84; Karen Willard 330b; Mike Ryand 452; Glenn Keeton and Lena Keeton 475; Louis Hughes, Jr. 147; Billy Hollingsworth 31. A Memorial Lesson was held. David Ivey led song on page 267 for the following deceased: Alice Williams, Elbert Smith, Elder Roy Avery, Lindberg Lacy, Glen Lacey, Erskin Norton, Vester Jones, and Flossie Jones - Alabama; Sadie Wilson - Georgia; Richard Allison - Indiana; Mrs. T.H. Ross - Florida; Bill Moritz and Sam Croft - California; Gloria Berchielli - New Jersey. Richard DeLong led song on page 61 in memory of his grandmother, Mrs. Dollie Hudgins. Raymond Hamrick led song on page 77 for the sick and shut-ins: I.V. McWhorter, Violet Thomason, Herman Thomason, Euna DeLong, Mary Lou Cagle, Mozelle Sheppard, Allene Stanford, Vivian Rogers, Woodie Walker, Sharona Nelson, Rosa Hughes, Charlotte Allison, Susan Garbor, Dot Garbor, Elizabeth Wilson, Bob Seorgie, Virginia Stralton; Harriet Kerr, Juenota Kerr, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips. The memorial was closed with prayer by Elder Jesse Roberts.

### LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Jeannette DePoy leading song on page 192. Leaders: Elder Jesse Roberts 203; Laura Clawson 42; Ted Mercer 202; Karen House 385; Dennis George 448; Mark Miller 29; David Ivey 131b; Elene Stovall 99; Rueben Ball 497; Karen Ivey 76b; Cassie Franklin 436; Joseph Pimentel 133; Reba Windom 542; John delRe 74b; Kathy Williams 195; Leland delRe 291; Lena Keeton 480; Rodney Ivey and Bud Oliver 47; Kathy White 168; Sheri Taylor 110; Oscar McGuire 276; Eschol Hughes 235; David Lee 278b; Carri Grindon and Ellen Godberry 504; Scott DePoy and Lynn Rosser Allen 282.

### RECESS

Felton Denney called the class together with song on page 147b. Leaders: Diane Walls 300; John Whittemore 254; Betty Wright 323b; Daphene Causey 451; Kathy Lee 146; Otis Hester and Polly Hester 490; Sharon Kellam 38b; John delRe and Kelly Macklin 272; Angelia Benton 186; Jack Smith 290; Faye Pettis 45; Alice West 120.

A motion was made and seconded to go into the business session. The Financial report was given.



The Resolutions Committee gave the following report. Once again the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention has made these marble halls ring with glorious sounds. Here, in this historic place, in the beautiful season, in this millennium year, we carry on a sacred tradition, joining together in song and fellowship to praise our Creator.

Whereas we are keenly aware of the rich blessings bestowed on us these two days, and whereas we recognize the importance of:

- 1) The generosity of the DeKalb Historical Society in donating these beautiful facilities;
- 2) The efforts of the officers, committees, and local supporters in organizing this convention and making it run smoothly;
- 3) The loving hands that prepared delicious nourishment that sustained us;
- 4) The decades of inspired effort by those who taught us to love these songs and who made this convention something we want to attend, the kind of occasion that draws so many of us together; and
- 5) To the singers who have come from Georgia and across our country to raise their voices in song.

Now therefore, the thirty-ninth session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention published the 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 those who have gone before us and 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 fortieth session of this Convention. Submitted by John

Hollingsworth and Lee Rogers.

The Locating Committee reported that the next session of the Convention would be held in Carrollton, Georgia, Senior Citizen Center, Old Carrollton High School, South White Street. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Karen Ivey, Karen House, Elene Stovall, and Cassie Franklin 112; Joan Durdin 148.

Announcements were made. Jeannette DePoy, Felton Denney, Elder Jesse Roberts, Richard DeLong, and Charlene Wallace led song on page 62, "Parting Hand", as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Louis Hughes, Sr.

Chairman - Jeannette DePoy; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

## **POTOMAC RIVER CONVENTION**

**Washington, D.C.**

**March 31-April 2, 2000**

**Friday, March 31**

A New Traditions Singing began at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31st, at the Pohick Episcopal Church, Lorton, Virginia. Tom Tucker greeted the class and led song on page 66.

The songs below were led by their own composers, unless otherwise noted.

Leaders: Mary Kay Friday "Pohick" (by Dan Britain); John Redman 58 (EH); Dick Levine 55t (EH); Blake Morris "Dodd"; Gina Balestracci 45t (EH); Dan Hertzler "O Turn Ye" (AV); Thom Metzger "The Stone"; Roland Hutchinson "Boston" (AH); Nicholas P. Schliapin "Star".

Katharine Manning welcomed everyone. Announcements were made. Katharine Manning led song on page 53(EH); Mary Ann Daly led "Provisions" and "Eclipse".

#### RECESS

Tom Tucker brought the class back leading song on page 31t. Tom Tucker led "The Angel Song" (by Robert Lowrey, and harmonized by Tom Tucker). Leaders: Miriam Kilmer "Great Falls"; Ginnie Ely "Come Thou Font" (by Nettleton); Nicholas P. Schliapin "Nantahala"; Rosemary Greenaway 110 (EH); Blake Morris "Ireland"; Mary Ann Daly "Liberty Hall" (by Chapin); Roland Hutchinson "Dirigens"; Adrian Herndon "Mount Hope"; Dan Hertzler "Walpole". Tom Tucker closed the session with "Our Meeting is Over" (Traditional).

#### Saturday, April 1

The eleventh annual Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Janine Smith (last year's chair) leading song on page 68b. Tom Padwa led the opening prayer. Katharine Manning welcomed the class and led song on page 82t; Tim Slattery 52t; and Miriam Kilmer led 378b.

The business meeting was held with the election or appointment of the following officers and committees: Chair - Katharine Manning; Vice Chair - Tom Tucker; Secretaries - Miriam Kilmer and Tim Slattery (assisted by Ginnie Ely); Chaplains - Tom Padwa and Henry Bizzell; Arranging Committee - Steven McMaster, John delRe, Bob Hall, and Cathy Tucker; Finance - Cathy Tucker; Memorial Committee - Craig Baughan, Marty De Nys, Paula McGray, and Gail Doss; Pitching (Keying) - Jean Seiler, Bob Parr, and Paula McGray; Resolutions Committee - Beverly Fleming (assisted by Pat Temple); Registration - Marlene Levine, Matt Levine, Mimi Stevens, and Frank Evans; Food - Janine Smith, Mary Ann Daly, Jim Strube, Gillie Campbell, and Howard Frost (assisted by many others); New Traditions Singing - Tom Tucker; Social Host - Cathy Tucker; Housing and Transportation - Mary Kay Friday; Publicity - Steven Sabol and Miriam Kilmer (flyer).

Leaders: Beth Reed 29t; Louis Freilicher 282; Jon Singer 178; Thom Metzger 217; Dottie Hurley 28t; Steven Sabol 567; Hal Kunkel 333; Joni Seidenstein 99; Karen Morris 49t; Frank Evans 209; Evan Duncan 83b; Howard Tucker-Frost 546; Karen House 34t; Tom Padwa 133; Clare Chapin 40; Mary De Nys 56b; Bob Hall 274t; Nick Schliapin 131b.

#### RECESS

Tom Tucker called the class together leading song on page 42. Leaders: John Daniel delRe, Anna Taylor, and Daniel Henkin 49b; Blake Morris 433; Marilyn Estep 327; Kelly House 475 (in memory of Virgil Philips); Don Polaski 288; Joanne DeVoe 77t; Catherine Oss 107; Sandra Hack Polaski 84; Brad Ogelsby 192; Jean Marcotte 312b; Jean Seiler 200; Stephen Holland 350; Craig Baughan 229; Bill Holt 419; Beth Todd 335; Phill Wisor 33b; Elise Meyer-Bothling 67; Gina Balestracci 176t; Fred Beardsley 532; Barbara Swetman 390; Susan Kelley 515; John Redman 236; Mary Wright 114. Tom Padwa offered grace for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order with John delRe leading song on page 32b. Leaders: Gail Doss 38; Eileen Metzger 106; Joyce Saxon 454; Laura Densmore 74; Ginnie Ely 196; Adrian Mariano 481; Kelly Macklin 220; Doron Henkin 224; Marty De Nys 474; Leslie Alperin 268; Dan Hertzler 448t; Patricia Temple 566; Bob Parr 304; Rosemary Greenaway 383; Allen Fannin 70b;

Juanita Heyerman 38b; Ginny Landgraf 564; Tim Slattery 344; Paula McGray 272; Guy Bankes 28b; Jerilyn Schumacher 528; Art Broadus 147t.

#### RECESS

Stephen McMaster brought the class to order leading song on page 318. Leaders: Joe Todd 480; Susan Bingham 198; Mary Kay Friday 506; Roland Hutchinson 242; Lewis Naylor 347; Claire Simon 146; Robert Todd 313b; Dick Levine 102; George Seiler 269; Brad Oglesby 503; Tom Padwa 145b; Sarah Davie 547; Sharon McKinley 191; Catherine Oss 137; Kelly House 362.

Announcements were made. Katharine Manning invited everyone to attend the Social, and led song on page 378t as the closing song. Tom Padwa closed the Saturday session with prayer.

A Saturday night social was hosted by Cathy and Tom Tucker at their home. There was singing from the Cooper Book Edition, The Sacred Harp, An Eclectic Harmony, Christian Harmony, and new compositions.

#### Sunday, April 2

The Sunday session of the Potomac River Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Katharine Manning leading song on page 60. Henry Bizzell led the class in the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tom Tucker 501; Miriam Kilmer 504; Tim Slattery 415; Cathy Tucker 327; Mary Ann Daly 38b; Marty De Nys 299; Kelly Macklin 291; Flawn Williams 56b; Gail Doss 270; Craig Baughan 66; Guy Bankes 556; Anne Pratt 496; Art Broadus 452b; Laura Densmore 542; Allen Fannin 124; Leyland delRe 127; Eric Hildebrant 551; Juanita Heyerman 71; John Redman 358; Beth Todd 250; Dick Levine 68b; Leslie Alperin 155.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Doron Henkin, Daniel Henkin, Gil Henkin, Tommy Hall, and Anna Taylor leading song on page 113. Leaders: Patricia Temple 421; Robert Todd 198; Claire Simon 159; John delRe 360; Susan Bingham 361; Jason Law 122; Jerilyn Schumacher 485; Dan Hertzler 535; Barbara Swetman 203; Hal Kunkel 470; Eileen Metzger 148; Phill S. Wisor 335; Mary Wright 314; George Seiler 473; Joni Seidenstein 142; Jon Singer 31t.

Craig Baughan opened the Memorial Lesson speaking on "Walking a Loved One Home," read a prayer, and led song on page 390.

Paula McGray spoke about Virgil Phillips, who "would not leave anyone out," then read the names of the deceased. Gail Doss led song on page 137 for the deceased "the way Virgil sang it," with the alto part from the Cooper Book Edition.

The names of the deceased remembered: Virgil Phillips - Alabama; Jim O'Connor - D.C.; Jim McCarty - Massachusetts; Dick Hedges and Marsha Foster - Maryland; Marie Davie - Minnesota; Richard Grady Partin, Dick Tarrier, and Nancy Carol Metz - North Carolina; Ed Wright - New Hampshire; Agnes Judge, Carolyn Davis Avins, Nicole Schnarr, and William Medford - New Jersey; Ben Hertzler - New Mexico; Akram Scott and Harriet Thompson - New York; Medy Wantland - Oklahoma; Irma Burgess - Pennsylvania; Rev. W. Graham Smith and Terry Offield - Virginia; George and Pat Lippi - Wisconsin. Marty De Nys spoke about caring for those "in need of love and in need of building up", and stated that when we sing this music, our souls are opened. He then read the names of the sick and shut-ins: Dot Garber and Susan Garber - Connecticut; Tom Lumbard - D.C.; Sonya Rae Manning - Florida; Henry Schuman - Michigan; Betty Nikelsky - New Jersey; Tauheedah Scott - New York; Barbara Smith and Sara Esh - Pennsylvania; Evelyn Wade and Grace Hanz - Virginia.

Marty De Nys led song on page 50b for the sick and shut-ins, and closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Tom Tucker led song on page 129, and Henry Bizzell offered grace for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class reconvened with Tom Tucker leading song on page 77b. Leaders: Janine Smith 154; Joe Todd 112; Gina Balestracci 173; Bill Holt 376; Paula McGray 276; Doron Henkin 193; Ginnie Ely 454; Henry Bizzell 34; Rosemary Greenaway 171; Anna Taylor 274t; Eric Bean 163t; Elise Meyer-Bothling 72b; Bob Parr 391; Jean Seiler 315; Roland Hutchinson 553; Kacy Pate 442; Thom Metzger 48b; Donna Abrahams 260; David Martin and Donna Abrahams 82t; Mary Kay Friday 455; Frank Evans 64.

#### RECESS

Leyland delRe brought the singers back to order with song on page 32t. Leaders: Stephen Holland 288; Mimi Stevens 474; Adrian Mariano 430; Ella Wilcox 254; Phyllis Gonigam 128; Louis Freilicher 410t; Ronni Hendershot 49b; Fred Beardsley 475; Joyce Saxon 35; Jim Wantland 318; Miriam Kilmer 86 (for Peter Pate); Laura Densmore 312b; George Seiler and Jean Seiler 146; Joe Todd and Beth Todd 373; Bob Parr, Ginnie Ely, Bill Holt, and Eric Hildebrant 497.

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

Secretaries' Report: During Saturday and Sunday, 152 different songs were led from The Sacred Harp. There were 100 leaders and many co-leaders. There were 169 people registered from 16 states and the District of Columbia.

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee and the entire Convention, Beverly Fleming gave thanks to:

- 1) God who made possible the singing;
- 2) Chaplains;
- 3) Those who did the keying (pitching); and
- 4) All those on committees who did an outstanding job.

Special thanks went to:

- 1) The Arranging Committee;
- 2) Those who hosted out-of-town guests
- 3) The registrars, and
- 4) Cathy Tucker "for taking on the task of Treasurer".

We resolve to give a hearty hand to all those unseen helpers who prepared food, set up, and cleaned up. They truly help to make this convention one to be remembered. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint."

The Financial Report was given by Cathy Tucker and Tom Tucker. The business session was closed.

Announcements were made. Katharine Manning announced the dates for next year's Potomac River Convention will be on March 31st, April 1st, and 2nd, 2001.

Katharine Manning led song on page 212, and song on page 62 as the closing song. Henry Bizzell closed the Convention with prayer.

Chair - Katharine Manning; Vice Chair - Tom Tucker; Secretaries - Tim Slattery and Miriam Kilmer.

**SHILOH SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Shiloh Museum, Springdale, Arkansas**  
**Saturday, April 1, 2000**

The second annual session of the Shiloh Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in April, and met in the building that formerly was Springdale's General Store and Post Office, and is now located on the grounds of the Shiloh Museum in Springdale, Arkansas.

The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Syd Caldwell who welcomed everyone and led songs on pages 335 and 75. Mary Ellen Wilkinson led the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers appointed: Chairman - Syd Caldwell; Vice Chairman - Dan Brittain; Arranging Committee - Hugh McGraw; Secretary - Berta Anderson.

Attending were John and Holly Ruth Gale, and their two daughters, who are making a documentary film on shape note music.

Bob Beeson, Director of the Shiloh Museum, welcomed everyone and expressed gratitude for all who carry on this tradition. Special welcome was given to those coming from Texas, Georgia, and Oklahoma.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 73t; Dan Brittain 177, 176t; Lee Strickland 423, 310; Holly Ruth Gale 85, 159; Bunny Strickland 143, 87; Mary Ellen Wilkinson 196; Cheryl Foreman 324, 448t; Susan Young 49t, 388.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Syd Caldwell leading song on page 78.

Hugh McGraw, who directed a singing school held the previous week, led songs on pages 119 and 52t. Leaders: Lois Graney 145b; Leon Ballinger 269, 384; Denny Keithley 25, 59; Elizabeth Bullock-Rest 61.

Dan Brittain opened the Memorial Lesson with the recognition that the "Hollow Square" is holy ground and expressed gratitude for those who have passed on but who have helped preserve this tradition. The deceased remembered: Virgil Phillips - Alabama; Verla Ross, Larry Napier, and Ivey Strickland - Florida; Ed Craig - Texas; Horace DeLong and Dollie Hudgins - Georgia. Leon Ballinger led songs on pages 137 and 475 in memory of these friends.

Dan Brittain read a list of shut-ins being remembered: Ruby Phillips, Rosa Hughes, and Marie Aldridge - Alabama; Alcie Craig, Myra Palmer, and Myrl Jones - Texas; I.V. McWhorter and Myrtle Smith - Georgia; Ed Caldwell - Missouri; and Vedic Touchstone. Syd Caldwell led songs on pages 477, 318, and 284 for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed.

The singing dismissed to the museum with gratitude being expressed to those present and to those who provided the lunch.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Syd Caldwell leading songs on pages 378, 436, and 434. Dan Brittain was requested to lead his songs from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition" which were: 472, 313b, 481, and 353 (written for Hugh McGraw).

Leaders: Leon Ballinger 120, 212; Cheryl Foreman 66, 133; Holly Ruth Gale 358; Mary Ellen Wilkinson 83t, 124; Lee Strickland 271t, 270; Syd Caldwell 410t.

Hugh McGraw led 516 after expressing his gratitude to Dan Brittain, telling us he would be leaving at the break and that he hoped we would continue to grow.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Syd Caldwell leading songs on pages 97, 155, 154, and 228; Denny Keithley led song on page 457; and Cheryl Foreman led song on page 209.

Announcements were made. Thanks were expressed for our week of instruction with Hugh McGraw and for the help received from Dan Brittain. Note was taken of singings near our region with a special invitation from Cheryl Foreman to come to the 100th session of the Southwest Texas Convention in McMahan, Texas to be held this month.

Syd Caldwell led song on page 36b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer given by Mary Ellen Wilkinson.

Chairman - Syd Caldwell; Vice Chairman - P. Dan Brittain; Secretary - Berta Anderson.

## **HIGHER GROUND SINGING**

### **United Ministry Center, Terre Haute, Indiana**

### **Saturday, April 1, 2000**

The fifth annual meeting of the Higher Ground Singing, co-hosted by Bloomington, Indiana and Charleston, Illinois singers, was called to order by Don Bardsley leading song on page 34b. Lee Steinmetz led the morning prayer. The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chair - Janet Fraembs; Arranging - Bill Shetter; Secretary - Marlen Rust; Treasurer - David Rust; Chaplain - Don Baker; Memorial Committee - Peggy Brayfield and Don Baker; Registration - Dorothy Glanzer, Bill Shetter, and Donna Purdom.

Leaders: Janet Fraembs 171; Bill Shetter 59; Marlen Rust 40; David Rust 135; Peggy Brayfield 168; Don Baker 81; Pete Ellertsen 473; Berkley Moore 48t; Don Bardsley 191; Dorothy Glanzer 312; Luke Barker 179; Lee Steinmetz 498; Tom Ivey 504; Lori Grabor 565; Val Dunagan 350; Presley Barker 351; Mike Veech 270; John Bailey 535; Karen Hojnacki 475; Dick Dunagan 74b.

#### **RECESS**

The class was brought together by Janet Fraembs leading song on page 355.

Leaders: Don Baker 133; Pete Ellertsen 89; Bill Shetter 373; Berkley Moore 282; Peggy Brayfield 385t; Luke Barker 354b; Don Bardsley 480; Dorothy Glanzer 209; Dick Dunagan 186; Karen Hojnacki 208; David Rust 48b; Lee Steinmetz 513; Tom Ivey 501; Lori Grabor 496; Presley Barker 300; Val Dunagan 288; Mike Veech 515b; John Bailey 436. Don Baker offered prayer to grace the noon meal.

#### **LUNCH**

Janet Fraembs called the class together with song on page 142.

A memorial lesson was held in honor of Virgil Phillips of Alabama. Peggy Brayfield spoke of being touched by the many messages she read from people who knew Virgil Phillips, and said a part of the people who pass on remains with us all. Don Baker led song on page 489.

Don Baker spoke about the sick and shut-ins, and especially for: Sue Miller's husband, Dennis, who is recuperating from surgery; Antoinette Mehrling - New York; Norm Bibb - Illinois, Lorene Fraembs (mother of Frank Fraembs) - Kentucky; and the big joy that Karen Hojnacki's test results reveal that she does not have TB. Don Baker led song on page 277 for the sick, and the memorial was closed.

Leaders: Bill Shetter 454; John Bailey 46; Presley Barker 47; Lori Grabor 306; Mike Veech 58; Dick Dunagan 474; Berkley Moore 378t; Luke Barker 324;

Dorothy Glanzer 155; Don Bardsley 268; Lee Steinmetz 250; David Rust 532; Tom Ivey 39t; Val Dunagan 284; Pete Ellertsen 510.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Karen Hojnacki 215; Mike Veech 313b; Don Baker 82t; Marlen Rust 66; Luke Barker 45t; Peggy Brayfield 455; John Bailey 340; Lori Grabor 280; Presley Barker 84; Pete Ellertsen 207; Dorothy Glanzer 107; Ilse Akerberg 51; Don Barksley 163b; Dick Dunagan 378b.

Announcements were made. Don Baker led song on page 347 as the closing song and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair - Janet Fraembs; Secretary - Marlen Rust.

### **SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION - WILLIAM WALKER MEMORIAL Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina Saturday, April 1, 2000**

The seventh session of the South Carolina State Convention in memory of William Walker was held at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Harry Eskew leading song on page 49t. John Bullard led the class in the opening prayer. Two important decisions concerning future sessions were made. The class voted to change the date of this singing to be held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April in order to avoid conflicts with other nearby singings. We also voted to limit ourselves in the future to two books, the "Christian Harmony" and "The Sacred Harp".

Leaders: Dr. Harry Eskew 49t; Brent Holcomb 40, 49b; Walter Hartley 146; Holly Corbett 35, 45t; Dr. Harry Eskew 477, 128; J.B. Parker 128t (CH), 165 (CH); John Plunkett 208b (CH), 116 (CH).

#### RECESS

Brent Holcomb led song on page 441 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Chris Bero 148, 67b (CH); Terry Chandler 55b (CH), 127; Tom Cole 159, 299.

#### LUNCH

Brent Holcomb brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 238, followed by Mildred Chandler leading songs on pages 89 and 136.

Dr. Harry Eskew led song on page 381b as a memorial lesson for the deceased, and remembering the sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Joel Jones 178, 105b (CH); Bill Burns 117; Teresa Caldwell 145, 142; Walter Hartley 452; Brent Holcomb 106; Holly Corbett 59; J.B. Parker 131; Holly Corbett 81; John Plunkett 503; Mildred Chandler 355, 236.

The class was dismissed.

Chairman - Brent Holcomb; Secretary - Bill Siefert.

### **FASOLA ALL DAY SINGING Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska Saturday, April 1, 2000**

The second session of the FaSoLa All Day Singing was held at Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska on the first Saturday in April. Chairperson Alice Love called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. by leading song on page 421. John Smith, assisted by Jerry Brabec and Abby Brabec, offered the morning prayer and ended the prayer with song on page 63.

Leaders: Susan Green 350; Steven Levine 52t; Martha Henderson 35; Denise Kania 47t; Steve Parker 276; Aura Lee Furgason 549; Scott Schroeder 352; Arlie

Prokop 278b; Judi Duerr 155; Wendy Popp 335; Jim Solheim 192; John Pearson 143; Charles Scudder 503; Jenni Wallace-Grate 31t; Christine Stevens, Emma Stevens, and Felicia Stevens 171; Jack Bourdess 268; Jenny Willard 318; Penny Kujawinski 313b; Sue Pearson 178; Lou Kujawinski 535b; Keith Willard 274t; Steve Parker 475; Jon Pearson 497; Aura Lee Furgason 159; Jenni Wallace-Grate 200; Kathy Wood 87.

#### RECESS

Alice Love brought the class to order leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Keith Willard 32t; Larry Hall 532; Christine Stevens 411; Scott Schroeder 299; Penny Kujawinski 523; Steven Levine 29t; Wendy Popp 148; Martha Henderson 312t; Susan Green 347; Jim Solheim "Missouri Harp" (his own composition); Denise Kania 99; Lou Kujawinski 84; Jenny Willard 349; Judy Duerr 66; Arlie Prokop 209; Jack Bourdess 56t; Charles Scudder 288; Steve Parker 58; Christine Stevens 436; Steven Levine 371.

#### LUNCH

Charles Scudder brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 30t and 36b.

A memorial lesson was held by Charles Scudder, chairman of the Memorial Committee, who opened the service with prayer, read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins, and led song on page 344. Susan Green led song on page 137 for the deceased. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Jenny Willard 445; Felicia Stevens 421; Scott Schroeder 86; Thomas Willard 36b; Lou Kujawinski 36b; Wendy Popp 102; Denise Kania 142; Judi Duerr 551; Keith Willard 297; Aura Lee Furgason 236; Jim Solheim 269; Arlie Prokop 385b; Martha Henderson 426t; Penny Kujawinski 203; Jenni Wallace-Grate 566; Kathy Wood 452; children puppet show 354.

#### RECESS

Jon Pearson called the class to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Alice Love 213b; Larry Hall 373; Jim Wood and Jon Pearson 49b; Martha Henderson 367; Aura Lee Furgason 515; Denise Kania 384; Jim Solheim 218; Arlie Prokop 163b; Jenny Willard 422; Penny Kujawinski 28b; Scott Schroeder 479; Lou Kujawinski 569b; Wendy Popp 472; Christine Stevens 68b; Steven Levine 474; Susan Green 182.

#### RECESS

Alice Love brought the final session to order leading song on page 294. Leaders: Steve Parker 454; Martha Henderson 65; Jenny Willard 163t; Scott Schroeder 277; Wendy Popp 146; Steven Levine 59; Denise Kania 288.

Announcements were made. Alice Love led song on page 347 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson - Alice Love; Vice Chairman - Jim Wood; Treasurer - Sandra Squires; Secretary - Cindy Miserez.

## **BRAZOS RIVER CONVENTION** **Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, Texas** **Saturday, April 1, 2000**

Gaylon Powell called the convention to order by leading songs on pages 449 and 31B. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Billy Moseley. Gaylon Powell opened up the business meeting to elect officers for the convention. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman - Tom Owen; Secretary - Tammy Powell; Finance Committee - Amy Sides and Bill Huckaby.



Leaders: Gaylon Powell 192; Tom Owen 27, 30b; Dalton Clanton 47b, 507b; Frank Price 43, 571; Vivian Rogan 49t, 282; James Moseley 300, 169; Doris Hanks 515, 572; Michelle Rogan 522, 196; Edith Owen 293b, 484; Gary Rogan 120, 532; Cissy Moseley 142, 299; Amanda Owen 203, 508; Zack Rogan 280.

#### RECESS

Tom Owen called the convention back to order by leading song on page 48t.

Leaders: Olivia Powell 220, 168; Liz Rogan 186, 276; Jeb Owen 450, 122; George Jones 336t, 336b; Al Rogers 63, 563; Amy Sides 283b, 505; Curtis Owen 400, 372; Josh Rogan 132, 163t.

#### LUNCH

Gaylon Powell called the convention back to order leading song on page 410.

Leaders: Kevin Powell 216, 200; Sarah Coates 35, 76b; Katie Moseley 222, 137; Billy Moseley 47t, 40; Mike Moseley 434, 135; Amanda Blevins 358, 348; Catherine Rogan 427, 290; Anne Milner 148, 406; Hill Grimmett 447t, 250; Mary Ann Owen 335, 145B; Leola Perry 58, 45b; Robert Handel 268b, 41.

#### RECESS

Tom Owen called the convention back to order leading song on page 360.

Leaders: Mary Bachmann 162, 341; Olivia Powell 235; Scott Curran 189, 112; Billy Huckaby 171, 61; David Moseley 186, 442; Jeb Owen 559; Frank Price 64; Dalton Clanton 395; Josh Rogan 110; Liz Rogan and Sarah Coates 543; Zack Rogan 274; Katie Moseley 217; Catherine Rogan 146; Amanda Blevins 36b; Amanda Owen 411; Michelle Rogan 128.

The finance committee gave their report that all expenses have been met. A special thanks was given to Mike Moseley and Sarah Coates for helping with the lunch.

Gaylon Powell closed the convention by leading song on page 496. Frank Price dismissed the class with a closing prayer.

Chairman - Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman - Tom Owen; Secretary - Tammy Powell.

## **MR. AND MRS. LONNIE JONES MEMORIAL SINGING (COOPER BOOK)**

**Opp, Alabama  
Saturday, April 1, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for Lonnie and Kate Jones convened at Cool Springs Baptist Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in April at 9:00 a.m. Mike Jones gave the welcoming address and led songs on pages 32t and 36b. Aubrey Barfield offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Stanley Smith 36t, 99; Aubrey Barfield 171, 220; Tim Jones 336t, 38t; Bill Aplin 336b; Wylene Williams 500, 572; Tommie Spurlock 217, 298; Kennon Smith 381b, 189b.

#### RECESS

Winston Jones brought the class to order leading song on page 299. Leaders: Frank Hattaway 49b, 283; Ford Bulger 511, 505; Buster Meriell 43, 67; Margaret Spurlock 108b, 112; Myrtle Richberg 450, 516; David Lee 184b, 571; Ann Jett 54t, 559; Bill Farris 401, 282.

#### RECESS

Mike Jones called the class to order leading song on page 31. Leaders: Earnest Crockraft 264b, 266b; Agnes Farris 345, 410; Elsie Moon 397, 202; Allison Jones 515; LaShon Tillman 229, 573; Paul Wyatt 411, 129; Dewayne Hawthorne 68t,

270; Edith Tate 39, 137; Danny Creel 182, 176b; John Etheridge 472, 285t.  
Elder James Donaldson graced the table.

#### LUNCH

Mike Jones called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 29b.  
Leaders: Joe Nall 443, 428; Ed Bass 300, 447; Wayne Jones 444, 94; Brandon Wood 79; Pearl Patillo 28b, 47b; Michael Jones 384, 73t; Rhonda Harrison 72, 145b; Cynthia Osberne 44, 89; Brittney Jones and Breane Jones 358.

#### RECESS

Mike Jones called the class to order leading song on page 225. Leaders: Richard Graham 563, 544; Emmie Lou Grayson 324; Bill Hogan 45b, 208; Alice Williams and Aubrey Barfield 199, 198; Eva Padgett 77t, 536; Vickie Aplin 268t, 274; Cathy Parker 341, 395; John Etheridge 292b (for Thurman Nall); Winston Jones 276; Maeghann Hawthorne, Emily Parker, and Bethaney Hawthorne 45t. The children of Lonnie and Kate Jones (Mike Jones, Winston Jones, Wayne Jones, Carmaletta Hawthorne, Lela Ellison, Betty Jean Kendrick, and Willodean Thrash) led songs on pages 159 and 32 for the memorial lesson.

Announcements were made. Mike Jones led song on page 343 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman - Tim Jones; Secretary - Faye Jones.

## HARRODS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

**Brownsboro, Kentucky**

**April 1-2, 2000**

**Saturday, April 1**

The ninth annual shape note singing was held at Harrods Creek Baptist Church in Brownsboro, Kentucky on the first Sunday and Saturday before in April. The Sacred Harp, Southern Harmony, and Cooper Book were used.

Chairman Merle Mateika called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. with song on page 103 (SoH), followed with an opening prayer.

Leaders: James Page 102 (SoH), 83t (SoH); John Bealle 72t (SoH), 283 (SoH); Esther Rothenbusch 170b (SoH), 299 (SoH); Mike Grimes 275 (SoH), 8t (SoH); Brandon Borchman 68b, 117; Eloise Clark 333, 276; Bob Meek 178, 209.

#### RECESS

Bob Meek brought the class to order leading song on page 159. Leaders: Ruth Garza 354, 312; Michele Cull 36b, 496; Sandy Schultheis 101, 270; Joyce Brown 495, 551; JoAnn Grimes 73b; Denise Morris 74b, 497; Faith Shine 147t, 300; Merle Mateika 48, 475; James Page 50 (SoH); Esther Rothenbusch 31b, 82t; Mike Grimes 49b, 236; Eloise Clark 313, 274.

#### LUNCH

Bob Meek called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 515 and 123. Leaders: John Bealle 87, 34t; Sandy Schultheis 163, 64; Mary Brinkman 480 (SoH), 51 (SoH); JoAnn Grimes 145b; Denise Morris 163t; Faith Shine 17b (SoH), 308 (SoH); Michele Cull and Elizabeth Waters 34, 66; Joyce Brown 299.

#### RECESS

Merle Mateika called the class back together leading songs on pages 56 and 361. Leaders: Jim Page 16 (SoH), 92t (SoH); Mike Grimes 334, 58; Bob Meek 324t (SoH), 322 (SoH); Bob Meek and Allen DuBose 268; James Page 25 (for Joan Frankel).

Merle Mateika led song on page 347 (SoH) as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

**Sunday, April 2**

Bob Meek brought the class to order and offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Karen Hojnacki 49b, 448; Bill Shetter 563 (CB), 559 (CB); Janet Fraembs 91, 421; Michele Cull and Elizabeth Waters 393 (CB), 408 (CB); Peggy Brayfield 163, 556; James Page 98 (CB), 147 (CB); Bob Meek 276; Val Dunagan 171, 128; Mike Veech 86, 228; Rita Ellertson 61, 510; Berkley Moore 99 (CB), 184 (CB); Lee Steinmetz 449 (CB), 229 (CB); Dick Dunagan 36 (CB), 74 (CB). A memorial lesson was held with song on page 475 led in memory of Virgil Phillips. The song on page 68b was led for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Denise Morris 430 (CB), 494 (CB); Joyce Brown 447 (CB), 340 (CB); Ruth Garza 192, 107.

#### LUNCH

Bob Meek brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 209.

Leaders: Bob Meek and Paul Kye Kim 515; Bob Cull 178, 488 (CB); Karen Hojnacki 505 (CB), 571 (CB); Bill Shetter 38t (CB), 367 (CB); Janet Fraembs 65, 532; Peggy Brayfield 195, 344; Merle Mateika 452; Brandon Borchman and Karen Hojnacki 145, 117; James Page 163b (CB), 272 (CB).

Announcements were made. Bob Meek led song on page 146 as the closing song. Ruth Garza dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Merle Mateika; Secretary - Brenda Waters.

## **EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama** **April 2, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Edwarsville Baptist Church on the first Sunday in April was called to order by Roy Nelson leading song on page 32t. Felton Denney led the morning prayer. Roy Nelson thanked everyone for coming and led song on page 82, followed by Mary Florence Smith leading songs on pages 61 and 63.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee and Secretary - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith and Molene Thompson.

Leaders: Pearl Guier 59, 127; Bobby Jackson 81, 569; Dennis George 39b, 285t; Lou Cotney 172, 189, 318; Tommy McGraw 37b, 73t, 268; Everette Denney 119, 274t; Carlene Griffin 146, 155, 448b; Rodney Ivey 101t, 144.

#### RECESS

Roy Nelson called the class together leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 435, 225t; Eunice Webb 317, 373; Max Berueffy 135, 278t, 411; Cassie Franklin 74b, 74t, 278b; Lonnie Rogers 186, 222, 33b; Lois Owen 168, 340. Mary Florence Smith gave the memorial and led song on page 403 for the following deceased: Virgil Phillips, Lilly Austin Owen, and Kathleen Austin Purdue.

Mary Florence Smith led song on page 406 for all the sick and shut-ins. Rev. Junior Jones, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone and asked the blessing on the food.

#### LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 97. Leaders: Coy Ivey 56t, 30t; Elene Stovall 217, 436, 31t; Felton Denney 231, 149, 503; Shelbie Sheppard 140, 139, 134; Billy Joe Harris 77b, 303, 312b; Jeff Sheppard 290, 313t, 313b; Karen Reaves and Connor Ewing 335, 445; Cecil Edwards 45t, 491 (for his wife, Reba), 124; Rodney Ivey and Max Berueffy 475, 384, 282.

Announcements were made. Roy Nelson and Lonnie Rogers led song on page 46 as the closing song. Everette Denney dismissed the class with prayer.  
Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

## **OLD ENON CHURCH** **Lynn, Alabama** **April 2, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Enon Church was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 59. Mary Alice Wakefield led the morning prayer. Gene Wakefield led song on page 101t.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Leaders: Gene Wakefield 100; A.C. McGough 290 (in memory of Fletcher Simms), 457, 454; Kenneth Tate 76b, 343, 119; Mary Alice Wakefield 39b, 421, 448b; Ashley Keeton 300, 196, 294 (by request); Flarce Creel 475, 384, 318; L.E. Hannah 389, 398.

### **RECESS**

John Hyde called the class back to order with songs on pages 37b, 30t, and 73t.

Leaders: Amber Springfield 178, 166, 391; Harrison Creel 111b (by request), 512, 342; Lisa Geist 171, 272, 327; Wanda Capps 222, 189, 503 (for Thurman Nall who is ill); Brenda Merritt 137, 225t, 426t (in memory of Virgil Phillips who was buried on April 1st), 436 (for Marie Aldridge who was unable to attend).

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was brought to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 284. Leaders: John Merritt 358 (for his mother), 321, 285t, 390; Julie Tate 317; Edith Tate 378b, 348b; Gravis Ballinger 78, 34b, 120; Josie Hyde 507, 408 (in memory of Ellis Ward), 477; Larry Ballinger 28t, 74b, 91; Glenn Keeton 49b, 278t, 59; Joyce Hubbit 273, 209; Travis Keeton 566, 388, 496, 179 (for Elmer Conwill who was unable to attend).

John Hyde, Edith Tate, and Gene Wakefield led song on page 532 as the closing song. Glenn Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

We wish to thank the church for paying for the minutes.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

## **ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH - BIRTHDAY SINGING** **South of Tallapoosa, Georgia on Old 100 Highway** **Friday Night, April 7, 2000**

The eighth session of the Birthday Singing was held on Friday night before the second Sunday in April at Antioch Baptist Church. Birthday honorees were Mildred Johnson who is 91 and Elder Homer Benefield who is 79. Elder Benefield was sick and unable to attend.

The class was called to order at 6:30 p.m. (ET) by Johnny Wright leading songs on pages 59 and 277. The evening prayer was led by Felton Denney. Johnny Wright led song on page 63.

The class organized with the following officers re-elected: Chairman - Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman - Everette Ellis; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Mary Florence Smith 37b; Charlene Wallace 56t (for Elder Homer Benefield); Mildred Johnson introduced Charles Towler from Tennessee; Mildred Johnson and Hugh McGraw 548; Martha Henderson 326; Henry Schuman 318; Phillip Denney 40; Midge Olsen 66; Pauline Childers 498; Lonnie Rogers 137; Tim Eriksen 41; Cath Oss 278b; Kshama Ananthapora 556; Gordon Olsen 344; Felton Denney 299; Teenie Moody 186; Jean Seiler 68b; Phillip Langley 112; George Seiler 168; Regina Foster 300; Bonnie Flowers 179; Karleen Williams 298; Tommy McGraw 73.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Tommy McGuire, welcomed everyone and offered the blessing for the evening meal. The class was dismissed for 45 minutes.  
RECESS

The class resumed singing with Johnny Wright leading song on page 274.

Leaders: Christine Stevens 421; Everette Ellis 103; Eric Morgan 89; Estelle Flowers 47; Everette Denney 426; Lou Cotney 218; Josephine Denney 45t; Earlis McGraw 271; Cath Oss 167; Tim Eriksen 312b; Henry Schuman 327; Gordon Olsen, Christine Stevens, Martha Henderson, and Midge Olsen 34b; Charles Towler 343; Diane Clayton, Daphene Ray, Mildred Johnson, and Johnny Wright 358; Katherine Benefield, Joyce Clackum (daughter), Taylor Skaggs, Jordon Skaggs (grandchildren), and Hugh McGraw 401 and 40 for Elder Homer Benefield.

Announcements were made. Johnny Wright led song on page 146 as the closing song and dismissed the class with prayer.

We were honored to have singers and listeners from the following states: Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Michigan, Massachusetts, and Minnesota. Chairman - Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman - Everette Ellis; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

## **STATE LINE CHURCH** **Cleburne County, Alabama** **Saturday, April 8, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church in Cleburne County, Alabama (just off Highway 78 at the Alabama-Georgia state line) was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. Jeff Sheppard called the singing to order at 9:00 a.m. (CT) with song on page 37b. Lonnie Rogers led the class in morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 61, and Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 440 (dedicated to Virgil Phillips who was buried on April 1st).

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Mary F. Smith; Arranging Committee - Bud Oliver and Cindy Franklin; Memorial Committee - Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 186; Bud Oliver 39b; Helen Bryson 456; Everette Denney 405; Laura Densmore 142; Mel Kersey 515; Regina Foster 272; George Seiler 84; Teenie Moody 430; Tim Cook and Martin Cochran 63; Cathy White 503; Jarrod George 300.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 97. Leaders: Pam Nunn, Kyle Nunn, and Jeff Sheppard 270; Bobby Jackson 282; Catherine Oss 163t; Henry Schuman 102; Jeannette DePoy 192; Don Bowen 145b; Tom McGraw 73t; Mattie Townsel 155; Jean Seiler 200; Louis Hughes 135.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class to order leading song on page 274t. Leaders: T.J. Willard 378t; Cassie Franklin 224; Phillip Langley 436; Sarah Harcrow 299;

Kathy Lee and Rachel Lee 171; Martha Henderson 454; Jimmie Denney 176t; Judy Mincey 475; B.J. Harris 303; Tim Eriksen 542; Reba Dell Windom 216. The Memorial Lesson was given by Helen Bryson with the following deceased remembered: Virgil Phillips, Dollie Hudgins, Verla Ross, Lillie Bell Ayers, Ester Brown, Florence Williams, Richard Allison, Roy Avery, Ralph Heath, Ruth Redding, Ed Craig, and Glenn Lacey.

Lonnie Rogers led song on page 475 in memory of Virgil Phillips. Lonnie Rogers spoke of how things always seemed to brighten up when Virgil was around with his great big smile; and concluded his remarks with thoughts of how Virgil always wanted the best for everyone, and how much he will be missed by singers and friends.

Jeannette DePoy led song on page 81t for Dollie Hudgins. Jeannette DePoy spoke of Mrs. Hudgins as being a friend to everyone and of her many contributions as a singer and supporter of many singings with her great lunches. John Plunkett led song on page 32t for the sick and shut-ins. Helen Bryson concluded the memorial with the reading of a poem for those who are left here. Felton Denney closed the memorial with prayer.

#### LUNCH

Rodney Ivey brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 47b. Leaders: Bonnie Flowers and Eric Morgan 145t; Henry Johnson 385t; Felton Denney 489b; Nate Green and Norma Green 147t; Christine Stevens 277; Evelyn Harris 30t; James Nelson Gingerich 148; Estelle Flowers 284; Ted Mercer 285b; Pauline Childers 384; Keith Willard 80t; Kshama Ananthapura 33b; Eric Morgan 58; Midge Olsen 99; Flora Skinner 434; Milton Oliver 314; Pam Nunn, Rene Greene, and Shelbie Sheppard 269; Dennis George 421; Val Eng 362; Elene Stovall 189; Jenny Willard 460; George Olsen 497; John Bailey 218; Tollie Lee 319; Earlis McGraw 558; Terry Wootten 271t; Charles Franklin 480; Johnny Lee 137; Martha Henderson 49t.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and Rodney Ivey led song on page 46 as the closing song. Tollie Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

### ANDERSON COLLEGE

#### Rainey Fine Arts Center, Anderson, South Carolina Saturday, April 8, 2000

A special Sacred Harp singing was held at Anderson College in the Rainey Fine Arts Choral Classroom on Saturday, April 8, 2000.

Dr. Perry Carroll welcomed everyone and introduced Dr. Harry Eskew who spoke on Sacred Harp singing. Hugh McGraw spoke on the tradition of Sacred Harp and led songs on pages 49, 52, 335, and 146.

The class was organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Dr. Perry Carroll; Vice Chairman - Dr. Harry Eskew; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Dr. Harry Eskew.

Leaders: Cleve Callison 128, 159; Phillip Channey 47b, 268; Dr. Harry Eskew 40, 147; Frances Carnell 503, 43; Leann Carnell 63, 39; Louis Ball 34b, 81; Leon Carnell 86, 481; Dr. Perry Carroll 59, 236.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Hugh McGraw leading song on page 46.

Leaders: Cleve Callison 361, 155; Dr. Harry Eskew 47; Brooks Callison 186; Frances Carnell 278, 198; Leann Carnell 148, 45.

#### LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Dr. Perry Carroll leading song on page 107. Leaders: Josh McQueen 452; John Brock 30; Jeremy Ladd 145; Dr. Harry Eskew, Misty Yates, Leon Golden, and Lauren Golden 145b, 72b; Debra Jones 270, 535; Phillip Channey 569b; Cleve Callison 84, 254; Louis Ball 73b; Phillip Channey 457; Hugh McGraw 455.

Announcements were made. Cleve Callison led song on page 62 as the closing song. Dr. Harry Eskew dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Dr. Perry Carroll; Vice Chairman - Dr. Harry Eskew; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

## **ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Ider, Alabama**

**April 9, 2000**

The annual singing at Antioch Baptist Church near Ider, Alabama was held on the second Sunday in April. The chairmen of the singing were Marty Wootten and Levon Wootten.

The class was called to order by Levon Wootten and Marty Wootten leading songs on pages 82t and 101t. Brother Billy Killian led the opening prayer. Levon Wootten and Marty Wootten led songs on pages 59 and 63. Leaders: Bud Oliver 42; Randall Smith and Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Phillip Wootten 312b; Bob Meek 48t; John Bailey 535b; Judy Mincey 538; Aaron Wootten 270; Gordon Olsen 39; Christine Stevens 411; Thomas Willard 145b; Rayford Brown 285t; Mark Brown 277; Mary Smith 302; Laura Densmore 29t; Martha Henderson 383; James Nelson Gingerich 34t; Midge Olsen 66; S.T. Reed 32b; Mel Kersey 565b.

### **RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Levon Wootten and Marty Wootten leading song on page 274. Leaders: Mary Elizabeth Lee 40; David Townson, Sherry Townson, Hunter Townson, Chase Townson, and Logan Townson 45t; Phil Townson, Danette Townson, Raven Townson, and Dani Townson "Mercy Seat", 559 (CB); Jarrod George 276; Chris Davis 111; Jeffrey Wootten, Kristie Wootten, and Kennedy Wootten 421; Charles Meidinger, Sandy Meidinger, Steven Meidinger, and Staci Meidinger 518 (CB); Marty Wootten, Jarred Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 551; John Bailey, Leah Crosby (age 7), and Janet Crosby 218; Kathy Lee and Rachel Lee 155; David Lee 128; Dennis George 268; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, Stuart Ivey, and Richard Ivey 475; Phil Summerlin 99; Sarah Harcrow 347; Pam Wilkerson 163t; Debbie Kaen 37b; Ray Smith, Robin Smith, Sharron Smith, Suzanne Smith, Olivia Allen, Sarah Houser, and Stephen Houser 449 (CB); Floyd Peters 335; Eric Morgan 75; Louis Hughes, Sr. 496; Julie Lee and Ramona Lee 129; Julie Lee, Ramona Lee, and Tollie Lee 108, 113; Buell Cobb 31b.

### **LUNCH**

Marty Wootten and Levon Wootten brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 354b. Leaders: Terry Wootten 448t; Jim Carnes 111b; Susan Davis and Jennifer Cook 196, 171.

Levon Wootten gave a memorial lesson for Virgil Phillips, and the following leaders led songs in his memory: Coy Ivey 137; Terry Wootten 336 (CB); Jenny Wootten "Sweet Beulah Land", 70t; and Dewayne Wootten 571 (CB). The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Jerry Wootten and Gerald Wootten 448b, 543; Clarke Lee 426t; Don Bowen "Trusting"; Jeff Sheppard 442; Linda Thomas, Eloise Wootten, Reba Dell Windom, and Myra Dalton 47t, 56b; Tim Eriksen 70b; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 349; Olivia Allen, Freeman Wootten, Jewel Wootten, Gene

Wootten, Gertha Parker, VaDell Glass, and Beulah Ann York 378t, 418; Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 345b; Brenda Carroll and Chris Carroll 384; Betty Wright 323b; Nate Green and Norma Green 178; Kshama Ananthapura 58; Linda Sides 454; Claudine Townson and Teresa Saylor 68b; Charles Stiefel and Melvin Stiefel 348b; Tony Ivey, Sandy Ivey, Scott Ivey, Loyd Ivey, and Val Eng 484 (CB).

Announcements were made. Marty Wootten, Levon Wootten, and Billy Killian led song on page 201.

Chairmen for 2001 will be David Townson and Shane Wootten. Marty Wootten and Levon Wootten led songs on pages 146 and 59 as the closing songs. Tollie Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairmen - Marty Wootten and Levon Wootten; Secretary - Donna Wootten.

## **COUNTY LINE CHURCH**

**Corner, Alabama**

**April 9, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at County Line Church was called to order by Chairman Harrison Creel leading song on page 30t. Johnny Lee led the morning prayer. Harrison Creel led song on page 317.

Leaders: Cassie Franklin 36b; Henry Guthery 39b; Lora Cargo 66, 498; George Seiler 68b, 268; Henry Schuman 32t, 120; Travis Keeton 203; Gene Wakefield 168; Larry Ballinger 91; Charlene Wallace 99; Margie Smith 373; L.H. Gilmore 34t; Faye Donaldson 124; David Robertson 220; Josie Hyde 507; Earlis McGraw 132, 181; Glenn Keeton 300.

### **RECESS**

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading song on page 348b. Leaders: Marie Aldridge 217; Lucy Heidorn, Marie Aldridge, and Jerry Ryan 192; B.M. Smith 475, 273; Danny Creel 269, 383; Lomax Ballinger 299; John Hyde 75; Mattie Townsel 112; Julie Tate 448b; Lisa Geist 546; Wanda Capps 503; Ray Tate 343, 119; Jean Seiler 72b, 145b; Charlotte McCarn 143; Kenneth Tate 480.

### **RECESS**

Cassie Franklin called the class to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 182; Clayton Ezell 403; Tom McGraw 37b; Johnny Lee 566; Mike Jones 47b; Edith Tate 532; Rodney Ivey 208; Pauline Childers 234, 318; Shelley Capps 512; Cassie Franklin 378b.

### **LUNCH**

Harrison Creel and Cassie Franklin called the class to order leading song on page 530. Leaders: John Etheridge 73t, 321; Mary Alice Wakefield 87; Ed Bass 147t; Fay Kalteaux 378t; Allison Stovall 436; Edie Richardson and Edith Tate 159; Dewayne Hawthorn 278t; Jerry Ryan 145t; Hugh McGraw 312b, 225t; Julie Poston 101t; Linton Ballinger 81t; Amber Springfield 391; Milton Oliver 224; Elene Stovall 142; Velton Chafin 451; Gravis Ballinger 110; Eldagene Robertson 306; Edwin Ballinger 327.

### **RECESS**

Cassie Franklin and Rodney Ivey called the class to order leading song on page 270. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 137; Paula Springfield 380; Ann Jett 43; Johnny Humber 389; Flarce Creel 384; Charles Franklin 176t; Leradean Bass 100; John Merritt 565; Billy Williams 309; Lucy Heidorn 53; Cindy Franklin 454, 198. Harrison Creel and Cassie Franklin led song on page 342 as the closing song.

Clayton Ezell dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chair - Cassie Franklin; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin and Edith Tate; Secretary - Lucy Heidorn.



**SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama**  
**Saturday, April 15, 2000**

The annual Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Carmon Brothers leading song on page 59. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Arranging Committee - Linda Thomas and Elder Matt Jordan; Secretary - Irene Jordan. Leaders: Carmon Brothers 321; Hershell King 80b, 340; Matt Jordan 64, 569b; Milton Oliver 32t; Sandra Light 143, 354b; Marie Guthrie 189, 222; John Merritt 535, 90; Judy Caudle 91, 92; Arvid Holmes 295; Karen Freund 67, 129; Cecil Sanders 225t; Rhoda Norris 283, 137.

**RECESS**

Matt Jordan called the class to order with song on page 480. Leaders: Bob Meek 48t, 49b; Susan Allred 112, 37b; Jennifer Allred 335, 196; Rachel Allred 421; Will Allred 354b; Lynne deBenedette 211, 318, 111t; Eldagene Roberson 144, 300; Jerry Enright 383, 32b; Mary Holcomb 40, 565; Ramona Light 380; David Light 192, 358; David Ivey 160. Elder Dan Hopper asked the blessing for the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Carmon Brothers brought the class together for the afternoon session leading song on page 207. Leaders: Velton Chafin 35; J.L. Hopper 34b, 198; Gene Wakefield 63; Caleb Allred 87; Dan Hopper 287, 140; Irene Jordan 84, 438; Marlin Beasley 475, 317; Gene Wakefield 294; Philip Gilmore 348b, 56t; Linda Thomas 217; Jerry Enright 101t; Bob Meek 426t; Karen Freund 271t; Lynne deBenedette 73t; Hershell King 544b (in memory of Mary Oden). Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

**NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL - FAIRPORT**  
**St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Fairport, New York**  
**Saturday, April 15, 2000**

The third New York Regional singing of 2000 was held in Fairport, New York and called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Laura Densmore leading song on page 276. Eileen Metzger led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chris Haller 46, 48t; Janet Shipman 49t, 47t; Dennis Leipold 27, 150; Eileen Metzger 159, 324; Walter Hartley 155, 47b; Barbara Swetman 210, 148; Hugh Anderson 84, 551; Deanna Anderson 178, 106; Laura Densmore 347, 137; Nicola Collett 131t, 146;

**RECESS**

Chris Haller brought the class to order leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Katherine Collett 217, 497; Susan Hengelsberg 523b, 294; Nancy Crawford 445b, 344; Brian Collett 268, 236; Juanita Heyerman 335, 192; Ginny Huszagh 99, 504; MaryAnn Morrison 501, 479; Patricia Geritz 163b, 49b; Margaret Bornick 38t, 334; Rick Hoyt 53, 299; Charmaine Wolfe 300, 481. Chris Haller offered the prayer for the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Mitzie Collins brought the class to order leading song on page 277. Leaders: Thom Metzger 200, 70b; Ron Bornick 87, 454; Ruth Redman "Ten Thousand Charms"; Mitzie Collins 59, 201; Chris Haller 267; Janet Shipman 198; Nicola Collett 455; Dennis Leipold 121; Eileen Metzger 32t; Margaret Bornick 352; Walter Hartman 254; Catherine Collett 40; Hugh Anderson 168; Pat Geritz 31t; Ginny Huszagh 189; Deanna Anderson 117.

#### RECESS

Eileen Metzger brought the class to order leading song on page 114. Leaders: Juanita Heyerman 66; Rick Hoyt 45t; Brian Collett 532; MaryAnn Morrison 415; Ron Bornick 228; Susan Hengelsberg 354b; Barbara Swetman 475; Mitzie Collins 82t; Nancy Crawford 408; Laura Densmore 574 (CB); Charmaine Wolfe 142; Thom Metzger 112; Margaret Bornick 326; Nicola Collett 143; Pat Geritz 378t; Ginny Huszagh 195; Katherine Collett 315; MaryAnn Morrison 86; Juanita Heyerman 377; Ron Bornick 186; Brian Collett 553; Barbara Swetman 196; Chris Haller 56b.

Laura Densmore led song on page 62 as the closing song. Eileen Metzger offered the closing prayer.

Chair - Laura Densmore; Chaplains - Eileen Metzger and Chris Haller; Arranging Committee - Thom Metzger and Barbara Swetman; Secretary - Nancy Crawford.

## OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Cleburne County, Alabama

April 16, 2000

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in Cleburne County, Alabama was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by B.J. Harris leading song on page 59. Felton Denney led the morning prayer. B.J. Harris led song on page 32t; Evelyn Harris led songs on pages 87 and 101t.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Neal Prichard; Secretary - Evelyn Harris; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Margie Smith 405, 501; Felton Denney 503, 383; Charlene Wallace 75, 81; Hugh McGraw 310, 451; Sherrell Durand 335, 135; Jeff Sheppard 145t, 439; Ruth Daniel 378t, 452; B.M. Smith 28b, 318 (for his aunt, Eula Johnson); Shelbie Sheppard 102, 141.

#### RECESS

B.J. Harris brought the class to order leading song on page 303. Leaders: Ann Howle 358 (for Pauline Howle), 45t; C.W. Garner 145b, 94; Nancy Allen 144; Roy Nelson 128, 80b; Lou Cotney 189, 300; Lonnie Rogers 186, 348; Earlis McGraw 111t, 225t (for Gladys McGraw, Revy Williamson, and Carlene Griffin).

Sherrell Durand presented the memorial lesson and led song on page 285t for the deceased. Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 294 (by request) for the sick and shut-ins. Lonnie Rogers closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

#### LUNCH

B.J. Harris brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Neal Prichard 341, 204, 566; Jimmie Denney 143, 153; Bobby Jackson 34t, 569b; Stanley Edwards 340, 460; Nellie Mae White 106, 100; Matt Garner and George Garner 112, 63; Eunice Webb 32t, 136; Cecil Edwards 79, 388, 491; Reba Norton 64, 208; Lewis Norton 410t, 231; Karen Reaves 87, 339; Lois Owens 61, 168; Winford Kerr 146, 47b.

Announcements were made. B.J. Harris and Neal Prichard led song on page 46 as the closing song. Elder Neal Prichard dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Neal Prichard; Secretary - Evelyn Harris.

**PINE GROVE SINGING**  
**Lookout Mountain, Near Collinsville, Alabama**  
**April 16, 2000**

The annual third Sunday in April singing was called to order by J.W. (Bud) Oliver leading song on page 82t. Wayne Reed led the class in morning prayer. Leaders: J.W. Oliver 145b; S.T. Reed 48; W.M. (Milton) Oliver 32t; Wayne Reed 145t; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Henry Johnson 77t; Rex Wilks 47b; Jackie Tanner 30t; Harrison Creel 378b; Lora Cargo 344; Elene Stovall 47t; Elizabeth Gresham, Jim Brown, Daniel Gribble, and David Johnson 159, 79; John Merritt 240; Lynne deBenedette 182; Richard Ivey 567; Edith Tate 73t; Coy Ivey 384.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 101t. Leaders: Henry Johnson 70b; Sherry Guthery 340; Brenda Merritt 434; Karen Ivey 192; Bob Meek 454; Henry Guthery 402; David Ivey 133; Cindy Franklin, Cassie Franklin, and Flarce Creel 269, 475; Amber Springfield 389; Jerry Ryan 345t; Carmon Brothers 312; Nate Green and Norma Green 90; Velton Chafin 429; Stuart Ivey 186; Karen Freund 385t; Linda Thomas 350; Boyd Scott 358; Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 106, 270; Alanna Blanks and Scot Oliver 405.

**RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Randall Smith, Richard Ivey, Stuart Ivey, and Rodney Ivey leading song on page 137. Leaders: Jarrod George 300; Jeffrey Wootten 448t; Judy Caudle 174; Jenny Wootten 198; Dennis George 383; Eloise Watkins 39b; Eloise Wootten and Lorrie Wootten 424; Glenn Keeton 196.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was brought to order by J.W. Oliver leading song on page 42. Leaders: Leola Smith 318; Sarah Harcrow 299; Marlon Wootten 99; Mary Alice Wakefield 63; Jerry Enright 430; Levon Wootten and Jamie Wootten 176t; Lavaughn Ballinger 84; Larry Ballinger 119; Eugene Wakefield 284; Lisa Geist 528; Lydia Baswell and Vella Daily 59; Marty Wootten, Jarred Wootten, and Jamie Wootten 551; Jackson Harcrow 68b; Debra Ritch 286; Melvin Stiefel 147b; Ashley Keeton 189; Susan Harcrow 222; Sandra Jordan 452; Dewayne Wootten 171; Cassie Franklin 216; Charles Stiefel 168; Paula Oliver and W.M. Oliver 45t; Matt McKee 74b; J.C. Smith and J.W. Oliver 499; Hobert Ivey and Eloise Wootten 511b (CB); Chita Blakeley 142; J.W. Oliver 282.

Announcements were made. J.W. Oliver and Jack Gilbreath led song on page 146 as the closing song. Jack Gilbreath dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - J.W. Oliver; Arranging Committee - Henry Johnson; Secretaries - Pauline Oliver and Randall Smith.

**OAK GROVE CHURCH**  
**Alpharetta, Georgia**  
**Saturday, April 22, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Church in Alpharetta, Georgia was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. Loy Garrison called the

class to order leading songs on pages 47t and 49t. Elder Bobby Cagle led the congregation in prayer.

Leaders: Loy Garrison 99; John Plunkett 498, 548, 52b; Helen Bryson 542, 176b, 70t; J.O. Wooten 503, 87; Jack Corley 81t, 104, 332; Lee Rogers 365, 418, 350.

#### RECESS

John Plunkett brought the class to order leading song on page 84. Leaders: Eric Tweedy 200, 335, 454; Andy Anderson 358, 31b, 31t; Ray Richards 73b, 127; Richard DeLong 93, 83b, 513; Jack Smith 147, 63, 80.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Loy Garrison leading song on page 212.

The class organized with the following officers retained: Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - John Plunkett; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison. Leaders: Laura Ackerman 338, 407, 108b; Elder Bobby Cagle 46, 43, 34b; Jeannette DePoy 387, 44, 268; Kenneth DeLong 541, 465, 568; Helen Bryson 61; Andy Anderson 289; John Plunkett 288; Jack Corley 340; Eric Tweedy 228; Lee Rogers 163t, 163b; Laura Ackerman 408; Jack Smith 128; Richard DeLong 381b; Jeannette DePoy 192; Kenneth DeLong 548; Eric Tweedy 236; Loy Garrison 145b, 544b; Andy Anderson 515.

Loy Garrison and John Plunkett led song on page 62 as the closing song. Eric Tweedy dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - John Plunkett; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

## FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

### Haleyville, Alabama

April 23, 2000

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in April. Kenneth Tate called the class to order leading songs on pages 569b and 119. Glenn Keeton led the class in the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Kenneth Tate; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde; Secretary - Ivalene Donaldson.

Leaders: Paul Godsey 275b, 294, 288; Corene White 37b, 73t; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 34t, 34b; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 101t; David Godsey 126, 47b, 455 (in memory of his dad, Ted Godsey); L.E. Hannah 498, 511; Chris Rice 282, 480, 276; Julie Tate 448b, 317.

#### RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading songs on pages 129 and 146.

Leaders: Teddy Godsey 189, 196, 300; Jayne Fulmer 203, 186; Elmer Conwill 179, 44; Lucy Heidorn 40, 155, 460; Odie V. Horton 403, 200; Ivalene Donaldson 77t; Glenn Keeton 454 (for Hubert Hood), 278t, 225t (for Mrs. West); Brenda Merritt 187, 336.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Kenneth Tate leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Amber Springfield 285t, 340; Kermit Adams 28b, 408; Willodean Barton 290, 122 (for her sister); John Merritt 215, 490, 294 (by request); Roma Rice 49b (for Milford Watts), 104; Larry Ballinger 49t, 217, 88t, 310 (by request); Julietta Haynes 209, 309; Lisa Geist 182 (in memory of Tom and Lola Roberson), 546; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 63; John Hyde 314, 279; Josie Hyde 236, 507; Joan Smith 45t.

Kenneth Tate led song on page 75 as the closing song. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.

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

**MOUNT MORIAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Near Snead Crossroads, Alabama**  
**April 23, 2000**

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 song on page 59. Lamar Smith led the class in morning prayer.

The class was organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Arranging Committee - Ruby Brothers; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell.

Leaders: Carmon Brothers 111t, 111b, 99; Eunice Kimbrell 129, 42; Rhoda Norris 460, 318; Randall Smith 82, 343; Lamar Smith 76b; Linda Thomas 345b, 56t; Bud Oliver 73t, 39b, 49t; Jewel Wootten 32t, 100, 101t; Norma Green and Nate Green 108t, 457.

**RECESS**

Carmon Brothers brought the class to order leading songs on pages 75 and 77t.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 31t, 31b; Willoweese Malone 89, 147t (in memory of Elder J.O. Handley); Debra Rich 168, 108b; Doris Cuzzart 490; Joseph Rich 133.

Carmon Brothers led song on page 285t in memory of Virgil Phillips and Ester Wall Brown who passed away recently. Bud Oliver led songs on pages 45t and 48t for the sick and shut-ins. Lamar Smith closed the memorial with prayer.

**LUNCH**

Carmon Brothers called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 46 and 47b. Leaders: Nate Green and Norma Green 334; Jewel Wootten 335; Linda Thomas 31t; Rhoda Norris 186; Dexter Cobb 378t; Randall Smith 501 (CB); Bud Oliver 201, 29t; Marlin Beasley 426t; Debra Rich 312b; Carmon Brothers 358 (by request).

Carmon Brothers led song on page 62 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell.

**ALEWINE MEMORIAL**  
**St. Michael Church, Cleburne County, Alabama**  
**April 23, 2000**

No minutes were recorded for this singing.

Chairman - Corene Laminack; Vice Chairman - Lucille McElroy; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

**NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
**Spring Singing, New Orleans, Louisiana**  
**Thursday, April 27, 2000**

“Happy Birthday” was sung for Christopher Reed.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Harry Eskew, who conducted a brief singing school. The invocation was led by Becky Lombard.

The class was organized with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman - Christopher Reed; Secretary - Kanöot Midkiff.

The singing began with Christopher Reed leading song on page 40. Leaders: Rebecca Caston 128; Becky Lombard 358; Rolando Vargas 159; Elizabeth Muhleisen 268; Christi Smith 354b; Nancy Van Den Akker 445b; Wanda Gregg 63; Kanöot Midkiff 439; Yong Jin Park 535b; Bradley White 81t; Craig Troclair 129; Carlos Mina 45; Annie Rivera 59; Jung-Hea Baik 148; Darryl Ferrington 107; Jyung Kim 46; Tim Walker 312b; Jessica McMillan 145; Harry Eskew 146; Susan Mitchell 471.

Announcements were made. Harry Eskew led song on page 62 as the closing song as singers shared the parting hand. Darryl Ferrington closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman - Christopher Reed; Secretary - Kanöot Midkiff.

**HARPETH VALLEY-PRIESTLEY MILLER  
MEMORIAL SINGING  
Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee  
Saturday, April 29, 2000**

The thirty-ninth annual Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order on the first Saturday after Easter by Chairman David Carlton at 9:30 a.m. by leading song on page 72b. Chaplain Hibbard Thatcher offered the morning prayer. David Carlton led song on page 81t.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 84, 171; Darrell Holley 59, 354b; Laurens Blankers 39t, 40; Sandie Scott 128, 572. Prior to the last song, Tim Reynolds made some brief remarks concerning songs on pages 572 and 573 and their connection with the Rev. Priestley Miller and the Harpeth Valley Singing. Leaders: Clayton Ezell 403, 182; Gordon Wilkinson 434, 475; Judy Mincey 34t, 501; Don Bowen 137, 225t.

**RECESS**

David Carlton called the class to order leading song on page 496.

A business session was held with the following officers re-elected to serve:

Chairman - David Carlton; Vice Chairman - Darrell Holley; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett; Chaplain - Hibbard Thatcher.

Leaders: Hibbard Thatcher 73b, 107; Bob Simmons 569b, 361; Mike Grimes 49b, 155; Kerene Box 28b, 480; Ben Crabtree 45t, 63; Dorothea Gibson, Emilee Ketteman, and Rachel Gedeon 235b, 120; Lewis Frost 178.

**LUNCH**

David Carlton called the class to order leading song on page 66. Leaders: Fay Thompson 53, 64; John Plunkett 308, 52t; Marilyn Burchett 29t, 42; JoAnn Grimes, Mike Grimes, Emilee Ketteman, and Rachel Gedeon 159, 236; Jack Ketteman 192, 452; Kathy Williams 524, 384; Tim Reynolds 254 (by request of Emily Boswell); Dorothea Gibson 408 (by request); Clayton Ezell and Henry Cobb 358 (by request); Laurens Blankers 106, 49t.

Announcements were made. Darrell Holley led song on page 127 as the closing song. Fay Thompson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - David Carlton; Vice Chairman - Darrell Holley; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett.

**YELLOW SPRINGS**  
**Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, Ohio**  
**Saturday, April 29, 2000**

The twentieth semi-annual Yellow Springs singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Fred Todt leading song on page 31t. John Bealle led song on page 84; Martha Lang 85; and Joseph Pimentel 49.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chair - Martha Lang; Arranging Committee - John Bealle and Fred Todt; Secretary - Joseph Pimentel; Treasurer - John Bealle.

Leaders: Jo Schultz 448b, 229; Eloise Clark 333, 49b; Anna Sylvester 106, 163b; Clair Outten 112, 504; William Shetter 350, 38 (CB); Debbie Hall 184, 344; Dorothy Glanzer 155, 209.

**RECESS**

Martha Lang brought the class to order leading song on page 39t. Leaders: John Bealle 549 (for Laura Webber); Fred Todt 312b, 200; John Bealle 489b, 473 (for Christine Cox); Joseph Pimentel 497, 107; Lois Hurt 81t, 551; Eric Conrad 70b, 142; Sylvia Thomas 171, 65; Martha Lang 442, 117; John Bealle 362b, 546; George Karres, Carol Karres, and Martha Lang 159. Martha Lang led the blessing for the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Martha Lang leading songs on pages 147t and 68b. Leaders: John Bealle 336, 440 (for Dee Kersell); Karen Arnett 454, 69; Dorothy Glanzer 479, 95; Anna Sylvester 313, 31b; Lois Hurt 145b, 178; Jo Schultz 198, 455; William Shetter 569b, 373; Clair Outten 36b, 196; Fred Todt 32t, 312t; Martha Lang 547, 448t.

**RECESS**

Martha Lang brought the class to order leading song on page 86. Leaders: Debbie Hall 2 (MH), 146; Joseph Pimentel 168, 268; Eric Conrad 360, 300; Laura Webber 523; Sylvia Thomas 444, 315; John Bealle 299, 217; John Bealle 515, 452 (for Christine Cox); Jim Tipps 40; Greg Creech 47b; Jo Schultz 532, 46 (for Tom Schultz); Lois Hurt 213; Debbie Hall 236 (for Inge Noyes); Lois Hurt 145b.

John Bealle led song on page 347 as the closing song. Clair Outten dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair - Martha Lang; Secretary - Joseph Pimentel.

**SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)**

**Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas**

**April 29-30, 2000**

**Saturday, April 29**

The one-hundredth session of the Southwest Texas Convention met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas beginning on Saturday, April 29. Chairman John Baker called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. with songs on pages 35 and 171. Gary Rogan offered the opening prayer. Vice Chairman Leon Ballinger led song on page 32t and Secretary Pat Blundell led 136.

Leaders: Kevin Powell 300; Dale Redmon 507; Vivian Rogan 559; David Moseley 450; Jennifer Obeidin 112; Dick Steil 268t; Terre Schill 218; Scott Curran 189; Sarah Coates 522; Fr. Ronald Baker 148; Cindy Kisse 68t; Robert Handel 268b; Janice Hecksel 495b; Liz Rogan 567; Charlie Obert 216; Tom

Owen 179; Michele Rogan 508; John Shcaffer 314; John Morris 119; Carla Smith 551.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with John Baker leading song on page 64. Leaders: Al Rogers 63; Cheryl Foreman 543; Jerry Schreiber 282; Ernestine Pipkin 497; Gary Rogan 384; Mildred Farmer 358; Frank Price 571; Katie Moseley 137; Josh Rogan 163t; Mary Bachmann 225t; Don Ross 264b (in memory of Grandmother Elizabeth Owen); Carol Selleck 38; Beverly Coates 532 (in memory of Grady McCloud); Mike Hinton 146; Kathy Taylor 139; Kelly Beard 200; Diane Ross 421 (in memory of Grandfather Odus Owen); Mike Moseley 442t; Jeanne Schaffer 127; John Baker 45t (by request).

A business meeting was held. As per convention rules, Vice Chairman Leon Ballinger moved up to Chairman. Mike Moseley was elected Vice Chairman and Pat Baker Blundell retained as secretary. Chairman Leon Ballinger appointed Diane Owen Ross, Mike Hinton, and Gary Rogan to the Memorial Committee. Leon Ballinger led song on page 120. Prayer for lunch was offered by Tom Owen.

#### LUNCH

Chairman Leon Ballinger called the class to order leading song on page 335. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 195; Amanda Owen 142; Reed Coates 222; Owen Ross 38b; Robert Vaughn 50t; Joe Owen 515; Larry Ballinger 224; Lori Rodgers 56; Tom Taylor 31t; Bruce Coates 558; Jim Ballinger 270; Paul Wyatt 395b; Earl Ballinger 299; John Etheridge 285; Cissy Moseley 276; Johnny Lee 31b. As a college class project Tony Benitez set an Emily Dickinson poem to the tune of 335. He passed out copies for the class to sing.

#### RECESS

Vice Chairman Mike Moseley led song on page 76 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Jeb Owen 47b; George Jones 381t; Nell Berry 500; Curtis Owen 39; Catherine Rogan 49t; Sue Fairbanks 323; Zach Rogan 280; Edith Owen 505; Martha Aiken 40; Doris Hanks 422b; Joanie Horton and Morris Nelms 27; Leola Perry 58; Marilyn Burkland 553; Landis Powell 133.

Leon Ballinger led song on page 239 as the closing song. Don Ross dismissed the Saturday session with prayer.

#### **Centennial Celebration - A Century Of Singing - 1900-2000**

Master of Ceremonies - John Baker

Song "Restoration" - Gaylon Powell

Welcome - Leon Ballinger, Chairman, and John Etheridge, President, The Sacred Harp Book Company, Baker, Florida.

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Song "Will You Meet Me" - Jeb Owen



### Sunday, April 30

Chairman Leon Ballinger opened the day of singing with song on page 212. Jim Ballinger offered the morning prayer. Vice Chairman Mike Moseley led song on page 434; Secretary Pat Blundell led song on page 40.

Leaders: Don Ross 304; Mike Hinton 365; Olivia Powell 235; David Polacheck 484b; Carla Smith 100; B.E. Matthews 230; Jennifer Obeidin 110; John Etheridge 552; Sarah Coates 213; Johnny Lee 511; Janice Hecksel 312; John Schaffer 489; Leola Perry 341; Jerry Schreiber 478; Carol Selleck 283; Charlie Obert 276.

Memorial Service. Mike Hinton and Diane Ross paid tribute to those singers and supporters of Sacred Harp who have passed on in the past year, and led songs on pages 507b and 343b for the deceased. Those remembered were: Ed Craig, Richard Daniels, Sr., Buddy Fowler, Jewell Alexander, Everett Cole, Virgil Phillips, Tina Hand, and Rachel Taylor.

Gary Rogan read the list of sick and shut-ins unable to be with us today and led song on page 313 for them. Those remembered: Verna Powell, Mildred Edmonds, Morris Nowlin, Oleta Daniels, Connie Hilgeforth, Frances Daniels, Lorene Hutchison, Lissa Calirhoe, Tommye Mauldin, Alcie Craig, Ophelia Matthews, Ada Mae Johnson, Georgia Bass, Kenneth Bass, Adelaide Vaughn, LaVona White, Myra Palmer, Myrl Jones, A.A. Smith, Lawson Smith, Viola Jones, Dick Stiles, Ana Mae Smith, Aubrey Ellis, and Vesta Ellis. Tom Owen closed the memorial with prayer.

#### RECESS

Vice Chairman Mike Moseley called the class to order leading song on page 135. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 512; Morris Nelms 422; John Morris 98; Cindy Kissee 28t; Paul Wyatt 217; Jeanne Schaffer 168; Earl Ballinger 176t; Cheryl Foreman 132; Robert Vaughn 393; Larry Ballinger 215; Terre Schill 521; Dale Redmon 563; Liz Rogan 376; Scott Curran 290; Vivian Rogan 128; David Moseley 186; Diane Ross 155; Reed Coates 198. Prayer for lunch was offered by Elder Hulan Bass.

#### LUNCH

Chairman Leon Ballinger called the afternoon session together with song on page 330t. Leaders: Bruce Coates; Diane Ross; Doris Hanks 470; Josh Rogan 240; Katie Moseley 222; Tom Owen 192; Zach Rogan 557; Landis Powell; Joanie Porter 43; Jim Ballinger 358; Mary Owen 293; Burl Russell 164; Martha Aiken and granddaughter, Jessie Simons 348; Gary Rogan 324; Cassandra Baker 451b; Edith Owen 410; Edwin Reed 285t; Cissy Moseley 142; Curtis Owen 204; Catherine Rogan 203; Billy Huckaby 282; George Jones 336; Jeb Owen 450; Michele Rogan 522; Amanda Owen 411; John Baker 120; Kevin Powell 36b; Carol Selleck 229; John Etheridge 336; Johnny Lee 41; Jerry Schreiber and John Schaffer 38b; Paul Wyatt, Charlie Obert, and Cindy Kissee 99.

Chairman Leon Ballinger and Vice Chairman Mike Moseley led song on page 377 as the closing song. Curtis Owen dismissed the class with prayer.

The following states were represented: Minnesota, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Texas.

Chairman - Leon Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Mike Moseley; Secretary - Pat Blundell.

## MIDWEST CONVENTION

Chicago, Illinois  
April 29-30, 2000

Saturday, April 29

The fifteenth annual Midwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2000 at Ida Noyes Hall, Chicago, Illinois. Co-chairs Anne Heider and Steve Warner welcomed the class, and called the singers to order by leading song on page 59. Sarah Davie led the opening prayer. Anne Heider and Steve Warner led song on page 171 (for Don Bowen who was unable to attend). Leaders: Kris Richardson 217; Melanie Hauff 421; Cathryn Baker 384; Jerry Enright 300; Kiri Miller 81; Ariel Weinberg 344; Connie Karduck 391; Kit Pfau 496; Scott DePoy 114; Jerilyn Schumacher 504; Martha Beverly 216; Carolyn Deacy 456; Wendy Wahn 163b; Mark Miller 29; Keith Willard 32; Marcia Johnson 218; Lisa Grayson 436.

### RECESS

The singing was resumed with Anne Heider and Steve Warner leading song on page 52. Leaders: Johanna Fabke 83; Charles Wells 148.

A business meeting was convened for the purpose of electing officers. The officers elected or appointed to serve were: Chairpersons - Melanie Hauff and Kris Richardson; Vice Chairpersons - Kate Lingley and Jim Helke; Secretary - Connie Karduck; Chaplain - Sarah Davie; Arranging Committee - Lisa Grayson, Marcia Johnson, Ted Mercer, and Mark Miller; Memorial Committee - David Lee, Kiri Miller, Linda Thomas, and Julie Vea; Finance Committee - Becky Browne, Carolyn Deacy, Dean Slaton, and Kathy Williams; Resolutions Committee - John Bailey, Gary Groneau, Elene Stovall, and Chris Thorman; Locating Committee - Cathryn Baker, Suzanne Flandreau, and Ariel Weinberg.

Leaders: Al Frank 362; Sue Kessell 236; Jenny Willard 422; David Barford, Emmie Barford, and Elisabeth Schmidt-Hiber 428; Doug Stapleton 472; John Bailey 475; Karen Ivey 208; Dean Slaton 464; Kathy Williams 515; Buell Cobb 37b; Sarah Harcrow 299; Debra Barford and Nathan Barford 313b; Joanne Hoover 56b.

### RECESS

Kiri Miller and Ariel Weinberg brought the class to order leading song on page 455. Leaders: Gary Gronau 137; Allison Ivey 142; Jim Swanson 133; Jeannette DePoy 387; D.J. Hatfield 296; Elene Stovall 192; Coy Ivey 222; Paula McGray 572; Linda Thomas 350; Jesse Roberts 189. The singing dismissed for lunch with prayer led by Sarah Davie.

### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Kate Lingley and Jim Helke leading song on page 496. Leaders: Kathy Wallace 80t; John Seaton 47t; Susan Harcrow 430; Ted Johnson "Boulder"; Richard DeLong 411; Kelly House 112; Don Clark 503; Henry Johnson 288; Dewayne Hawthorne 285t; Karen Freund 278b; Reba Dell Windom 269; Ted Mercer 181; Darlene Dalton 454; David Lee 383; Judy Hauff 220; Rodney Ivey and Richard Ivey 270 and 76b; Karen Buche 501; Steven Levine 41.

### RECESS

Connie Karduck brought the class back together leading song on page 87. Leaders: Virginia Warren 159; Karen House 460; Louis Hughes 565; Donna Abrahams 373; Gladys Epting 146; Scott Schroeder 566; Kathy Lee 28b; Patricia Doss 522; James Page 505; Dennis George 198; Liisa Eckersberg 126; Barbara

Swetman 125; Matthew Wells 196; Jacob Affolten 178; Carol Buche 143; Suzanne Flandreau 276.

Melanie Hauff and Kris Richardson closed the Saturday session with song on page 347. Sue Kessell announced the time and location of the evening social, and Chaplain Sarah Davie dismissed the class with prayer.

### **Sunday, April 30**

The Sunday session of the Midwest Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with Melanie Hauff and Kris Richardson leading songs on pages 31t and 40.

Sarah Davie led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kate Lingley and Jim Helke 284; Julie Vea 318; Bruce Holmes 267; Kathy Kaiser 203; Wally Bloch 31b; Kathryn Krug 209; Martha Henderson 53; Jan Ketelle 448b; Chris Thorman 179; Lissa Blood 39b; David Ivey 394; Laura Clawson 95; Steven Parker 99; David Wright 546; Sarah Davie 148; Max Berueffy 282.

### **RECESS**

Jim Helke and Kate Lingley brought the class back to order leading song on page 441. Leaders: James Gingerich 29t; Carol Crawford 74b; Steven Schmidgall 120; Lorena Moore 312b; Thomas Willard 106; Ginny Landgraf 210; Larry Nothwehr 198; George Karduck and Dana Karduck 142; Margaret Sayvetz 66; James Brock 34b; Samuel Sommers 112; Tom Ivey 335; Rachel Adelstein 551; David Rust 201; Violet Stark 358.

### **RECESS**

The singing was resumed with Connie Karduck leading song on page 145t.

Leaders: Jo Dell Albi 214; Matthew Lind 145b.

The memorial lesson was conducted. Kiri Miller read the names of the deceased. David Lee led song on page 80b, and Jeannette DePoy led song on page 420b for the deceased: Ester Wall Brown, Vester Jones, Glen Lacy, Lindberg Lacy, Mary Oden, Virgil Phillips, and Alice Williams - Alabama; Dollie DeLong Hudgins and Sadie Wilkerson - Georgia; Viola Boekelheide, Robert Frame, and Patrick Waddell - California; Gerry Armstrong, Morton Epstein, Eileen Holmes, Kay Keehn, Alice Kuiper, Pat McCauley, and Scott Oliver - Illinois; Stefan Brown, Jim Chalgren, and Marie Davie - Minnesota; Leona Washburn and Janet Wright - Michigan; Marvin Meyers - Colorado; Sara Kenedy - Kansas; John Cawley - Indiana; Linda Lowe Morris - Maryland; Lois Brown - New Jersey; Vivian McCurry - North Carolina; Jack Page - Texas; Ken Karlen - Wisconsin. Julie Vea read the names of the singers who are sick and shut-in: Jeff Hamman, Andy Jones, Caroline Presnell, and Ralph Zum Bahlen - Illinois; R.J. Crawford, Nick Fabke, Paul Krolik, and Bob Scorgie - Wisconsin; Frank Block, Mary Lou Cagle, I.V. McWhorter, Myrtle Smith, Vedic Touchstone, Hershel Wooten, and Opal Wooten - Georgia; Rosa Hughes, Ruby Phillips, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Jap Walton, and Woodie Walker - Alabama; Viola Smith - Hawaii; Gordon Matthews - Brockenhurst - United Kingdom; Bernice Embry, Hugh Bill McGuire, and Madeline Steel - Mississippi; Dorothy Garber and Susan Garber - Connecticut; John Flandreau - New York; Bruce Zum Bahlen - Minnesota; Ray McCurry - North Carolina; Ted Bellin - Nebraska; Philip Page, Jr. - New Jersey; John Morris - Maryland; Peter Henkel - Michigan; Jim Medendorp - Indiana. Julie Vea and Linda Thomas led songs on pages 83t, 47t, and 47b for those remembered. Jesse Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Sarah Davie led the blessing before lunch.

### **LUNCH**

Kris Richardson and Melanie Hauff reconvened the class after lunch with song on page 212. Leaders: Christine Stevens 277; Rebecca Browne 304; Jeanette Lim 91; Jesse Roberts 498; Bill Hamblin 268; Coy Ivey and Elene Stovall 384; Richard DeLong 496; Sarah Davie 361; Susan Harcrow 218; D.J. Hatfield 283; Elene Stovall 475; Aura Lee Furgason 549; Richard Ivey 192; Karen House 153; Dennis George 224; Barbara Swetman 168; Natalie Cecire 191.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Kate Lingley and Jim Helke leading song on page 68. Leaders: Chris Thorman 28b; Kathy Lee and David Lee 274t; Sarah Harcrow 101t; Dewayne Hawthorne 225t; Kelly House 61; Kathy Williams 273; Darlene Dalton 309; Rodney Ivey 186; Joanne Hoover 280; Don Clark 434; Laura Clawson 345; Max Berueffy 532; Henry Johnson 70; Melanie Hauff, Judy Hauff, and Diana Zwieg 528.

The officers called for reports from the Arranging Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Resolutions Committee. Twenty-five different states were represented at this convention.

Announcements of future singings were made, and the class took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with a closing prayer led by Sarah Davie.

Chairpersons - Melanie Hauff and Kris Richardson; Vice Chairpersons - Jim Helke and Kate Lingley; Secretary - Connie Karduck.

## EMMAUS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

### Carrlton, Georgia

May 7, 2000

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Felton Denney leading song on page 73b. Lonnie Rogers led the morning prayer. Felton Denney led song on page 52; Everette Denney 335, 405; Sheri Taylor 65, 114; and Charlene Wallace 72, 79.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Felton Denney; Vice Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Sheri Taylor; Chaplain - Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee - Charlene Wallace and Jimmie Denney; Memorial Committee - Jan House and Shelbie Sheppard. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 33, 410; Bernard Denney 339, 299, 28b; Jimmie Denney 32, 101t, 148; Josephine Denney 30t, 100, 145b; Denney Rogers 68b, 358.

#### RECESS

Felton Denney brought the class to order leading song on page 55. Leaders: Myron House 28t, 102; Margie Smith 56t, 108t; Lori Goode 120, 551; Bobby Jackson 378b, 59; Jan House 178, 179; B.M. Smith 318 (for Vivian Rogers), 475. Jan House held the memorial with the following deceased remembered: Dollie Hudgins, Virgil Phillips, J.D. Muse, Elder Jim Embry, Lillie Bell Ayers, Verla Ross, and Lamar Harrison. Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 340 and 348b for the deceased. Howard McGuire led song on page 45t for Elder Jim Embry.

Myron House led song on page 109 for the following sick and shut-ins: Raymond Hamrick, Vivian Rogers, Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, and Revy Williamson. Lonnie Rogers closed the memorial with prayer.

#### LUNCH

Everette Denney brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 39b. Leaders: John Plunkett 374, 50; Shelbie Sheppard 367, 411; Louis Hughes, Sr. 176t, 540; Hugh McGraw 572, 468; Rev. Lloyd Toney 72b, 46; Jeff Sheppard 57, 75; Eunice Webb 332, 480; Oscar McGuire 276, 344; Lisa Webb 334, 126;

Howard McGuire 192; Richard DeLong 118; Sherry Louvorn 143; Phillip Denney 440, 164; Gene Duke 138b, 490.

Announcements were made. Felton Denney and Everette Denney led song on page 209 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Felton Denney; Vice Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Sheri Taylor.

## **SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY)**

**Walker County, Alabama**

**May 7, 2000**

The thirtieth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. Harrison Creel led the class in morning prayer.

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

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Lena Keeton.

Travis Keeton led songs on pages 318 and 64. Leaders: Ashley Keeton 300, 196; Larry Ballinger 113, 109; Ivalene Donaldson 426t; Earl Ballinger 317, 283; L.E. Hannah 500, 400; Joshua Keeton 30t, 268; Josie Hyde 477, 234; Wilton Donaldson 34t, 37b; Faye Donaldson 371, 270; Ann Ballard 129, 144; Elmer Conwill 44, 31t; Ila Ingle 434, 436.

### **RECESS**

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading songs on pages 146 and 42 (for Arnold Moore). Leaders: Mary Alice Wakefield 34b, 89; Roxie Davis 45t; John Hyde 168, 314; Elsie Beasley 192, 460; Johnny Humber 208, 200; Julie Tate 448b, 39b; Gravis Ballinger 120, 99; Glenn Keeton 380 (by request in memory of his grandmother), 225t; Kenneth Tate 569, 480.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton with songs on pages 482 and 131b. Leaders: Roma Rice 338, 475; Odie Horton 204; Edith Tate 73t, 532; Julietta Haynes 172, 216; Gene Wakefield 138t, 112 (for Arnold Moore); Becky Briggs 340, 336; Jim Ballinger 384, 84; Julie Poston 274t, 421; Lisa Geist 171, 155; Lena Keeton, Glenn Keeton, and Gwen Cornelius 235 (in memory of Bennie Keeton and Maude Keeton), 503, 571 (CB) (for Olen Keeton); Chris Rice 183, 282; Jayne Fulmer 454; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Amber Springfield 389, 391; Clarence McCool 138b, 68b; L.H. Gilmore 403, 348b; Ricky Beasley 47b, 101t; David Beasley 72b, 298; Jim Brown and Andrea 159, 268; John Beasley 67, 81; Chuck Beasley 33b, 457.

Travis Keeton and Glenn Keeton led song on page 62 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

## **FURMAN UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP AND CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING**

**Herring Music Pavilion, Greenville, South Carolina**

**Saturday, May 13, 2000**

NOTE: Christian Harmony tunes from the North Carolina book are annotated as CH and tunes from the Alabama book are CH-AL.

The third session of the Furman University Singing was called to order by Chairman Frances Carnell leading songs on pages 34b, 40, 47b, and 36b.

Secretary Lee Rogers led songs on pages 145b and 503.

Leaders: David Guthrie 72b; Leann Carnell 148, 504; John Hollingsworth 147t; Diane Eskenasy 182, 354b; Larry Beveridge 347; Henry Zittrouer 480, 270.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman - Dan Huger; Secretary - Lee Rogers; Chaplain - John Plunkett; Memorial Committee - Debra Jones and Scott Swanton; Locating and Hospitality - Jean Osteen; Arranging Committee - Dan Huger.

#### RECESS

Frances Carnell brought the class to order leading song on page 276. Leaders: David Guthrie and Lane Hill 117, 178; John Hollingsworth 82t; Larry Beveridge 48t; Scott Swanton 215t (CH), 117 (CH); Dan Huger 32t, 38b; Leann Carnell 142, 335; John Plunkett 129t (CH), 36t (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 214 (CH), 26b (CH); Diane Eskenasy 155, 200; Leon Carnell 163b, 481. Jean Osteen, singing organizer, welcomed the class to Furman University.

#### LUNCH

Lee Rogers opened the afternoon session leading songs on pages 70 (CH) and 103 (CH). Leaders: Larry Beveridge 255 (CH), 381t (CH); Frances Carnell 456, 324; Henry Zittrouer 59, 61; John Hollingsworth 401, 85 (CH-AL).

The Memorial Committee remembered the deceased and shut-ins leading song on page 143 (CH-AL).

#### RECESS

Frances Carnell brought the class to order leading song on page 360. Leaders: Debra Jones 240; Leann Carnell 128, 169b (CH); Scott Swanton 157b (CH), 130b (CH); Scott Swanton and Larry Beveridge 49 (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 204t (CH-AL), 369b (CH-AL); Dan Huger 372 (CH-AL), 99; Chip Mays 66; John Plunkett 147t, 169t (CH).

The officers led the class in the closing song on page 62. John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman - Dan Huger; Secretary - Lee Rogers.

### **HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING** **Burritt Museum, Huntsville, Alabama** **Saturday, May 13, 2000**

The sixteenth annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday, May 13th in the Madison Church building on the grounds of Burritt Museum and Park. Burritt Museum is located atop Monte Sano Mountain, the second highest elevation in Alabama. David Ballinger, Chairman, called the class to order leading song on page 31t. Lavaughn Ballinger led the morning prayer.

The class organized by selecting the following additional officers: Vice Chairman - Allison Ivey; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger; Assistant Secretary - Amanda Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger.

The singing continued with Allison Ivey leading song on page 182. Leaders: Teresa Ballinger 300; Lomax Ballinger 155; Mark Carroll 200; David Ivey 137 (in memory of Virgil Phillips and in honor of his enthusiastic support of the Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing); Jimmy Ballinger 123t; Amber Springfield 391; Doyce Bailey 143; Vella Dailey 147t; Sam Jones 127; Amanda Ballinger 454; Richard Ivey 567; Tina Leopold 452; Paul Frederick 159; Liz Bryant 384; Philip

Ballinger 299; Frances Jones 294; Hershell King 204; Flarce Creel 475; John Hyde 63; Judy Caudle 397; Coy Ivey 405.

#### RECESS

Linton Ballinger called the class together leading song on page 208. Leaders: Lavaghn Ballinger, David Ballinger, Amanda Ballinger, and Teresa Ballinger 358; Cassie Franklin 327; J.C. Rutledge 105; Mary Alice Wakefield 282; Ricky Harcrow 145t; Travis Keeton 441; Shelbie Sheppard 556; Randall Smith 36b; Flora Skinner 434; Clayton Ezell 269; Edwin Ballinger 148; Elene Stovall 222; Bud Oliver and Richard Ivey 270; Emily Wilhoite and Allison Ivey 45t; Don Bowen 283; Buckley Hopper 39t; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 393; Glenn Keeton 196; Jewel Wootten 89; Donald Jones and Alan Jones 569b, 178; Stuart Ivey 192; Sarah Harcrow 37b; Bill Schrader 480; Lisa Geist 546; Gary Leopold 128; Donna Wootten and Shane Wootten 74b; Gene Seider 59; Mike Thompson 236.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 186. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 112; Sandie Scott 40; Gordon Wilkinson 530; Josie Hyde 507; Louis Hughes, Sr. 135; Cindy Franklin 189; S.T. Reed 568; Gene Wakefield 284; Jeff Sheppard 335; Max Berueffy 532; Beth O'Dell 442; Tim Reynolds and Abigail Reynolds 81t; Eloise Watkins and Rodney Ivey 225t; Freeman Wootten 426t; Henry Johnson 231; Teenie Moody and Mary Florence Smith 394; J.L. Hopper 369; Susan Harcrow 430; B.M. Smith 448b; Nate Green and Norma Green 482; Gravis Ballinger 110; Judy Mincey 538; Jackie Tanner 76b; Betty Wright 347; Dennis George 455; Linda Thomas 217 (in memory of all deceased mothers on the eve of Mothers Day); Shane Wootten 383; Mark Brown and Mike Thompson "Sweet Beulah Land" (in memory of Virgil Phillips); Buell Cobb 138t; Charles Meidinger 352.

Following announcements, Chairman David Ballinger led song on page 146, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Ricky Harcrow.

Chairman - David Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Allison Ivey; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger; Assistant Secretary - Amanda Ballinger.

## **OLD FLATWOODS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Nauvoo, Alabama** **May 14, 2000**

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Ashley Keeton leading song on page 32t. Harrison Creel led the congregation in the morning prayer. Ashley Keeton led song on page 30t.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chair-lady - Ashley Keeton; Vice Chairman - Joshua Keeton; Secretary - Jimmie McGough Gilmore; Arranging Committee - Arthur Gilmore and Joshua Keeton.

Leaders: Ashley Keeton 196; Billy Williams 448b, 310; Julia Poston 421, 145b; Tim Cook 511, 350; Eldagene Roberson 215, 385; Bud Oliver 42, 332; Josie Hyde 477, 507; Wilton Donaldson 37b, 317; Elene Stovall 68b, 48t; Dovie Jackson 319, 170; Karen Ivey 63, 99; Rodney Ivey 39b; Amber Springfield 389, 391; Henry Johnson 385, 70b.

#### RECESS

Cassie Franklin called the class to order leading songs on pages 33t and 336.

Leaders: Max Berueffy 313t, 411; Marie Guthrie 220, 189; Henry Schuman 234, 365; Mary Alice Wakefield 34b, 145t; Richard Ivey 378t, 303.

The memorial lesson for the deceased and the sick and shut-ins was led by Jimmie M. Gilmore, Pamela Keeton, Joshua Keeton, Ashley Keeton, and Josie Hyde leading songs on pages 45t and 294 by request of Linette and Tyler Montgomery.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Joshua Keeton leading songs on pages 108t and 503. Leaders: Henry Guthery 240, 499; Joyce Hubbert 326, 327; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 294, 393; Cindy Franklin 269, 198; Elvin Guthrie 172, 222; Lisa Geist 273, 546; David Ivey 396, 203; Lena Keeton 475, 454; Clarence McCool 328, 349; Pamela Keeton 442, 306; Warren Steel 214, 320; Stuart Ivey 186, 436; Eugene Wakefield 168, 138t; Ila Ingle, Dwight Ingle, Gary Ingle, and Karen Wiggins 498, 500, 434; Harrison Creel 530, 512; A.C. McGough 460, 373; Travis Keeton 566, 496; Glenn Keeton 117, 143; Gwen Cornelius, Lena Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 457, 146; Kermit Adams 212, 78; Sarah Smith 129, 354; Gary Smith 565, 31t; Jimmie Gilmore and Arthur Gilmore 276; Jimmie Gilmore, Arthur Gilmore, and Ashley Keeton 505 (CB); David Ivey 79.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton and Ashley Keeton led song on page 62 as the closing song as the class took the parting hand. Glenn Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair-lady - Ashley Keeton; Vice Chairman - Joshua Keeton; Secretary - Jimmie M. Gilmore.

### **GARDEN STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION** **Montclair, New Jersey** **May 19-20, 2000**

**Friday, May 19**

The eighth annual session of the Garden State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Montclair Friends Meeting House.

The class was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Gina Balestracci, who welcomed everyone and led song on page 209. Susan Bingham led the class in prayer.

The convention then went into a business session with the following officers and committees elected and appointed: Chairman - Gina Balestracci; Vice Chairman - Rosemary Greenaway; Secretary - Donna Abrahams; Treasurer - Roland Hutchinson; Arranging Committee - Karen House; Food - Diane Mennella and Ellie Soler; Housing - Susan Bingham; Reception - Susan Bingham and Marlene Levine. The business session was closed.

The class resumed singing with Rosemary Greenaway leading song on page 200. Leaders: Roland Hutchinson 66; Donna Abrahams 86; Ginnie Ely 59; Dan Hertzler 99; Bill Holt 148; Blake Morris 228; Inga Knets 276; Dick Levine 49b; Juanita Heyerman 159; Michael Kaye 163b; Barbara Swetman 415; Chris Noren 110.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Laura Densmore leading song on page 155. Chairman Gina Balestracci introduced Paula McGray, leader of the singing workshop. The workshop concerned itself with ways in which someone not born into the shape note tradition might approach singing. It included: welcoming new singers; leading (patterns of fusing entrances); songs for warming up the class, being kind to your own voice, and the collective class voice (how the class responds at different times of day including just after "dinner on the grounds"); and in seminar style. Many people asked questions that were answered or further investigated by the entire class. Leaders during the workshop were: Liz Pagan and



George Seiler 31t; Cheryl Doehler and Susan Bingham 198; Laura Densmore 74b; Barbara Swetman 183; Paula McGray 473; Michale Kaye and Paula McGray 217; Claire Simon and Paula McGray 155; Ginnie Ely 196; Paula McGray 64, 338, 298, 47b, and variant transcribed from oral practice, 224, 48t, which ended the workshop.

The evening session ended with Gina Balestracci leading song on page 114. Rosemary Greenaway led the closing prayer.

### **Saturday, May 20**

On Saturday morning the class reassembled, and the session was called to order by Gina Balestracci leading song on page 173. Ginny Landgraf led the opening prayer.

Leaders: George Seiler 68b; Laura Densmore 313t; Dennis Leipold 475; Laura Timmerman 47t; Gabriel Kastelle 318; Mary Ann Daly 85; Bradford West 426b; Eileen Metzger 77t; Susan Bingham 340; Richard Schmeidler 474; Jean Seiler 530; Thom Metzger 29b; Mary DeNys 163t; Guy Bankes 313b; Bob Parr 377; Cathy Tucker 344; Gerry Hoffman 189; Frank Evans 479; Ginny Landgraf 506; Roland Hutchinson 486; Karen House 510; Tom Gibney 147b; Paula McGray 432; Allen Fannin 39t; Mryka Hall-Beyer 280; John Redmond 496.

### **RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Dennis Leipold leading song on page 112.

Leaders: Tom Tucker 210; Charlotte Ehrman 34b; Tim Eriksen 245; Brenda Peña 77b; Kelly House 224; Hal Kunkel 296; Marty DeNys 232; Rosemary Greenaway 335; Tim Slattery 171; Elise Meyer-Bothling 61; Chris Noren 282; Barbara Swetman 417; Doron Henkin 193; Ginnie Ely 269; Blake Morris 129; Miriam Kilmer 504; Dick Levine 569b; Juanita Heyerman 155; Dan Hertzler 229; Donna Abrahams 372.

At this time the session was turned over to the Memorial Committee. Ginny Landgraf led song on page 384 for the following sick and homebound: Elsie Allen - California; Susan Garber and Dot Garber - Connecticut; Thomas Lumbard - District of Columbia; Joan "Tommy" Sahler - Georgia; Darlene Bianconi - Maryland; Peter Henkel - Michigan; Paula LaForest - New Jersey; Mia Arthur, Bryce Butler, Mia Durso, Harriet Henry, and Michael Novenche - New York. Rosemary Greenaway led song on page 137 (with the Cooper Book alto) in memory of Virgil Phillips; and 330b for the following deceased: Virgil Phillips and Antoinette Swetman - Alabama; Arthur Allen - California; Roland Venier - France; Dolly Hudgins - Georgia; E.J. "Sam" Holt - Maine; Frances Hoffman and Doris Rovark - Maryland; Ed Wright - New Hampshire; Carolyn Davis Avins, Lois Brown, Andy Cappon, and Ellen Gottfried - New Jersey; Ben Hertzler - New Mexico; Joe Bailey and Karen Hamilton - New York; Robert Evans - Ohio; Bessie Buffington and Laura Sherman - Pennsylvania; Paul Rhodes - Texas; Jason Sweetland - Washington; George Lippel and Pat Lippel - Wisconsin; Chris Randgaard - Minnesota. Barbara Swetman closed the memorial lesson by thanking the class, speaking about how comforted she felt for being remembered on last year's sick and shut-in list after she was in a traffic mishap on her way to the Garden State Convention.

The class resumed singing with Gina Balestracci leading song on page 475.

Leaders: Bill Holt 436; Laura Densmore 212; George Seiler 480; Gina Balestracci 59. Blake Morris led the class in a blessing for the food.

### **LUNCH**

The class resumed singing with Gina Balestracci leading song on page 106.

Leaders: Dennis Leipold 30b; Laura Timmerman 497; Gabriel Kastelle 180; Mary Ann Daly 117; Bradford West 513; Eileen Metzger 448b; Susan Bingham

361; Richard Schmeidler 254; Jean Seiler 299; Thom Metzger 70b; Mary DeNys 128; Tim Eriksen 34t; Guy Bankes 444; Cathy Tucker 236; Bob Parr 260; Brenda Peña 73b; Gerry Hoffman 99; Kelly House 376; Frank Evans 181; Ginny Landgraf 160t; Roland Hutchinson 153; Karen House 76b; Tom Gibney 501b; Bob Todd 178.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Blake Morris leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Ellie Soler 347; Charlotte Ehrman 147t; John Redmond 532; Sally Findlay 159; Paula McGray 208; Allen Fannin 182; Tom Tucker 142; Diane Mennella 457; Hal Kunkel 528; Mryka Hall-Beyer 148; Mary DeNys 547; Tim Slattery 272; Elise Meyer-Bothling 82t; Chris Noren 268; Barbara Swetman 168; Doron Henkin and Daniel Henkin 354b; Ginnie Ely 456; Blake Morris 179; Miriam Kilmer 285.

The convention then entered into a business session to hear announcements and committee reports.

The Treasurer reported that contributions received would cover the cost of the convention.

The Arranging Committee reported that 109 people from nine states, the District of Columbia, and two countries registered during the two days of the convention. Announcements were made. Thanks were given to all the officers, committee members, and singers. End of business session.

The class resumed singing with Dick Levine leading song on page 84. Leaders: Juanita Heyerman 287; Dan Hertzler 352; Caroline Sawyer 86; Catherine Oss 441; Donna Abrahams 120; George Seiler, Ginnie Ely, and Susan Bingham 454; Bill Holt 217.

Gina Balestracci led song on page 62 for the closing song as the singers took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Guy Bankes.

Chairman - Gina Balestracci; Vice Chairman - Rosemary Greenaway; Secretary - Donna Abrahams.

### **MATTOX MEMORIAL SINGING**

#### **City Administration Building, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee Saturday, May 20, 2000**

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. Gordon Wilkinson offered the morning prayer. Tim Reynolds welcomed everyone.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary - Sandie Scott; Arranging Committee - Clayton Ezell.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 34b; Clayton Ezell 34t, 58, 571 (CB), 137; Gordon Wilkinson 172, 460; Sandie Scott 128, 29t, 68b; Clay Mattox 119; Tommy Mattox 56, 143; Clayton Ezell 294; Dena Taylor 323b.

#### RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Lomax Ballinger 565, 31b; Josie Hyde 288, 43; Hershell King 426t, 410t; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 37b; Ivalene Donaldson 129; Travis Keeton 61, 179; Linton Ballinger 335, 339; John Hyde 39b, 63, 75.

#### LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Velton Chafin 225t, 144, 97; Josie Hyde 297, 566; Linton Ballinger 155; Hershell King 67; Ivalene Donaldson 275; Wilton Donaldson 317; Sandie

Scott 408; Velton Chafin 81; John Hyde 108t; Gordon Wilkinson 475; Clayton Ezell 45t.

Tim Reynolds led song on page 39t as the closing song, and Hershell King dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary - Sandie Scott.

**KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles (near Lexington),**  
**Kentucky**  
**Saturday, May 20, 2000**

The nineteenth session of the annual Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Ron Pen leading song on page 58. Ron Pen welcomed everyone, mentioned a few regular singers who could not attend, gave information about Pisgah Church and its historical cemetery, and thanked the pastor of the church, Mike Ward.

Leaders: Don Waggener 341; Glenn Fulbright 181; Mike Grimes 49b; Sharon Hill 34b; Charles Coulston 155; Keith MacAdam 85; Mary Brinkman “Lansdowne” (an arrangement of a Sephardic melody by Raphael Finkel, words by Solomon ibn Gabirol); Jo Ann Grimes 73b; Irene Mitchell and Keith MacAdam 196; Rob Coulston and Don Waggener 268; Pete Ellertsen 473; Bob Sears 147t; Frank Mitchell and Keith MacAdam 197; Denise Morris 269; Virginia Douglas 84; Ron Pen 524.

**RECESS**

Glenn Fulbright brought the class to order leading song on page 284. Leaders: Don Waggener 410; Sharon Hill 339; Charles Coulston 66; Pete Ellertsen 312b; Jo Ann Grimes 236; Virginia Douglas 47b; Martha Wilson and Mike Grimes 159; Irene Mitchell and Keith MacAdam 230; Frank Mitchell and Ron Pen 289; Rob Coulston and Charles Coulston 178; Phil Todd 191; Bob Meek “Remember Me”; Don Waggener and Bob Meek “Samanthra”; Bob Sears 551.

**RECESS**

A memorial session was held. Leaders: Keith MacAdam 31 (in memory of his parents-in-law, Milton and Pauline Abrahams, Omaha, Nebraska); Mary Brinkman 106 (in memory of Rob Baker, Lexington, Kentucky); Denise Morris 28 (in memory of Doran Hostetler, principal of Riverside Christian School); Mike Grimes 452 (for Luther Martin Ambrose, Berea, Kentucky); Bob Meek 475 (in honor of Virgil Phillips, Oneonta, Alabama); Scott Moore 45t (in memory of his grandmother, Chambers County, Alabama); and Ron Pen 107 (in memory of his father-in-law, John “Jack” Behr). The memorial session was closed. Denise Morris led prayer for the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was convened by Jim Thobaben. Leaders: Glenn Fulbright 63; Don Waggener 455; Bob Meek 313b; Mike Grimes 235b; Ron Pen 209; Denise Morris 198; Phil Todd 99; Sharon Hill 361; Mary Brinkman and Keith MacAdam 56b; Keith MacAdam 183; Jo Ann Grimes and Mike Grimes 354b; Charles Coulston 344; Rob Coulston and Charles Coulston 40; Pete Ellertsen 207; Martha Wilson and Charles Coulston 38t; John Todd and Phil Todd 502.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Ron Pen “Star In The East”; Glenn Fulbright “Salutation”; Bob Meek 480; Mike Grimes 61; Phil Todd 320; Virginia Douglas 38b; Mary Brinkman

and Bob Meek 117; Keith MacAdam 569b; Charles Coulston 479. Song on page 267 was the closing song.

Announcements: all were encouraged to attend the singing in Decatur, Illinois on July 28, 29, and 30 where Hugh McGraw will be in attendance.

Chairman - Ron Pen; Treasurer - Charles Coulston; Secretary - Mary Brinkman.

## **ARROW ROCK SINGING** **Federated Church, Arrow Rock, Missouri** **Saturday, May 20, 2000**

The fifth annual Arrow Rock Singing met at the Federated Church in Arrow Rock, Missouri on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Susan Green called the class to order leading song on page 34b, and then offered the morning prayer. Wendy Hofmann led song on page 148.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Penny Kujawinski; Vice Chairman - Wendy Hofmann; Secretary - Richard Green; Arranging Committee - Susan Green; Memorial Committee - Kathy Wood and Presley Barker; Treasurer - Cindy Stone; Locating - Wendy Hofmann and Susan Green; Chaplain - Jim Pfau.

Leaders: Kit Pfau 29t; Dave Ressler 39t; Penny Kujawinski 373; Wendy Hofmann 569; Kathy Wood 87; Gary Gronau 39b; Jon Pearson 143; Lou Kujawinski 84; Jim Solheim 102; Joe Douglas 547; Charles Scudder 472; Luke Barker 354b; Bill Ellason 440; Jim Pfau 350; Presley Barker 142; Richard Green 163t; Will Barker 63; Joe Casad 454; Susan Green 474.

### **RECESS**

Penny Kujawinski called the class back to order leading song on page 49b.

Leaders: Sue Pearson 276; Cindy Stone 86; Kit Pfau 82t, 47t; Dave Ressler 203, 83; Kathy Wood 452b, 532; Gary Gronau 29b, 419; Jon Pearson 497, 421; Lou Kujawinski, 313b, 178. Chaplain Jim Pfau said grace and the class recessed for lunch.

### **LUNCH**

Wendy Hofmann brought the class back for the afternoon session by leading song on page 74b. Leaders: Jim Solheim 215, 216; Mary Bamesberger 155; Joe Douglas 503, 113; Charles Scudder 163b, 38b; Bill Ellason 268; Luke Barker 66, 179.

Kathy Wood and Presley Barker conducted the memorial lesson, and led song on page 122 for the following deceased: Harold Johnston, Barbara Scudder, Virgil Phillips, and Allene Stanford. The sick and shut-ins remembered were Jean Carhart and Ward Carhart. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Jim Pfau 159, 371; Sue Pearson 147t, 65; Will Barker 88b; Richard Green 47b, 299.

### **RECESS**

Penny Kujawinski brought the class back leading song on page 523. Leaders: Jim Wood and Kathy Wood 68, 557; Will Barker 236; Joe Casad 377, 217; Presley Barker 26, 36b; Luke Barker 79, 324; Cindy Stone 117, 126; Susan Green 57, 391; Wendy Hofmann 209, 360.

Penny Kujawinski led song on page 504 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Chaplain Jim Pfau led the closing prayer, and the class was adjourned.

Chairman - Penny Kujawinski; Vice Chairman - Wendy Hofmann; Secretary - Richard Green.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL SINGING**  
**Los Angeles, California**  
**Saturday, May 20, 2000**

The eighth annual Southern California Regional Sacred Harp Singing met on Saturday before the third Sunday in May at Angels Gate Cultural Center in San Pedro, California.

The class was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Rick Russell leading song on page 34b. Steve Lazicki, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Pasadena, California, led the opening prayer and then led song on page 46.

A business meeting was called for the purpose of electing officers with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Rick Russell; Vice Chairman - Laura Boyd Russell; Secretary - Jerry Schreiber; Arranging Committee - Carla Smith and Pat Keating; Treasurer - Duncan MacLeod; Memorial Committee - Laura Boyd Russell; Chaplain - Steve Lazicki.

Leaders: Laura Boyd Russell 30t; Jerry Schreiber 66; Duncan MacLeod 58; Carolyn Deacy 114; James Kushner 117; Pat Keating 299; Carroll Lunsford 339; Karen Huss 236; Jon Giles 430; Carla Smith 421; Larry Arnstein 47; Janet Hecksel 479; Ron Huss 311; Jean Olsen 159; Jon Rand 378; Rick Russell 379; Mary Rose O'Leary 220.

**RECESS**

Mike Laube called the class back to order leading song on page 36t. Leaders: Ron Huss "Deal Gently with Thy Servants, Lord"; Patricia Lazicki 337; Steve Lazicki 312b; Betty Herman 423; Rick Russell 59.

Laura Boyd Russell gave the memorial lesson and led song on page 28b for the following deceased: Virgil Phillips - Alabama; Dolly Hudgins - Georgia; Alice Kuiper - Illinois; Sam Croft, Wilma Hastings, Fr. Vincent Martin, and Sam Zuckerman - California. Carla Smith led 330b for the sick and shut-in: Rena Cifra, Karen Huss, who will undergo surgery on Monday. The memorial was closed.

Jon Giles led song on page 443b.

**LUNCH**

Mary Rose O'Leary called the class to order leading song on page 284. Leaders: Stephen O'Leary 325; Natalie Hall 203; Mike Laube 245; Jeff O'Toole 31t; Laura Boyd Russell 202; Jerry Schreiber 260; Carroll Lunsford 387; Pat Keating 128; Jon Rand 291; Janice Hecksel 496; Duncan MacLeod 250; James Kushner 269; Jean Olson 87; Larry Arnstein 155; Karen Huss 151; Rick Russell 454; Patricia Lazicki 106; Betty Herman 458; Steve Lazicki 551; Carla Smith 475; Carolyn Deacy 84; Jon Giles 172; Marion Black 473; Anne Friend 242; Mimi Wright 480; Carolyn Deacy 456; Stephen O'Leary 56b; Natalie Hall 198; Jeff O'Toole 523b; Mike Laube 148; Laura Boyd Russell 201b; Jerry Schreiber 528; Carroll Lunsford 111b.

A business meeting was called to hear reports.

Treasurer Duncan MacLeod reported that contributions met and exceeded expenses.

Announcements for upcoming singings were made. Rick Russell closed the singing leading song on page 276. Steve Lazicki gave the closing prayer. The singing was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Chairman - Rick Russell; Vice Chairman - Laura Boyd Russell; Secretary - Jerry Schreiber.

**GARDEN STATE UNCONVENTIONAL SUNDAY**  
**Judson Memorial Church, Washington Square, New York City**  
**May 21, 2000**

For the past four years the Garden State Sacred Harp Singing Convention has taken the opportunity to share the music of The Sacred Harp with a different local church congregation each year. The Unconventional Sunday is so named because it is not officially part of the convention, and songs from books other than the 1991 Sacred Harp may be sung. The morning's service included songs from The Sacred Harp, then a well received sermon by Rev. Peter Laarman, "Shaping a Song of Praise," concerned with the significance of Sacred Harp singing both in the present day and in the history of the various American religious traditions connected with it. Singers were struck by the depth of Rev. Laarman's insights into the meaning that singing has for present day singers and his grasp of both the commonalities and the (less important) differences between twentieth-century and earlier singers. The congregation, seated in a hollow square, joined the singers from the Garden State Convention in several songs from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision*.

**LUNCH**

The class resumed singing with Blake Morris leading song on page 40. Leaders: Allen Fannin 31t; Rosemary Greenaway 501b; Karen House 276; Bradford West 386; Marty DeNys 147t; Tom Tucker "The Angels' Song"; Ginny Landgraf 76 (EH); Charlotte Ehrman 178; Frank Evans 298; Bradford West 90 (EH); Laura Densmore 98 (CB); Mary DeNys 162; Catherine Oss 92 (EH); Roland Hutchinson "Earthquake Anthem" (by William Knapp).

**RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Roland Hutchinson leading song on page 77b. Leaders: Guy Bankes 45t (EH); Tim Slattery 228; Blake Morris "Bankes"; George Seiler 58 (EH); Hal Kunkel "The Stone Forever Stands"; Gabriel Kstelle "Mariposa"; Eileen Metzger "Ten Thousand Charms" (by Hal Kunkel); Jean Seiler 53b (EH); Richard Schmeidler 110 (EH); Diane Mennella and Ellie Soler 278.

**RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Gina Balestracci leading song on page 78 (EH). Leaders: Thom Metzger 504; Rosemary Greenaway 384; Ginny Landgraf 79 (EH); Michael Kaye 51 (EH); Bradford West 38 (EH); Barbara Swetman 1 (EH); Brenda Peña 64 (EH); Walter Olson 532; Laura Densmore 574 (CB); Catherine Oss 477; Guy Bankes 297; Michael Kaye and Roland Hutchinson "Lansdowne"; Roland Hutchinson 106 (EH).

The class was dismissed with prayer led by George Seiler.

Chairman - Roland Hutchinson; Locating Committee - Ellie Soler and Jerry Dickason; Secretary/Arranging - Gina Balestracci.

**CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Cleburne County, Alabama**  
**May 21, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third 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 123; Jeff Sheppard 75, 61; Pearl Guier 40, 49b; Ruth Brown 63, 225t; and Margie Smith 313t, 101t.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown.

Leaders: Jarrod George 300, 186; Nancy Allen 87; Roy Nelson 179, 128; Inez Chandler 290, 457; Henry Johnson 138b, 111b; Sylvia Holland 348b, 45t.

#### RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 270. Leaders: C.W. Garner 172, 454; Lou Cotney 189, 384; Milton Oliver 222, 314; Eunice Webb 406, 503; Bud Oliver 145b, 39b; Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; Howard McGuire 354b, 192; Reba Norton 282, 373; Everette Denney 276, 277; Sylvia Holland 47b (for her mother, Arvie Norton).

Ruth Brown gave the memorial, reading from Ecclesiastes. The names of the deceased remembered were: Kathleen Austin Perdue, Eunice Rosalee Darnell, Ruby Cole Webb, Lillie Austin Owen, Eloise Tolleson Edward, Faye Nell Norton Polland, Marjorie Barker, Erskin Norton, Reese Bailey, Lawson Burgess, Carlos White, Allene Stanford, Lucille Foreman, Virgil Phillips, J.D. Muse, and Lillie Bell Ayers. Felton Denney led song on page 347 for J.D. Muse and others. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 45t especially for Lawson "Bud" Burgess and 410 for Erskin Norton.

Louise Holland led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins which included: Jerry Warren, Myrtle Warren, Mozelle Sheppard, and many others. Roy Nelson closed the memorial with prayer.

Charles Norton gave a report on the cemetery. B.M. Smith led song on page 176t.

#### LUNCH

B.M. Smith called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 175.

Leaders: Mary Lee Smith 358, 294; Earlis McGraw 445, 448b; Eloise Watkins 426b, 34b; Dennis George 274t, 224; Karen Reaves 148, 159; George Garner 480; Sonja Randall 335, 145t; B.J. Harris 303, 452; Betty Wright 323b, 108t; Lewis Norton 76b, 208; Shelbie Sheppard 28b (for Myrtle Smith), 142; Cecil Edwards 430, 490; Sherrell Durand 127, 491; Ora Martin 349, 168; Lois Owen 332, 61; Ann Simpson 143, 99; Ginnie Prater 119, 212; Corene Laminack and Ruth Daniels 378, 146; Felton Denney 489; Louise Holland 37b; Louise Owen and Hester Edwards 73b, 104 (for their sister, Alice Edwards); Mandy Cummings, Jeff Sheppard, and B.M. Smith 176t, 36b.

Announcements were made. B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. Felton Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

### **MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK) Stroud, Chambers County, Alabama Saturday, May 27, 2000**

The annual all day singing of the Mount Pisgah Singing Society was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Don Clark leading song on page 76b. Elder Thomas Mobley was asked to offer the morning prayer.

Officers for this year are: President - Don L. Clark; Vice President - John Etheridge; Secretary - Amy Lee; Arranging Committee - Stanley Smith and Don Clark.

Leaders: Don Clark 77t; John Etheridge 112; Amy Lee 140; Paula Fagan 61; Dewayne Hawthorne 363; Isabelle Green 559; Curtis Rogers 323b; Frank

Hadaway 58; Winston Jones 134; John Plunkett 66; Wilburn Ellison 447; Alice Bejnar 507b; Felton Denney 31t.

#### RECESS

Don Clark called the class to order leading songs on pages 101t and 100. Leaders: Tor Bejnar 538; Bud Oliver 515; Hugh McGraw 416t; Dennis George 39; Jenny Willard 367; Coy Ivey 449; Elder Jonathan Blakeley 81; David Lee 511b; Lonnie Rogers 395b; Helen Bryson 172; Tommie Spurlock 574; Jimmie Denney 101t; Daphene Causey 229; Ann Jett 503.

#### RECESS

Order was restored by President Don Clark leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Flarce Creel 54t; Rodney Ivey 98; Wayne Jones 336t; Cassie Franklin 292b; Lee Rogers 411; Tim Cook 133; Lois Stanson 146; Keith Willard 80t; Eric Morgan 225t; Syble Adams 99; Phil Slay 508; S.T. Reed 567; Jeff Sheppard 466; Karen Buche 199; Kathy Lee 500; Laura Densmore 393t; Annie Lee Price 384; Nate Green and Norma Green 41.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Vice President John Etheridge leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Henry Johnson 377b; Bobby Jackson 282; Charlene Wallace 497; Elder Tollie Lee 144; Eloise Watkins 478; Liz Bryant 38t; Guy Banks 28b; Ramona Lee and Tollie Lee 432; Jack Nelson 165; Johnny Lee 571; Brenda Merritt 137; Hershell King 572; John Merritt 553b; Charlotte Bishop 511b.

#### RECESS

The final session of the day was called to order by President Don Clark leading song on page 505. Leaders: Chita Blakeley 573; Floy Wilder 224; Anita Landess 484b; Betty Wright 358; Teenie Moody and Mary Florence Smith 106; Buell Cobb 108t; Andy Anderson 427; Gavin Blakeley 30b; Elder Ben Keeble 440b; Regina Grayson 270; Leonard Price and David Lee 290; Stanley Smith 216 (in memory of Ila McGhee and Erma Jones); David Lee "Mercy Seat" (requested by Bobby Jackson).

Announcements were made of upcoming singings. We would like to thank each and everyone who came and made the day of singing a great success. A total of nine states were represented. We will meet again next year on May 26, 2001.

The class sang song on page 527 as the closing song, and Elder Tollie Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

President - Don L. Clark; Vice President John Etheridge; Secretary - Amy Lee.

### **POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH** **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100** **May 28, 2000**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Poplar Springs Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Miranel Swafford leading songs on pages 32t and 155. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 63, 85; Mary Florence Smith 59, 37b; "Happy Birthday" to Thomas Willard; Thomas Willard 36b; Reba Norton 64, 61; Anita Landess 77b, 72b; B.J. Harris 312b, 503; Betty Harris 108, 410; Hugh McGraw 531, 567; Evelyn Harris 30t, 87; Earlis McGraw 225t (for Gladys McGraw), 374; Eric Morgan 390, 75.

#### RECESS



Miranel Swafford called the class to order leading song on page 56t. Leaders: Jimmy Cates 112, 137; Jenny Willard 34b, 318; Felton Denney 299; Beth Todd 270, 335; Roy Nelson 522, 145t; Eunice Webb 81, 89.

Memorial Lesson - Mary Florence Smith led songs on pages 403 and 348b for the deceased: Virgil Phillips and Allene Stanford; and song on page 47b for the sick and shut-ins. The pastor of the church, Rev. Mike Benefield, closed the memorial, and asked the blessing on the food.

#### LUNCH

Miranel Swafford called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 378. Leaders: Eschol Hughes 383, 235; Lonnie Rogers 186, 222; Teenie Moody 183, 391; Guy Banks 350, 344; Keith Willard 297, 144; Inez Chandler 274, 290; Jeff Sheppard 347, 277; Nathan Green and Norma Green 31b, 39b; Shelbie Sheppard 29b, 448b; Richard Driver 127, 472; Mildred Patterson 146, 119; Lewis Norton 76b, 208; Cody Simpson and Earlis McGraw 45t; Beth Todd 475; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 142, 480; Eric Morgan 229; Anita Landess 145b; Guy Banks 68b; Miranel Swafford and Charlene Wallace 457.

Announcements were made. Thomas Willard led song on page 106. Miranel Swafford and Charlene Wallace led song on page 209 as the closing song. Billy Joe Harris dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

## SULLINS SCHOOL HOUSE

### Hamilton, Alabama

May 28, 2000

The sixty-fifth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Sullins School House on the fourth Sunday in May was called to order by Estes Jackson leading songs on pages 39b and 45t. Elder Frank Woods offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton and John Hyde.

Leaders: Estes Jackson 31b; John Hyde 129, 37b, 63; Jim Ballinger 167, 282, 322, 166; Willodean Barton 82t, 274t, 460; Elgie Mae Woods 340, 278b, 275b; Ivalene Donaldson 335; Odie V. Horton 270; Wilton Donaldson 426t, 30t, 317; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 137; Estes Jackson 323 (for Mr. Jackson who is 97 years young).

#### RECESS

Elmer Conwill called the class to order with songs on pages 379 and 100.

Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 101t, 78, 457; Ruth Burseson and Travis Keeton 480, 143; Travis Keeton 146, 203; Faye Donaldson 430, 299, 225t.

#### LUNCH

Estes Jackson brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 330t and 288. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 61; Julie Posten 145b, 421; Larry Ballinger 425, 112, 300; Willodean Barton 119, 145t; Wilton Donaldson 48t, 56t; Elder Frank Woods 39t, 38b; Erselle Jackson 571 (CB), 74b, 277; Josie Hyde 43, 477, 183; Gravis Ballinger 144, 34b; Faye Donaldson 432, 138t; John Hyde 108t, 73t; Elmer Conwill 179, 44; Joy Sullins 290, 89; Beatrice Brewer 384, 373; Jim Ballinger 358, 294; Elgie Mae Woods 216, 142, 436.

Estes Jackson led songs on pages 147t and 45t as the closing songs. Joy Sullins dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

## **GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Eva, Morgan County, Alabama**

**May 28, 2000**

The May Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Chairman Milford Cobbs leading songs 45t and 75. The morning prayer was offered by Milford Cobbs. Leaders and selections were as follows: Arvid Holmes 74b, 64; Judy Caudle 37b, 47t, 358 (for Lessie Grant); Corene White 73t, 146 (in memory of Charles Grant); David Roberson 36b, 274t; Mary Alice Wakefield 48t, 87; Eron White 168; Gene Wakefield 138t, 112; Lomax Ballenger 59, 144.

### **RECESS**

The singing resumed with Milford Cobbs leading song 323b. Leaders: Jonathon Thompson 313t, 84; Marie Guthrie 113, 192; Linton Ballinger 81t, 82t; Nancy Thompson 335, 334; Eldagene Roberson 157, 457; Hershell King 340, 97; Brandon Thompson 39b, 354b; Rhoda Norris 187, 322; J.C. Rutledge 401; Susan Holmes 441, 460; Rachel Allred 274t, 294; Gerald Holmes 268, 203, 49t. Milford Cobbs led song number 381 and Hershell King offered prayer and blessing for lunch.

### **LUNCH**

After enjoying lunch and fellowship, the class was called to order by Milford Cobbs leading song number 40.

A memorial session was held at this time. Willard Hopper of Eva, Alabama who passed away in May 2000 was remembered. Others included in memory were Bera Bradford, Alta Self, Talmadge and Pauline Cobbs, J.L. and Mary Oden, Fayrene Wakefield, Julia White, B.B. Mattox, Virgil Philips and Ester Wall Brown. Judy Caudle led songs 459 and 384. The memorial session was closed. Leaders: Jennifer Allred 39t, 183; Caleb Allred 87, 89; Henry Guthery 149, 121; Danielle Crocker 358, 49t; Debra Ritch 200; William Allred 274t; Jane Long 100; Buckley Hopper 300, 489; Andrew Crocker 127, 128; Susan Allred 480, 120; Ron Crocker 94, 138b; Eunice Kimbrell 421, 332; Daniel Hopper 479, 359; Glenda Hopper 30t, 139; Judy Caudle 340 (by request of Mamie Buckelew for Verlon Smith and Kimmie Holcomb who were sick); J.L. Hopper 198, 61. Announcements were made. Milford Cobbs and J.L. Hopper led song on page 122 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

## **DOSS MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Sardis Baptist Church, Morris, Alabama**

**May 28, 2000**

The annual Doss Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Floyd Screws leading song on page 59. Tim Whitaker led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Floyd Screws 31b; Lora Cargo 345b, 322, 100; Dick Nail 58, 571 (CB) (for Tressie Doss); Glenn Keeton 285, 274, 45; Jerry Ryan 345t, 145t, 343b; Amber Springfield 30b, 49b, 166; Julianna Jett 88t; Gerstle Nail 155, 47b; Ann Jett 73t, 448b, 565b; Tim Whitaker 32t, 354t, 460.

### **RECESS**

Floyd Screws called the class to order leading song on page 270. Leaders: Mamie Jenkins 85, 112, 124; John Merritt 358, 290 (in memory of his mother and Margaret Whitaker); Buell Cobb 75, 138b, 33b; Brenda Merritt 426t, 448t. The memorial lesson was given by Floyd Screws. Lora Cargo led song on page 454 for the sick and shut-ins. Dick Nail led song on page 235 for the following deceased: Geneva Jones, Margaret Whitaker, Lamana Bige, Polly Thomas, Pauline Humphrey, Edna Thomas, Eugene Wright, Elvert Kilgo, and all of those who died on the battlefields.

The pastor, Brother 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: Velson Chafin 97, 144, 225t; Nora Parker 36b; Aquilla Branham 145b, 143, 68b; David Branham 119, 312b; Audrey Branham 45t, 571 (CB); Leah Nail Commer and Pam Nail Rosser 146, 85; Mamie Jenkins 358; John Merritt "Delusion"; Jerry Rhyne 39b; Buell Cobb 159; Glenn Keeton 457; Lora Cargo 269; Amber Springfield 34b; Gerstle Nail 40; Dick Nail 300; Brenda Merritt 89; Tim Whitaker 64; John Merritt and Tim Whitaker 294; John Jenkins 339. Floyd Screws led song on page 62 as the closing song. Pastor Abel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Floyd Screws; Vice Chairman - Dick Nail; Secretary - Ruth Screws.

### **NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY ALL DAY SINGING** **Berryville, Virginia** **Saturday, June 3, 2000**

The seventh annual Northern Shenandoah Valley All Day Singing was held on the first Saturday in June at Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Berryville, Virginia. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John delRe leading song on page 27. David Barford led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tom Tucker 47; Mary Ann Daley 180; Doron Henkin 100; Dave Barford 65; Janine Smith 326; David Powers 260; Sandra Polaski 148; Clare Chapin 532; Gabriel Kastle 29; Debbie Barford 112; Paula McGray 327; Evan Duncan 222; Blake Morris 216; Frank Evans 284; Guy Bankes 171; Sarah Davie 384; Adrian Mariano 183; Kelly Macklin 157.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John delRe; Vice Chairman - Kelly Macklin; Secretary - Tom Tucker; Memorial Committee - Cathy Tucker and Debbie Barford; Chaplains - David Barford and Paula McGray; Treasurer - Frank Evans.

#### RECESS

Leaders: John delRe 129; Cathy Tucker 106; Kathy Manning 313; Ted Stokes 89; Joni Seidenstein 344; John Daniel delRe 236; Stephen McMaster 441; Liz Cusick 178; Don Polaski 269; Leyland delRe 291; Gail Doss 504; Daniel Henkin 388; Hal Kunkel 204; Iris Knell 34b; Tim Slattery 273; Ella Wilcox 66; Mary DeNys 274; Tom Tucker 473; Dave Barford 209; Janine Smith 430; Sandra Polaski 217; Clare Chapin 130; Gabriel Kastle 176; Doron Henkin 201; Debbie Barford 313b; Paula McGray 156; Evan Duncan 85; Adrian Mariano 142. Paula McGray offered the blessing on the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with David Barford leading song on page 40.

Leaders: Blake Morris 501b; Guy Bankes 287; Sarah Davie 212; Jy Parotta 312b; Kathy Manning 434; Stephen McMaster 352.

A memorial lesson was held. Cathy Tucker led song on page 48t in memory of those deceased in the past year. Debbie Barford led song on page 52b for those sick or homebound. Paula McGray closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: John delRe 144; Joni Seidenstein 496; Frank Evans 145; Kelly Macklin 220; Liz Cusick 163b; Gail Doss 137; Don Polaski 198; David Barford 224; Paula McGray 110; Guy Bankes 297; Janine Smith 111b; Blake Morris 179.  
RECESS

Tim Slattery brought the class to order leading song on page 52. Leaders: Hal Kunkel "The Stone Forever Stands"; Geoff Hines and Liz Cusick 268 (verses added by Geoff Hines); Ted Stokes "Good Old Way"; Gabriel Kastle "John Daniel" (his own composition); Miriam Kilmer "Millbrook" (composition by Neely Bruce); Tim Slattery "Refreshment" (by Mimi Stevens); Mary Ann Daly "Western"; Debbie Barford 304; Doron Henkin 306; Evan Duncan 84; Tom Tucker 189; Hal Kunkel 456; Stephen McMaster 282; Claire Chapin 86; Adrian Mariano 99; Mary Ann Daly 545; Sarah Davie 503; Mary DeNys 285; Don Polaski 454; Frank Evans 300; Miriam Kilmer 335; Kathy Manning 512. Announcements were made of upcoming singings. After taking the parting hand, the class was dismissed with prayer by Dave Barford.  
Chairman - John delRe; Vice Chairman - Kelly Macklin; Secretary - Tom Tucker.

## **NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING** **The Farmers Museum, Cooperstown, New York** **Saturday, June 3, 2000**

The third New York State Regional Singing was held at The Farmers Museum in Cooperstown, New York on Saturday before the first Sunday in June from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The singing was called to order by Margaret Bornick leading song on page 228. Ted Tate led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Margaret Bornick 122; Dennis Leipold 150, 49t; Laura Densmore 350, 528; Patricia Geritz 34b, 31t; Gina Balestracci 313b, 312b; Barbara Swetman 217, 30t; Katie Boardman 87, 141; Mryka Hall-Beyer 479, 352; Jean Seiler 147t, 209; Scott Luscombe 39t, 481.

RECESS

Barbara Swetman brought the class to order leading song on page 442. Katie Boardman of The Farmers Museum gave some welcoming remarks and then gave a brief discussion of The Easy Instructor tunebook, which was published in upstate New York. She, and the leaders that followed in this portion of the singing, led songs first from The Easy Instructor and then from the 1991 revision of The Sacred Harp, when it appears in both books, to point out differences.

Leaders: Katie Boardman "Portuguese Hymn" (223), "Sherburne" (186); Barbara Swetman "Florida" (203); Gina Balestracci "Windham" (38b); George Seiler "Mear" (49b); Mary Ann Morrison "Jordan" (66); Mryka Hall-Beyer "Montgomery" (189); Roland Hutchinson "St. Martins"; Michael Ryan "Russia" (107); Laura Densmore "Schenectady" (192); Jean Seiler "New Jerusalem" (299); Mryka Hall-Beyer "Bristol" (468); Gina Balestracci "Evening Hymn"; Roland Hutchinson "Ode on Science"; Katie Boardman "Coronation" (63). Margaret Bornick closed this portion by leading song on page 59.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Ron Bornick leading song on page 63. Leaders: George Seiler 268, 269; Linda Delfts "Heavenly Meeting"; Tom Metzger 198, 29b; Anne Kazlauskas 201, 95; Robert Todd 335, 455; Francis

Gurtz 448t, 117; Michael Ryan 34t, 48b; Jason Law 178; Roland Hutchinson 507, 515b; Hugh Anderson 40, 46.

#### RECESS

Allen Fannin called the class to order leading song on page 110.

Katie Boardman led a discussion about the tunebook Indian Melodies by Thomas Commuck and then led "Missionary", or "White Pilgrim" and "Susquehanna" from it.

Leaders: Colette Miller 436, 347; Mary Ann Morrison 501, 300; Laura Densmore 547 (CB); Jean Seiler 183; Gina Balestracci 170; Mryka Hall-Beyer 327; Roland Hutchinson "Oneida" (Indian Melodies); Anne Kazlauskas 155; Francis Gurtz 500; Robert Todd 159; Allen Fannin 495; Colette Miller 368; George Seiler 480; Barbara Swetman "Commuck" (Indian Melodies); Linda Delfts 146; Dennis Leopold 373; Tom Metzger 547; Ron Bornick 454.

Announcements were made of upcoming singings. Margaret Bornick led song on page 62 as the closing song. George Seiler led the closing prayer.

Chairmen - Margaret Bornick and Ron Bornick; Secretary - Dennis Leopold.

### **HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Near Bremen, Georgia, I-20 and U.S. 27 South**

**June 3-4, 2000**

**Saturday, June 3**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held the first Sunday in June and Saturday before. The singing was called together at 9:30 a.m. by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 59. Elder Homer Benefield led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 99; Carlene Griffin 46; Tommy McGraw 30; T.J. Stewart 144; Henry Zittrouer 61; Melanie Hardy 84; Don Bowen 503; Allison Dodson 335; Dennis George 224; Jarrod George 192; Amy Green 107; Helen Bryson 392; S.T. Reed 125; John Plunkett 412; Henry Johnson 70b; Debra Langley 155; Mary F. Smith 318; Phillip Langley 112; Cassie Franklin 216; Eric Tweedy 385b; B.M. Smith 497; Rodney Ivey 76b; Jeff Sheppard 280; Allison Ivey 475.

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

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry; Arranging Committee - Judy Henry and Hugh McGraw; Memorial Committee - Debra Langley and Mary F. Smith.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Carolyn Huckeba and Judy Henry leading song on page 117. Leaders: Eschol Hughes 127; Charles Woods 53; Jimmie Denney 56; Kelly Morris 535; Jerry Enright 383; Karen Freund 411; Laura Clawson 440; Kelly House 456; Elene Stovall 436; Judy Mincey 540; Felton Denney 489; Kenneth DeLong 365; Max Berueffy 328; Everette Denney 405; Shelbie Sheppard 455; Reba Windom 384; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 494; Liz Bryant 542; Lonnie Rogers 97; Karen Morris 299; Tokay Shumake 410; Eloise Watkins 460; Andy Morse 313b; Mattie Townsel 313; Sheri Taylor 178; Lou Cotney 222; Richard Driver 472; Bobby Jackson 480; G.C. Waldrep 260; Henry Schuman 532; Bonnie Flowers 215.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 134 and 513. Leaders: Kiri Miller 442; D.J. Hatfield 278; Ted Mercer 416; John Fedderson 370; Kathy Williams 220; Susan Kelly 159; Estelle Flowers 284; Buell Cobb 409; Amanda Denson 217; Cheryl Foreman 448; Steve Pace 145;

Kelly Beard 80; Lynda Hambourger 372; Louis Hughes, Sr. 57; Ernestine Pipkin 171; Matt Wells 39; Carroll Lunsford 339; Laura Russell 202; Edmund Golladay and Hugh McGraw 111b.

#### RECESS

Earlis McGraw called the class together with song on page 225t. Leaders: Berkley Moore 417; Patricia Temple 312; Charles Wells 48; Art Broadus 515; Terre Schill 329; Peggy Loddengaard 501; Henry Bizzell 34b; Ginnie Ely 454; Bob Parr 270; Pauline Childers 234; Mary Wright 42; Rick Russell 201; Cindy Cole 81; Teenie Moody, Carol Arrington and Tommy McGraw 268; Becky Hafner-Camp 114; Joan Durden 148; Janet Shepherd 40; Raymond Hamrick 141. Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace led song on page 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Henry Bizzell.

#### Sunday, June 4

The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 60. Elder Homer Benefield led the morning prayer. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 97; Carlene Griffin 146; Mildred Patterson 167; Tokay Shumake 204; Roy Nelson 274; Diane Avery 186; Elder Homer Benefield and Katherine Benefield 45t; Andy Anderson 358; Elder Marshall Avery 278b; Duncan MacLeod 58; Don Bowen 283; Allison Dodson 138b; G.C. Waldrep 269; Molly Kovel and Kiri Miller 300; Art Broadus 143; Jan House 117; Henry Bizzell 452; Kathy Williams 506; John Fedderson 528; Ginnie Ely 196; Henry Schuman and Pauline Childers 288; Pauline Childers 406.

#### RECESS

Phillip Langley called the class together with song on page 192. Leaders: Bob Parr 377; Louis Hughes, Sr. 403; Evelyn Harris 87; B.M. Smith 28b; Terre Schill 102; B.J. Harris 503; Myron House 191; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Jeremy York 547; Harrison Creel 512; Patricia Mauldin 63; Lee Rogers 454; Peggy Loddengaard 551; Charles Wells 47b; Rick Russell 510.

A memorial lesson was held. Hugh McGraw led song on page 339 for the following sick and shut-ins: I.V. McWhorter, Mozelle Sheppard, Vivian Rogers, and Mildred Dumas - Georgia; Lois Stanson, Polly Moore, Rosa Hughes, Marie Aldridge, Flarce Creel, Ernie Jett, Tommye Denson Mauldin, and Jeff Hamman - Alabama; Alcie Craig, Verna Powell, and Mildred Edmonds - Texas; Lois Strothers - North Carolina.

Richard DeLong led song on page 390 for the following deceased: Dollie Hudgins, J.D. Muse, and Lindsey May - Georgia; Ralph Heath, Virgil Phillips, Lucille Foreman, Isabel Arnold, and Lamar Harrison - Alabama; Ed Craig - Texas; Nancy Carol Metz, Ronald Grady Partin, and Fred Wardlow - North Carolina. Phillip Langley led song on page 77 in memory of Morgan Prichard. Mozelle Sheppard, Mary F. Smith, Bernice Harper, and Teenie Moody led song on page 347 in memory of Allene Stanford. Hugh McGraw presented a plaque to the family of Jerry Sheppard from the Sacred Harp Publishing Company. End of memorial.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Bobby Jackson leading song on page 59. Leaders: Berkley Moore 81; Patricia Temple 481; Raymond Hamrick 354; Laura Russell 101; Carroll Lunsford 338; Matt Wells 32; Lynda Hambourger 446; Kelly Beard 73; D.J. Hatfield 271; Cheryl Foreman 324; Ted Mercer 298; Richard Mauldin 72b; Wanda Capps 216; Susan Kelly 164; Amanda Denson 272; Bonnie Flowers 335; Sheri Taylor 215; Jeff Sheppard 142; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Estelle Flowers 270; Lisa Webb 178; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 31b;

Geraldine Rice 430; Aimee Schmidt 159; Teenie Moody, Mary F. Smith, Clint Lambert, Candy Lambert, and Dawn Madon 40.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 163.

Leaders: Phillip Denney 120; Richard Driver 294; Tommy McGraw 74b; Judy Henry and Carolyn Huckeba 84; Danny Griffin 53; Felton Denney 147; Kiri Miller 282; Orlanda Driver and Charlene Wallace 49b; Mandy Cummings and Louise Holland 358; Kelly Beard 413 (by request); Patricia Temple 209.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace, Carlene Griffin, and Elder Homer Benefield led song on page 62 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry.

### **FELLOWSHIP CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING** **Cullman County, Alabama** **June 4, 2000**

The Memorial Singing at Fellowship Church was held on the first Sunday in June. This singing was cancelled several years earlier and has been resumed this year. This is to be an annual event held on this Sunday.

Henry Guthery led the class in an opening business session for the purpose of electing officers. Those elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman - Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Eron White.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 30t, 101; Glenn Keeton 36t, 40; Eldagene Roberson 29, 144; Eron White 146; Buell Cobb 42, 440; Ashley Keeton 217, 196; Judy Caudle 78, 120; Corene White 37b, 379; David Roberson 340, 63; Amber Springfield 68b, 389; Reedie Powell 300, 269; A.D. Chandler 137, 371; Elvin Guthrie 398, 365.

#### RECESS

Henry Guthery call the class back to order leading song on page 136. Leaders: Edis Guthrie 99, 171; Betty Shivers 358, 294, 155; Ruth Walker 298, 430; Cathy Chandler 354b, 164; Billy Williams 410t.

A memorial lesson was given by Eron White with the following names of deceased remembered: Katrina Sanders, Cecil Gilliland, Essie Calvert, Alta Hopper Self, Virgil Phillips, Ester Wall Brown, E.E. Kilgo, J.L. Odom, Mary Odom, Willard Hopper, and Charles Grant. Buell Cobb led song on page 235 for the deceased. Glenn Keeton led song on page 159 for the following sick and shut-ins: Alpha Black and Ruby Phillips. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Eldagene Roberson 142, 474; Ashley Keeton 216, 384, 222; Amber Springfield 166, 391; Judy Caudle 91, 540.

#### LUNCH

Chairman Henry Guthery called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 112 and 39b. Leaders: David McGinty 45t; Buell Cobb 141, 138b; Marie Guthrie 113, 434; Reedie Powell 200, 454; Corene White 314; David Roberson 97, 274b; A.D. Chandler 313t; Elvin Guthrie 172; Edis Guthrie 434, 186; Betty Shivers 143; Ruth Walker 124.

Announcements were made. Acknowledgement was given to the family of Ernest Jones for the restoration of the church and the singing.

Henry Guthery led song on page 46 as the closing song. Glenn Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

**PINE TUCKY CHURCH**  
**Winston County, Alabama**  
**June 4, 2000**

The eighty-eighth session of the Sacred Harp singing held at Pine Tucky Church was held on the first Sunday in June, and was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on 48t. Mary Alice Wakefield offered the morning prayer.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Leaders: Gene Wakefield 101t, 100; Cecil Sanders 225t; Julie Poston 274t, 421, 145b; Mary Alice Wakefield 87, 317, 75; Odie V. Horton 47b; Kermit Adams 47t, 43, 39t; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Waid 235, 512, 77t.

**RECESS**

John Hyde called the class to order leading songs on pages 39b, 61, and 111b.

Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 73t, 81t; Wilton Donaldson 34t, 34b, 30t; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 146, 137; Willodean Barton 290 (for A.C. McGough, who is in the hospital), 499, 566, 314; Faye Donaldson 129, 270, 143; Josie Hyde 90, 88, 104, 565b.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Gene Wakefield with songs on pages 323b and 322. Leaders: Travis Keeton 321, 348, 147b, 98; Ivalene Donaldson 31b; Julie Poston 345b, 343; Cecil Sanders 145t; Mary Alice Wakefield 111t, 354b; Wilton Donaldson 56t, 32t; Willodean Barton 57, 445; Faye Donaldson 124, 72b; Josie Hyde 288, 477; Travis Keeton 482, 44.

Gene Wakefield and John Hyde led song on page 62 as the closing song. Mary Alice Wakefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

**LIBERTY CHURCH**  
**Henagar, Alabama**  
**June 4, 2000**

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Baptist Church was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 61. Phil Summerlin led the morning prayer.

The singing continued with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 81t. Leaders: Norma Latham Green 138b; Shane Wootten 101t; Donna Wootten and Shane Wootten 74b; Loyd Ivey 89; Hobert Ivey 47t; Rex Wilks 30t; Milton Oliver 403; Eloise Wootten 222; Mike Dunn 186; Linda Sides 454; Elene Stovall 192; Bud Oliver 145t; Max Berueffy and Karen Ivey 446; Leola Smith 176b; Mel Kersey 515; Betty Wright 145b; Jerry Enright 77t; Jewel Wootten 47b; Lisa Geist 276; Nate Green and Norma Green 317; Henry Johnson 565.

The memorial lesson was held in the cemetery with the class singing the following songs: 340, "Love at Home" (WB), 45t, "We Will Sing With The Angels There" (CB), 162, and 144.

**RECESS**

Jerry Enright and Elene Stovall called the class together leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Wayne Wootten and Anna Wootten "Trusting" (WB); Lamar



Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 36b; Larry Ballinger 300; Cassie Franklin 384; Eschol Hughes 235; Linda Thomas 217; Sarah Harcrow 347; Anita Landess 58; John Henry Busby, Loyd Ivey, and Coy Ivey "Jesus Died For Me" (WB); Jackie Tanner 112.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Rodney Ivey, Max Berueffy, and Cassie Franklin leading song on page 270. Leaders: Shane Wootten 155; Betty Shepherd 216; Tony Ivey 421; Deb Morton and Rodney Ivey 299; Buddy Davis 146; Jarrod George 137; Jarrod George, Jackson Harcrow, and Scott Ivey 63 (walked); Marty Wootten, Jarred Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamie Wootten 551; Rachel Ivey 128; Tommy George 354b; Loyd Ivey, Marian Biddle, Doug Ivey, Martha Underwood, and Lillie Underwood 501 (CB); Jessica Davis 480; Ivey cousins 571 (CB), 505 (CB); Karen Freund 56b; Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 448t, 39t; Karen Travis 503; Mattie Townsel 37b; Linton Ballinger 208 (for Woodie Walker).

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Ricky Harcrow leading 225t, 572 (CB). Leaders: Karen House 430; Laura Clawson and Cassie Franklin 95; Reba Windom 196; Allison Ivey and Karen Ivey 142; Dennis George, Jarrod George, and Kathleen George 68b; Phil Summerlin 448b; Susan Harcrow and Betty Shepherd 269; Cindy Franklin 327; Mark Brown "Sweet Beulah Land"; Darlene Dalton 277; Melvin Stiefel 512; Syble Adams 203; Bud Oliver 73t; Jarrod George 358 (by request); David Ivey 75 (by request); Karen Ivey and Loyd Ivey 424 (in memory of Andrew Ivey).

Following announcements, David Ivey led song on page 56t, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Ricky Harcrow.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham Green.

## HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

**Oneonta, Alabama**

**June 10-11, 2000**

**Saturday, June 10**

The fifty-fourth session of the annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 82t. Calvin Phillips led the morning prayer. Terry Hullett led songs on pages 32t and 61. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Calvin Phillips; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten, Paula Gilmore, and Marie Hyatt; Arranging Committee - Coy Ivey and Brenda Merritt; Memorial Committee - Linda Thomas and Philip Gilmore.

Leaders: Calvin Phillips 59, 147t; Jewel Wootten 74b, 354b; Roie Alexander 317; Coy Ivey 63; Brenda Merritt 336; Doug Conn 430; Henry Johnson 418; Charlene Wallace 99; Martha Woodard 274t; Bud Oliver 47t; Margie Smith 225t; Hershell King 340; Karen Willard and Ken Hallock 370, 330b; S.T. Reed 316; Willie Mae Moon 383; Elder J.L. Hopper 245.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Terry Hullett leading song on page 29t. Leaders: Gordon Wilkinson 475; Shane Wootten 542; Gavin Blakeley 146; Lydia Baswell, Vella Dailey, and Ovetta Carr 452; Chita Blakeley 384; Bill Green 448t; Sandie Scott 40; Clayton Ezell 137; Karen Davis 270; B.M. Smith 73t; Pauline Childers 436, 546; Larry Ballinger 112; Dennis George 117; Judy Caudle 361;

Glenn Keeton 231; James Cain 218; Jeff Sheppard 29b; Buddy Davis 45t; Gene Wakefield 284; Max Berueffy 145t; Bobby Jackson 290; Donna Wootten and Shane Wootten 108t; Leola Smith 234; David McGinty 143; Travis Keeton 343.

#### LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 37b and 35. Leaders: Jessica Davis 145b, 101t; Dennis George "Sweet Beulah Land" (by request); Tommy George 354; Anita Landess 480; Cindy Franklin 368; Shelbie Sheppard 220; Velton Chafin 97; Cassie Franklin and Chip Ward 33b, 217; Ron Crocker 201; Carmon Brothers 569b; Nate Green and Norma Green 268; Edith Tate 532; Ella Lee Robertson and Onette Watkins 373, 72b; Linda Sides 454; Tommie Spurlock 376; Linda Thomas 39t.

#### RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading song on page 408. Leaders: Andrew Crocker 128; Freeman Wootten 70b; Betty Sue Johnson 406; Margaret Spurlock 108b; Eloise Wootten 299; Alice Wakefield 335; Elene Stovall and Coy Ivey 222; Philip Gilmore 142; Glenda Hopper 501 (CB); Paula Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 441; Nate Green, Leola Smith, Eldora Moody, Genny Whitworth, Bill Green, and B.J. Green 186, 100 (in memory of Lois Green); Verlon Steifel and Mary Ruth Steifel 348b, 333.

Terry Hullett and Philip Gilmore led song on page 235 as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

#### Sunday, June 11

The Sunday session of the Hopewell Homecoming was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. Lamar Smith offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Terry Hullett 49b; Vice Chairman Calvin Phillips 61, 143; Roie Alexander and Jewel Wootten 145b, 97; Douglas Conn 278, 321; Milton Oliver 318; Lamar Smith 76b; Bill Green 378b; Roy Nelson 392; Randall Smith 36b; Jessica Davis 30t, 145t; Jackie Tanner 48t; Tommie Spurlock 430, 565; Buddy Davis 99, 101t.

#### RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class to order leading song on page 220. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 47t; Shelbie Sheppard 549, 105; Margaret Spurlock 112, 212; Karen Willard 171, 148; Anita Landess 73b, 58; Steven Schmidgall 136, 68b; Dennis George 224, 47b; Karen Ivey 288, 475 (in memory of Virgil Phillips).

#### RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading songs on pages 75 and 440; Mark Brown 503.

Memorial Lesson: Linda Thomas gave a moving memorial tribute to Virgil Phillips and other deceased. With tears streaming from her eyes she remembered Virgil and read the list of deceased: Virgil Phillips, Alton Lowe, Rev. James Putman, Mary Oden, Willard Hopper, Ester Brown, Ralph Heath, Lindberg Lacy, Bessie White, Jerry Green, Verlie Putman, and Lucille Foreman.

Brothers, sisters, and children of Virgil Phillips along with Linda Thomas, Rodney Ivey, and Jeff Sheppard led song on page 137 in memory of Virgil and song on page 45t in memory of Jerry Green, son of Wilma Green. The group led song on page 376 in honor of Herbert Phillips, brother of Virgil Phillips, who is in a nursing home and was not able to attend. As a special request Mark Brown led the class in singing "Sweet Beulah Land".

Members of the Green and Alexander families led songs on pages 235 and 176b for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered: Ruby Phillips, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hardin, Thurman Nall, Marie

Aldridge, Rosa Hughes, Mattie Townsel, Marie Hyatt, Polly Moore, Mozelle Sheppard, Herbert Phillips, and Gladys Adams.

The class was dismissed to reassemble in the cemetery to complete the memorial service. Songs on page 30b, "We Will Sing With The Angels There", "Not Made With Hands", and 31t were selected to pay tribute to all the deceased. Elder Philip Gilmore concluded the memorial service with prayer.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 217. Leaders: Richard Ivey 42; Stuart Ivey 189; Cindy Franklin 155, 88t; Buell Cobb 131b, 467; Cassie Holmes 119; Jackson Harcrow 63; Cassie Franklin 74b; David Ivey 67; Sarah Harcrow 347; Katrina Holmes 168, 137; Susan Harcrow 142, 300; Nate Green and Norma Green 89, 569b; Ernest Phillips 198, 39b; Eloise Watkins 225t, 426b; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 222, 511b (CB); Leola Smith 203; Karen Davis 270; Herby Bailey 34b; Philip Gilmore 396; Rodney Ivey and Sarah Harcrow 299 (by request); Rodney Ivey "Trusting"; Linda Thomas and Teresa Ratliff 500 (CB); Terry Hullett 176t.

Announcements were made. Terry Hullett, Calvin Phillips, and Philip Gilmore led song on page 62 for the closing song as those who wished took the parting hand. Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Calvin Phillips; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten, Paula Gilmore, and Marie Hyatt.

### ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL

#### Pleasant Hill (Johnson School House), Fayette County, Alabama June 11, 2000

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp Singing at Pleasant Hill (Johnson School House) was held on the second Sunday in June, and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Elene Stovall leading song on page 36b. Harrison Creel led the morning prayer.

Elene Stovall appointed Glenn Keeton as Vice Chairman, Lena Keeton as Secretary, and Travis Keeton as the Arranging Committee.

Elene Stovall led song on page 47t for Marie Aldridge who is ill and unable to be in attendance, and also for her three surviving aunts, and song on page 217.

Leaders: Odie Horton 58, 276 (for Pernie Pelfrey); Joan Aldridge 189. Joan Aldridge expressed her thanks to everyone for coming to help and make this a good singing. Leaders: Mary Alice Wakefield 100, 111 (in memory of her brother whose birthday is today); Allison Stovall 192 (for Marie Aldridge), 373; Julia Posten 421, 274t; John Hyde 275b, 39b; Flarce Creel 42, 501; Max Berueffy 32t, 411; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 84; Gene Wakefield 102, 168 (in memory of Fayrene Wakefield); John Hocutt 225t; Elene Stovall and Flarce Creel 475 (recognizing John Hocutt to the visitors as the writer of this song).

#### RECESS

Glenn Keeton brought the class to order leading song on page 117 for Wilton Donaldson and song on page 63 in memory of Robert Aldridge. Leaders: Linton Ballinger 81t, 141; Ivalene Donaldson 426t; Pauline Childers 224, 384; Amber Springfield 68b, 371; Wilton Donaldson 34t, 34b; Bud Oliver 145b, 145t; Lisa Geist 546, 532; Edith Tate 333 (for her sister, Marie Aldridge and in memory of her brother, Hayden Creel); John Merritt 571 (CB), 268; Travis Keeton 388 (in memory of Donna Brumbach's father and in memory of William and Rosie Barnes whose children, Floyd, Sara Ruth, Marcile, and Emma Sue, were in attendance); Elene Stovall 318 (for the daughters of Fleecie Tucker and in memory of Ralston White).

## LUNCH

Max Berueffy called the class to order leading songs on pages 76b and 73t. Leaders: Edwin Ballinger 270, 269; Earl Ballinger 294 (by request); Willodean Barton 416, 290 (for A.C. McGough); Faye Donaldson 78, 124; Harrison Creel 378b, 111b; Josie Hyde 507; Lena Keeton 498, 314; Larry Ballinger 119, 123t, 280 (for Josie Hyde); Clarence McCool 420, 569b; Gravis Ballinger 99, 101t; Shirley McCoy 358, 217 (in memory of her father, J.C. Cornelius); John Beasley 61, 47b; Ricky Beasley 39t, 348b; David Beasley 317, 72b; Elene Stovall 441 (for Clearcy Rutledge).

Elene Stovall led song on page 45t as the closing song. Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

We would like to thank Willa Rush and Bruce Randolph for paying for the minutes.

Chairperson - Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Lena Keeton.

## ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Alpharetta, Georgia

June 11, 2000

The one hundred thirty-second annual session was opened by Chairman Richard DeLong leading song on page 81t. Mrs. Ruth Wills offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Richard DeLong 31t, 145t; Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong 303, 179, 171; Secretary Helen Bryson 131b, 48b, 203; Faye Pettis 67, 455, 341; Jack Corley 72t, 110, 300; Jeannette DePoy 475, 565, 89.

## RECESS

Kenneth DeLong called the class to order leading song on page 167. Leaders: Judy Mincey 474, 34t, 497; Reuben Ball 348b, 480, 285t; Lee Rogers 145b, 73t, 217; Loy Garrison 159, 68b, 212; Dan Bailey 515, 183, 66; Mike Castleberry 490, 59.

## LUNCH

Richard DeLong opened the afternoon session leading song on page 205. Leaders: Scott DePoy 384, 146, 318; Charlene Wallace 276, 327, 388; Kathy Williams 53, 510, 208; Allison Ivey 155, 56t, 76b; Laura Akerman 528, 436, 434; Frances Mary D'Andrea 280, 148, 380; Hugh McGraw 369, 230.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard DeLong. This year we are especially saddened by the passing of Dollie Hudgins, a singer who attended the Alpharetta Singing for many years and would have been pleased with the number of people present at today's singing. We all miss her. Richard DeLong led song on page 82t.

Faye Pettis sang for the sick and shut-ins of which there are too many to name.

Faye encouraged all of us to send a card, make a visit, or place a phone call to this group of people, and led song on page 45t. The memorial was closed.

Leader: Violet Thomason 343, 143, 189.

## LUNCH

The class was called to order by Kenneth DeLong leading song on page 408.

Leaders: Brady DeLong 36b, 317; Don Bowen 97, 99, 101t (for Rosa Hughes); Louise Holland 63, 61, 323; Robert Kendrick 354b, 153; J.C. Moore 37b; Dianne Walls 137, 100, 452; Susan Posey 34b, 35, 361; Mike Castleberry and Richard DeLong 294, 288 (by request).

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers for next year's session with the following officers 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 69 as the closing song. Robert Kendrick dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

## **MOUNT VERNON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Cullman, Alabama**

**June 11, 2000**

The annual singing was held on the second Sunday in June at Mount Vernon Primitive Baptist Church. Judy Caudle welcomed everyone and led song on page 30t. Clayton Ezell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Janet Shipp 215, 126, 268; Edis Guthrie 269, 64, 36b; Gordon Wilkinson 145t, 112, 434; Eunice Kimbrell 129; David Roberson 63, 340; Manila Hudson and Caleb Hudson 480, 59, 358.

### **RECESS**

The class was called back to order and went into a business session to elect officers. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - David Roberson; Vice Chairman - Edis Guthrie; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Gennie Nelms.

Leaders: David Roberson 124, 222; Elvin Guthrie 138t, 138b, 141; Clayton Ezell 119, 348, 231; Ellis Shipp 108b, 108t; Billy Williams 448b, 410t, 39; Hershell King 80b, 97, 426t; Rhoda Norris 460, 187; Eldagene Roberson 81t, 457, 144.

### **LUNCH**

David Roberson called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 68.

Leaders: Gennie Nelms 358, 441, 56t; Judy Caudle 78; Gordon Wilkinson 475; Clayton Ezell 490, 182; Marie Guthrie 73t; Hershell King 34t, 34b; Manila Nelms 551; Elvin Guthrie 276; Clayton Ezell 294, 295b.

David Roberson thanked everyone who helped provide lunch and led song on page 46 as the closing song. Gordon Wilkinson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - David Roberson; Vice Chairman - Edis Guthrie; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

## **NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama**

**June 15, 16, 17, 2000**

**Thursday, June 15**

The twenty-first session of the National Sacred Harp Convention met at Trinity United Methodist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on June 15, 16, and 17, 2000.

Thursday's session was called to order by Chairman Buell Cobb leading song on page 31b. Tom Owen led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 61; Kathy Williams 539; Mike Hinton 373; John Redman 236; Don Bowen 99; Henry Guthery 39b; Latisha Crocker 490; J.L. Hopper 198; Kathy Robinson 546; Ottis Sides 75; Sherry Guthery 340; Frank Hataway 565; Kathleen Robbins 535; Donald Smith 35; Gaston White 159; Henry Johnson 418.

### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Henry Guthery leading song on page 88t.

Leaders: Steven Schmidgall 496; Sheri Taylor 84; Willie Mae Moon 217; Judy

Caudle 234; Odom Hawkins 147t; Betty Shaver 454; Bill Hogan 207; Pauline Childers 384; Bob Bonnell 503; Flarce Creel 475; Freeman Wootten and Jewell Wootten 82t; Gene Wakefield 284; Wanda Capps and Shelley Capps 73t; Edward Howton 436; Edith Tate 532.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Cindy Franklin leading song on page 269. Officers elected in the business session were: Chairman - Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman - Mark Davis; Chaplain - Tom Owen; Secretary - Kathy Williams. Committees were appointed as follows: Arranging Committee - Catherine Oss, Rosemary Greenaway, and Cindy Franklin; Finance Committee - Don Bowen and John Redman; Resolutions Committee - Richard Mauldin and Sharona Nelson; Memorial Committee - Lee Rogers and Mike Hinton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 270; Linda Sides 480; Mary Alice Wakefield 63; Ginnie Prater 186; Cassie Franklin 216; Tim Eriksen 277; Louise Holland 58; Floy Wilder 183; Sarah Coates 224; Warren Steel 556; LaRue Allen 280; Cathryn Baker 472; Reed Coates 222; Henry McGuire 365; Coy Ivey 298; Nancy Van Den Akker 223; Mike Grimes 49b; Janet Fraembs 448t; Richard Schmeidler 474; Cheryl Foreman 209; Bradford West 27; Beth Todd 290. Tom Owen led the prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

The class was called together by Catherine Oss leading song on page 318. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 548; Rosemary Greenaway 163b; Tom Owen 528; Lee Rogers 196; Richard Mauldin 36b; Joe Todd 455; Carroll Lunsford 390; John Merritt 499; Linda Thomas 33b; Becky Briggs 354; Elsie Beasley 322, 460; Henry Zittrouer 127; Uel Freeman 146; Curtis Owen 176b; Christie Allen 398; Helen Brown 210; Phill Wisor 74b; Henry Bizzell 452b; Bruce Coates 34b; Peter Irvine 542; Dennis George 112. Buell Cobb and Mark Davis led song on page 46 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

#### Friday, June 16

Friday's session was called to order by Chairman Buell Cobb leading song on page 52t. Louis Hughes led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 129; Kathy Williams 142; Mike Hinton 480; Rosemary Greenaway 383; John Redman 143; Catherine Oss 430; Sharona Nelson 137; Tom Owen 498; Lee Rogers 228; Don Bowen 66; Richard Mauldin 72b; Richard DeLong 285t; Betty Jones 40; Sharon Kellam 312t; David Richardson 473; Anne Kazlauskas 201; Virginia Douglas 49b.

#### RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class together leading song on page 97. Leaders: Judy Hauff 172; Ila Ingle 436; Allen Fannin 440; Amanda Denson 340; Ted Johnson 345b; Melanie Hauff 392; Dr. Bill Stewart 68b; Anne Chalker 146; Marcia Johnson 218; Kennon Smith 189; Beverly Coates 352; Ginnie Ely 454; Kurt Davis 45t.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Cindy Franklin with song on page 198. Leaders: Liz Bryant 475; Patricia Mauldin 63; Eugene Forbes 566; Edith Owen 328; Regina Foster 547; Jackson Harcrow 145t; Steven Schmidgall 156; Cora Sweatt 145b; Richard Ivey 182; Ann Ballard 57; Ed Snell 460; Velton Chafin 573; Bernice Harvey 176b; John Hocutt 236. Elder Jesse Roberts led the prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

Jeb Owen called the class back together after lunch with song on page 47b. Leaders: Hugh McGuire 109; Ricky Harcrow 445; Carol Crawford 122; Barney Roberson 458; Regina Grayson 300; Tim Cook 511; H.J. Jackson 384; Erskine Vandegrift 59; Samuel Holloway 335; Mary Gardner 43; Lou Cotney 222; Ted Mercer 564; Kshama Ananthapura 319; Charles Kitchens 326; Julietta Haynes 200; Rodney Ivey 503; Ola Meadows 426t; Mark Brown 29t; Shelbie Sheppard 195.

#### RECESS

Louis Hughes called the class together leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Linda Shea 67; Danny Creel 269; Betty Jones 523; Liz Rogan 542; Jeannette DePoy 39b; Allison Schofield 442; Hannah Roberts 276; Scott DePoy 282; Matthew Wojcik 532; Amber Springfield 391; Janice Hecksel 481; Duncan Vinson 284; Barbara Swetman 203; Ashley Keeton 196; Jesse Roberts 299.

Buell Cobb and Mark Davis led song on page 323t to close the day's session. Elder Ricky Harcrow led the closing prayer.

#### Saturday, June 17

Saturday's session was called to order by Chairman Buell Cobb leading song on page 82. Louis Hughes led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kathy Williams 180; John Redman 362; Rosemary Greenaway 171; Tom Owen 385t; Sharona Nelson 66; Don Bowen 350; Lee Rogers 425; Richard Mauldin 36b; Catherine Oss 189; Teenie Moody 430; Gary Smith 569b; Toney Smith 380; Bob Meek 384; Jim Crawford and Carol Crawford 268; Nate Green and Norma Green 389; Phillip Langley 112; Merle Mateika 475; Laura Clawson 72b.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Seth Holloway leading song on page 354b.

Leaders: David Ivey 135; Mirjana Lausevic 131b; Jim Carnes 35; Tommy George and Jarrod George 146; John Plunkett 308; Mary Smith 302; Denise Morris 184; Sarah Beasley Smith 108t; Allison Ivey 300; Jeff Colby 335; Betty Wright 323b; Eloise Watkins 34b; David Carlton 106; Tim Reynolds 86.

#### RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class back leading song on page 134. Leaders: Susan Harcrow 178; Sandie Scott 40.

The memorial lesson followed. Lee Rogers made the following opening remarks.

"As at each Sacred Harp convention, we pause in the midst of singing to remember those we have been privileged to sing with who have died since we last met here. Each year that I have been involved in Sacred Harp singing there are more names on the memorial list with whom I have personally shared song, and who have touched my life. Some of the people on this year's list were unquestionably Sacred Harp heroes, who helped to shape the tradition and who have guided generations of singers. I came to know these people late in their lives, but not too late to be inspired by them. Every month I looked forward to Friday night singing with "Miss Dollie" Hudgins in Alpharetta, Georgia; her spirit has reached hundreds of new singers she never met through her grandson, Richard DeLong. Then there was Alabama's own Virgil Phillips, whose warmth lit up a singing, even when he could no longer stand in the center of the square and lead us in song. His joy in "Liberty", and his truly "Thankful Heart" we all share he made them a part of our culture."

"But especially in our thoughts and hearts these last few days has been our most recent loss, one whose morning sun has set at noon. Karen House, who died earlier this week, was one of the many young singers who came to Sacred Harp as an adult. In many ways, in her enthusiasm and her musicality, she was typical

of these young converts to Sacred Harp. I remember perhaps a dozen years ago when her sister Kelly brought her to a singing in Connecticut. I learned early in our acquaintance that Karen had a life endangering heart condition, but as I got to know her I almost forgot that, because she never let it keep her from singing or from living. Karen embraced life wholeheartedly, and that's how she took to Sacred Harp music. We could count on seeing her down here two or three times a year; I had looked forward to singing with her this week, and I just learned that she was planning to spend most of the summer in Alabama, a dream she'd had for some time."

"Karen knew better than most of us, and certainly earlier, that "the moment when our lives begin, we all begin to die." She knew also how to live as fully as possible. I know she found comfort in these songs and in the warmth and support of the Sacred Harp community. So, too, these comfort us in the loss of those we've loved. Karen wanted her friends to remember her with joy and with singing. Certainly we have cause to celebrate the singers and friends of Sacred Harp, even as we mourn them. Karen and the others on today's list helped show us how to live. Individually and as a community, we are all nourished by their spirits." Kelly House spoke in memory of her sister, Karen, and how much the community of Sacred Harp had enriched their lives and led song on page 318. Mike Hinton made the following remarks. "We Sacred Harp singers gather round a hollow square and raise our hearts and voices in praise to God. What other activity in our lives involves a hollow square? The hollow square seems to be a truly unique aspect of our tradition. Would the music be the same if the class sat in any other configuration? I don't think any of us can consider Sacred Harp the same if the class sat like a choir, for instance.

So, what is special about the hollow square? First, it's a place where we can do things "our" way. We choose a song, we pick the tempo, and we sing a tune. We sing as many verses as we choose. The leader leads friends in praises to our Lord and King. The hollow square is also a place where we watch a leader and we watch each other. We share glances; we shed a tear for a special song. We share each other. We sing together in musical fellowship. We gather in places all across this land and in lands far from here. We share hugs, concerns, celebrations, all within a few feet of this special place, this hollow square. Here we feel the Holy Spirit's presence. Perhaps we are practicing for the day when we'll gather round that eternal hollow square when we sing around God's throne. There is no seat in the room where you can hear Sacred Harp like you can in the center of the square. Sometimes we want to dance or take wings and soar away."

"Today we celebrate the lives and cherish the memories of some of our dear Sacred Harp singers. They have heard God say "come weary dove, here is thy home, come fold your wings and stay." God called Virgil Phillips from Alabama: "Come, Virgil, leave your oxygen tank, here is your home to stay." God called Ed Craig from Texas: "Come, Ed, leave your worn boots and come home to stay." God called Mrs. Dollie DeLong Hudgins to leave family and friends and come home to stay.

I'm told that the last singing my grandfather attended he had three of his grown children there, they had all four parts covered that day. As he sang what was his last song, he walked to each of his children and shook hands with them. That song ended with these words:

Sing a sweet song such as angels may have  
Praise ye the Lord that I'm freed from all care,  
Pray ye the Lord that my joys ye shall share;  
Look up on high and believe that I'm there,



When I am gone, when I am gone.”

The list of deceased was read: Homer Brothers, Virgil Phillips, Alice Williams, Everette Kilgo, Williard Hooper, James Theo Grayson, Ester Wall Brown, Antoinette Swetman, Dr. Clyde Terrell, and Dot Long - Alabama; Dollie DeLong Hudgins, Allene Lambert Stanford, and Lizzie Ralston - Georgia; Alice Kuiper - Illinois; Susan Hildreth and Vivian Roberts - North Carolina; Duward Scarbrough, Ruby Easley, and Neeva Dee Mayes - Mississippi; Patrick Waddell - California; Martin Ambrose - Kentucky; Chris Randgaard - Minnesota; Karen House and Karen Hamilton - New York; Catherine Dorsey - Ohio; Ed Craig - Texas; Tommie Lee Frederick Wigington - Virginia; Leslie Wragg - United Kingdom. Mike Hinton led song on page 235b for the deceased.

Jeb Owen led song on page 68b for the sick/homebound. Chaplain Tom Owen led prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leader: Elene Stovall 440. Elder Jesse Roberts led the prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Dennis George leading song on page 220. Leaders: Karen Ivey 405; Hugh McGraw 413; Jarrod George 358; Dorothea McCowan 304; Pam Nunn 236; Judy Mincey 501; Margie Dietz 312b; Daryl Chesney 163t; Jesse Roberts 379; Carroll Lunsford 153; Odum Hawkins 32t; Helen Brown 446; Rodney Ivey 186; Allison Schofield 448t; Amanda Denson 272.

#### RECESS

Warren Steel reconvened the session leading song on page 179. Leaders: Janice Hecksel 419; Kelly House 556; Lou Cotney 172; Anne Kazlauskas 173; Sharon Kellam 38b; Bradford West 282; Regina Foster 120; Allen Fannin 70b; Matthew Wojcik 56b; Cathryn Baker 361; Freeman Wootten 277; Peter Irvine 378b.

The convention went into a business session to hear committee reports. The Finance Committee, Don Bowen and John Redman, reported that contributions were such that all expenses of the convention were covered.

Resolutions Committee Report. We resolve to give thanks:

Firstly, to our Creator for His wondrous love and His gift to us of the ability to love and care for each other both in our times of joy and during the periods of our trials and tribulations; and assuredly for the hope of heaven we have through His amazing grace.

To the people who take registrations, prepare the food, set up the rooms and the meals, clean up, transport people, and so on. To paraphrase: “They also serve that listen to the singing and do the chores needed.”

To our officers and committees for their tireless efforts that have this convention running so smoothly and allow us to enjoy the fellowship and songs. Also to those special people in the front rows, who assist the leaders to “key” correctly, keep the proper beat and occasionally find an unused song for the day.

To Trinity United Methodist Church for allowing us to use their sanctuary again to sing our songs of praise and adoration, and to the church staff who worked to ensure we would have as few problems as possible.

To the authors of these inspired hymns, the people who kept the songs alive over the years by continuing to sing them in the traditional ways, our ancestors who loved this music so much they would not let it die, and everyone here today who continues to love and cherish these songs and the manner in which the lessons are sung that make Sacred Harp so unique and special to all of us.

To everyone who came by the past three days: Those who sang, those who listened, and those here in spirit while confined by time, distance, and circumstances but sharing with us through prayers and memories.

Therefore, we will further resolve to continue to support Sacred Harp singings and singers in the upcoming years and give our best efforts to meet here next year to sing together and share our fellowship again.

May God keep you in His love and care until we meet again, either on this side of our long sought home, or there with our loved friends who have gone on before to that bright, eternal day.

Resolved this 17th day of June in the year of our Lord 2000.

Sharona Nelson and Richard K. Mauldin, Jr., - Resolutions Committee.

Secretary's Report was given by Kathy Williams: 429 people from 25 states, Washington, D.C., and England registered over the three days of the convention. Of those, 115 leaders were responsible for the singing of 237 songs. The numbers by states and countries were: Alabama 276; Georgia 27; Tennessee 16; Massachusetts 14; Texas 13; Florida 9; North Carolina 8; Mississippi 8; Kentucky 8; Illinois 8; Minnesota 6; California 5; Wisconsin 5; New York 4; Rhode Island 4; Indiana 3; England 3; Washington DC 2; Ohio 2; Connecticut 1; Arizona 1; Oregon 1; New Jersey 1; Maryland 1; Washington 1; South Carolina 1; Louisiana 1.

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 the singers took the parting hand to close the convention. Chaplain Tom Owen led the closing prayer.

Following the singing, a large group of singers made the traditional trip to Alabama Folk Life Festival's City Stages to present a program of Sacred Harp music.

Chairman - Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman - Mark Davis; Chaplain - Tom Owen; Secretary - Kathy Williams.

### **MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL SINGING Addington Chapel, Cullman, Alabama Saturday, June 17, 2000**

The annual memorial singing was held at Addington Chapel on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 31b. Elder J.L. Hopper led the opening prayer. Velton Chafin led song on page 35.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Danny Creel; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams.

Leaders: Hershell King 235b, 101t; Eron White 146; Elder J.L. Hopper 187, 532; Euel Freeman 64, 68; Larry Ballinger 67, 91; Emmie Lou Grayson 33t, 565b; Judy Caudle 150, 120; Elder J.L. Hopper 496, 369 (for Reddie Powell who was unable to stand and lead a song); Travis Keeton 37b, 48t; David Roberson 36b, 186.

#### **RECESS**

Harrison Creel called the class back to order leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Ashley Keeton 216, 340; Cassie Franklin 217, 352, 74t; Chip Ward 74b, 106; Regina Grayson 148, 168; Marie Guthrie 572 (CB), 220; Corene White 171; Pauline Childers 384, 318; Flarce Creel 270, 454, 475; Danny Creel 383, 112; Harrison Creel 111b.

#### **LUNCH**

Danny Creel called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 89. Leaders: Eldagene Roberson 313, 81t; Wanda Capps 436, 142; Ivalene Donaldson 77t; Cecil Sanders 434, 225t; Edith Tate 336, 73; Cindy Franklin

76b, 123t; Ruth Burleson and Marjorie Lee 39t, 452b; Willodean Barton 88t, 460; Elsie Moon 98, 73b; Glenda Hopper 90, 75; Ira Chandler 141, 137; Ann Jett 269, 327, 297; Dewayne Hawthorne 348, 435; Billy Williams 28b. Announcements were made. Harrison Creel and Danny Creel led song on page 275 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Danny Creel; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

**LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Empire, Walker County, Alabama**  
**June 18, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June, and was called to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 56t. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Leaders: John Hocutt 59; Dan Huger 99; Jim Carnes 436; Amanda Denson 217; Pauline Childers 216; Helen Brown 377; Henry Guthery 316; Ginnie Ely 498; John Redman 532; Elsie Moon 395; Joe Todd 373; Don Bowen 475; Gertrude Woods 112; Rosemary Greenaway 47t; Kathy Robinson 48t; D. Jones 154; Gary Smith 565; Janice Hecksel 503.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Jackie Tanner leading song on page 270. Leaders: Cassie Franklin and Harrison Creel 342; Edith Tate 88t; Matthew Wojcik 73t; Kathleen Robbins and Kathy Robinson 480; David Richardson 370; Ann Jett and Cindy Franklin 269; Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, and Cindy Franklin 327; Richard Schmeidler 155; Barbara Swetman 383; Ann Kazlaukas 68t; Beth Todd 39t; Janet Fraembs 421; Sarah Smith 129; Carroll Lunsford 111t; David McGinty 323b; Flarce Creel 384; Harrison Creel 530; Buell Cobb 425; Marcia Tucker and Rosemary Greenaway 551.

**LUNCH**

Harrison Creel brought the class to order with song on page 111. Leaders: Rosemary Greenaway 68b; Norma Ruptier 479; Ginnie Ely 328; Henry Guthery 543, 512; Wanda Capps 569b; Pauline Childers 388; Ann Kazlaukas 196; Matthew Wojcik 95, 189; Janet Fraembs 441; Beth Todd 89; Edith Tate 35; Kathleen Robbins 434, 142; Marcia Tucker 86; Barbara Swetman 127; Kathy Robinson 186; Carroll Lunsford 339; Joe Todd 125; Dan Huger 178; David McGinty 540; Janice Hecksel 107; Henry Guthery 45t.

Harrison Creel led song on page 348b as the closing song. Henry Guthery dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Kathleen Robbins.

**HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Roopville, near Ephesus, Georgia**  
**June 18, 2000**

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. by leading song on page 75. Curtis Rogers led the morning prayer. Hugh McGraw led songs on pages 97 and 448b; Sharona Nelson led songs on pages 63 and 66.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Karen

Rollins; Arranging Committee - Jimmie Denney and Carlene Griffin; Memorial Committee - Sherry Louvorn and Ruth Brown.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 137; Felton Denney 155, 50b; Curtis Rogers 143, 147t; Louise Holland 139, 186; Jimmie Denney 145t, 145b; Sheri Taylor 148, 299; Everette Denney 34b, 84; Josephine Denney 32t, 100; Roy Nelson 316, 283.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 298.

Leaders: Louis Hughes 37b, 138b; Kathy Williams 276, 391; B.M. Smith 313t, 222; Allison Schofield 376, 542; John Plunkett 287, 229; Shelbie Sheppard 110, 296; Bobby Jackson 34t, 378b; Kshama Ananthapura 421, 171; Louis Hughes, Jr. 49b, 112; Randa Rollins, Laura Robinson, Beverly Rollins, Kayla McWhorter, Susan Rice, Roger Harrod, and Dan Harrod 358, 405 (for their grandmother, Vivian Rogers).

Chuck White gave a report on the cemetery and grounds: \$3,182.44 in a checking account; \$6,968.36 Cemetery Fund; \$12,065.19 in a CD (savings).

Improvements to the church were pointed out, and thanks were given to Curtis Rogers for the donation of an attic fan.

#### LUNCH

Felton Denney brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 73t.

Leaders: Joan Denney 339; Reba Norton 177, 208.

Ruth Brown and Paige Harrod gave the memorial lesson. Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, and Sherry Louvorn (children of Lonnie and Vivian Rogers) led songs on pages 340 and 119 for the deceased. Those remembered: J.D. Muse, Virgil Phillips, Karen House, Virgil Eady, Alton Rogers, Mrs. Lois Daniel, Mrs. Kermit Cavender, Joe Rogers, Lillie Belle Ayers, Lutie Neighbors, Mrs. Wendell Rogers, Mrs. Opal Rogers, Syble Yates, Gene Prince, and Lois Denney.

B.M. Smith led songs on pages 318 and 354 for the sick and shut-ins. Louis Hughes closed the Memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 347, 503; Jeff Sheppard 506; Linda Shea 410, 481; Phillip Langley 436, 216; Eunice Webb 122, 430; Oscar McGuire 441, 573; Phillip Denney, Lee Denney, and Kasey Askin 87, 164; Hugh McGraw 98; Allison Schofield 448t; Linda Shea 163t; Sharona Nelson 445; Kshama Ananthapura 61; Elder Lloyd Toney and Allison Schofield 72b, 45t; Alice Edwards 104, 73b.

Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers and Felton Denney led song on page 343 as the closing song. Elder Lloyd Toney dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Karen Rollins.

### **CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church), Natural Bridge, Alabama June 18, 2000**

The ninety-second 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 at 10:00 a.m. by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 48t. Mary Alice Wakefield led the class in the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde; Secretary - Debbie Wakefield.

Leaders: Gene Wakefield 101t; Debbie Wakefield 432, 426b; Alonzo Malone 142, 448b; Julie Tate 37, 39b; Wilton Donaldson 317b, 34t; L.E. Hannah 400 (in memory of Jim Defore), 201; Velton Chafin 97, 144; Margaret Keeton 78, 276; Jim Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 401, 358.

#### RECESS

Gene Wakefield called the class to order leading song on page 138t. Leaders: Ken Tate 480, 569b; Bradley Allen 546; Ivalene Donaldson 61; Willodean Barton 418, 456; Gladys Bonds 475, 378b, 330t; John Merritt 240, 168; family of the late S.L. and Catherine Wakefield (Gene Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Wendell Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadene Willis, Clara Stults, Julie Poston, Faye Donaldson, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, Myril Wakefield, and Debbie Wakefield) 426t, 333, 408, 145b, 421 (in memory of S.L. and Catherine Wakefield, Ganus Wakefield, Clifford Wakefield, Wilford Wakefield, and Fayrene Wakefield),

#### LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 172 and 270. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 460, 434, 331; Chuck Beasley 33b, 235; Pernie Pelfrey 74b; Larry Ballinger 107, 133, 123t; Mary Alice Wakefield 100, 282; Bradley Allen 385b; John Hyde 63, 297, 73t; Cecil Wakefield 159, 268, 134; John Merritt 312t, 403; Larry Wakefield 153, 339, 39t; Betty Baccus, Mary Duncan, Minnie Lee Williams, and Rhonda Wakefield 112, 46, 45t (in memory of Luther and Mary Wakefield and Minnie Lee Bell); Helen Langston, Julie Poston, and Wendell Wakefield 290, 391 (in memory of Wilford Wakefield, Fayrene Wakefield, Clifford Wakefield, and Sim Wakefield), 157; Faye Donaldson 225t, 40; Josie Hyde 507.

Gene Wakefield and Travis Keeton led song on page 62 as the closing song. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Debbie Wakefield.

## **MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Section, Alabama** **June 18, 2000**

The annual singing held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was called to order with Chairman Dennis George leading song on page 82t. Lamar Smith led the morning prayer.

The singing continued with Dennis George leading song on page 75. Leaders: Sandra Jordan 68b, 572 (CB); David Ivey 138b, 101t; Randall Smith 501 (CB), 343b; Boyd Scott 127, 358; Jarrod George 137, 145b; Bud Oliver 39b, 32t; Ruth Hancock 30b, 490; Robert Harper 63, 129, 335; Lamar Smith 76b; Rodney Ivey 40, 354b; Jessica Davis 119, 145t.

#### RECESS

Coy Ivey called the class together leading songs on pages 56t and 30t. Leaders: L.O. Harper, Sandra Jordan, and Coy Ivey 45t; Richard Ivey 37b, 29t; Buddy Davis 146, 99; S.T. Reed 108b, 338; Milton Oliver 270, 275b; Betty Wright 339, 89; Sarah Harcrow 159, 503; Stuart Ivey 475, 182; Henry Johnson 288, 418.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Dennis George leading song on page 299. Leaders: Allison Ivey 138t, 276; Teenie Moody 347; Mary Florence Smith 569; Karen Davis 282, 384; Nate Green and Norma Green 35, 87; Virginia Douglas 49b; Karen Ivey 452; David Ivey 499 (in memory of Colbie and Faye Allen), "Love At Home" (WB) (in memory of Bernice Johns); Laura

Clawson 176t; Tim Eriksen 448b; Elene Stovall 217; Jeff Colby 148; Catherine Oss 61; Peter Irvine 457; Charles Stiefel 47b; Mirjana Lausevic 144; Bradford West 228; Daryl Chesney 454; Kelly House and Tim Eriksen 67; Kelly House and Sally House 72b; Mark Brown 38b; Mark Brown, Ruth Hancock, and Dan Haynes "Sweet Beulah Land"; Coy Ivey and Rodney Ivey "Trusting" (WB). Following announcements, Dennis George led song on page 46, and the class was dismissed with prayer.  
Chairman - Dennis George; Secretary - Sandra Jordan.

**OXFORD SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Seacourt Hall, Botley, Oxford, England**  
**Saturday, June 24, 2000**

The second annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Edwin Macadam called the singing to order at 10:00 a.m. by leading song on page 479.

Leaders: Sheila Girling Smith 228; Mick Verrier 107; Rachel Jordan 155; Ken Baddley 350; Bernard Collard 171; Alan Weeks 34b; Jean Barton and Dave Townsend 377; Adrian Bolge 375; David Atkin 335.

Dave Richardson led a short singing school, and explained the history of the use of shape-notes. A handout of the major and minor scales was distributed, and song on page 33b was sung as an example.

The class resumed singing with the following leaders called: Jenny Ellis and Rachel Jordan 66; Paul Setford 31t; Dave Richardson 448b; Margaret Gillanders 452; David Cooper 324; Ruth Cooper 454; Steve Fletcher 148; Dave Townsend 362; Mandy Townsend 106; Daffyd Charles 146; Helen Brown 56b (for her husband, Ted, who is recovering from a second successful cataract operation the previous day); Ian West 28t; Grace Scrimmour and Helen Brown 504.

**RECESS**

Edwin Macadam called the class back to order leading song on page 236. Leaders: Sheila Girling Smith 474 (for Bruce Randall, in honor of his 2,000th composition earlier this month); Alan Burchard and Mandy Townsend 48t; Sally Jones and Mick Verrier 272; Rachel Jordan 163b; Ken Baddley 99; Bernard Collard 49b; Dave Townsend 383; Adrian Bolge 63; David Atkin 352. Helen Brown said grace, and Sheila Girling Smith led song on page 180.

**LUNCH**

Before the end of the lunch recess, the class was taught "New Invention", a song by Mick Verrier.

The afternoon session of singing began with Paul Setford leading song on page 299; Dave Richardson 94; and Margaret Gillanders 84.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Bernard Collard who led song on page 122. We remembered: Tony Mitchell, George Riddell, Karen House, Ronald Nathan, Bernard Stevenson, Mike Briggs, Lesley Wragg, Ron Thomas, Joan Izzard, Stella Tredwell, and Peggy Woodley.

Ken Baddley spoke of the nature of compassion and led song on page 490 for the sick and housebound. We remembered: Nesrin Boysan, Ted Brown, Ethel Fowler, Jeanne Paine, and Margaret Rogers. The memorial lesson was concluded.

Leaders: David Cooper 36b; Ruth Cooper 288; Steve Fletcher 85; Mandy Townsend 448t; Daffyd Charles 128; Helen Brown 542; Ian West 480; Jean Barton and Bernard Collard 344; Jenny Ellis and Ken Baddley 481; Edwin Macadam 494; Sheila Girling Smith 147t; Mick Verrier 163t; Rachel Jordan 269;

Ken Baddley 515b; Sally Jones, Margaret Jones, and Ken Baddley 569; Bernard Collard 497.

#### RECESS

Alan Weeks brought the class to order by leading song on page 198. Leaders: David Atkins 40; Paul Setford 195; Dave Richardson 473; Mandy Townsend 361.

Announcements were made. Thanks were given to the officers: Chairman - Edwin Macadam; Treasurer - Alan Weeks; pitcher - Rachel Jordan; signs and site organization - Ken Baddley; Catering Committee - Ann Weeks, Jan Green, and Jenny Ellis; Arranging Committee/Secretary - Sheila Girling Smith.

Everyone was invited back next year on Saturday, June 23, 2001.

Chairman - Edwin Macadam; Secretary - Sheila Girling Smith.

### **OLD SONGS FESTIVAL**

**Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, New York**

**Saturday, June 24, 2000**

A one hour book singing was held from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Altamont Fairgrounds in Altamont, New York as part of the Old Songs Festival. Eric Bean called the session to order by leading song on page 34b. A prayer was offered by George Seiler.

Leaders: Guy Banks 441; Dick Levine 300; Heather Klein 106; Gerry Hoffman 101t; Barbara Swetman 114; Chris Haller 84; Anne Kauslauskas 112; Phil Dutton 504; MaryAnn Morrison 344; Jean Seiler 200; Bob Todd 335; Kathy Forrest 178; George Seiler 66; Pat Geritz 523b; Nancy Crawford 99; Ginnie Ely 313t; Laura Timmerman 229; Laura Densmore 299; Will Thomas 209; Eric Bean 47b; Guy Banks 276; Dick Levine 68b.

Eric Bean lead song on page 62 as the class took the parting hand. The session was closed with a prayer led by George Seiler.

Chairman - Eric Bean; Secretary - Barbara Swetman.

### **SHADY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Winston County, Alabama**

**June 24-25, 2000**

**Saturday, June 24**

The annual Sacred Harp singing on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in June at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 37b. John Merritt offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Gene Wakefield and Wilton Donaldson.

Travis Keeton led songs on pages 35 and 75. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 129, 145b; Julie Poston 448b; John Hyde 30t, 39b, 61; Juanita Whitman 208, 137, 155; Amber Springfield 204, 166b, 58; Mary Alice Wakefield 134, 100, 101t; Kenneth Tate 167, 145t, 569; Dawson Adams 77t, 44.

#### RECESS

John Hyde called the class back to order leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Gladys Bonds 74b, 63, 81t; Glenn Keeton 503, 117, 35; John Merritt 294, 312b, 312t; Roma Rice 425 (for Milford Watts), 124 (for Raymond Fannin); Gene Wakefield 138t, 112; Chris Rice 480, 384; Billy Williams 410t; Kenneth Fannin, Ryan Hale, and Adam Hale 340, 40, 68b; Cecil Wakefield 168, 203.

#### LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class to order for the afternoon session with songs on pages 131b and 127. Leaders: L.E. Hannah 187, 398; Carla Morris 183, 143; Joan Gilbreath and Edna Pace 59, 571 (CB); Jennifer Allred 460, 196; Susan Allred 182, 163t; Will Allred, Emily Holcombe, and Rachel Allred 274t, 159; Mary Holcombe 405, 438, 565b; Caleb Allred 87; Carol Fannin 72b; Kermit Adams 391; Leshia Murray 111b, 111t; Nellie Alexander 176b, 176t; Laura Hale 30b, 220; Loretta Whitman 146, 147t; David Beasley 354b, 33b; Josie Hyde 546, 43.

Travis Keeton and John Hyde led song on page 426t as the closing song, and John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.

### **Sunday, June 25**

Chairman Travis Keeton opened the Sunday morning session by leading song on page 56t. Juanita Whitman offered the morning prayer.

Travis Keeton led song on page 343b. Leaders: Dawson Adams 47t, 48t, 39b; John Hyde 168, 314, 313t; Vernice Phillips 112, 100; Juanita Whitman 63, 159; Pernie Pelfrey 312b; Chris Rice 282, 144; Gladys Bonds 399b, 460, 39t; Kermit Adams 283, 400; Barbara Cooksey 143, 155, 61.

### **RECESS**

John Hyde called the class back to order leading song on page 73t. Leaders: Hubert Hood 454, 569b; L.E. Hannah 349, 310; Parnell Berry 278b, 285t; Azilee Adams 337, 317b; Elmer Conwill 31t, 179, 44.

A memorial lesson was held. Roma Rice led song on page 490 in memory of Palmer and Era Godsey, and then led song on page 378t for the following people who passed away during the year: Rosa Hughes, Mertice Hood Graham, Fayrene Wakefield, Jimmy Godsey, and Michael Godsey.

Elmer Adams led song on page 452 for Marie Aldridge and Mae Conwill who are on the sick and shut-in list. The memorial was closed.

John Hyde led songs on pages 288 and 146.

### **LUNCH**

Chairman Travis Keeton brought the class to order for the afternoon session by leading song on page 205. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 78, 138t, 480; Emily Jones 83t, 503, 225t; Roxie Keeton 373; Loretta Whitman 68b, 111t, 111b; Edna Pace, Carla Morris, and Pernie Pelfrey 145b, 145t; Nellie Alexander 124, 340; Cecil Wakefield 134, 208, 209; Viola Young 290, 571 (CB); Betty Baccus 392, 396; Parnell Berry 137.

Travis Keeton led song on page 203 as the closing song. Cecil Wakefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

## **MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH** **Near Fayette, Alabama** **June 25, 2000**

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 Larry Ballinger leading song on page 49t. James L. Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Secretary - Johnny Humber; Arranging Committee - Lomax Ballinger.

Linton Ballinger led song on page 460. Leaders: Buddy Ballinger 354b; Johnny Humber 200; Jimmy Ballinger 410t; Leslie Ballinger 78; Lomax Ballinger 101t; Albert Humber 565; Dwayne Ballinger 110; Jill Ballinger, Amanda Ballinger, and



Anna Litton 454; Larry Humber 274t; David White 155; Beverly Nelson 299; Charles Humber 480; A.A. Malone 183; Sherry Stover 203; Will Thompson, David Ballinger, and Donnie Cooley 123t; Cassie Franklin 95; Etma Barton 298; Gordon Wilkinson 112; Jerry Jenkins and Jennifer Jenkins 108t; Norma Green and Nate Green 40, 129; Ronnie Ballinger 46.

#### RECESS

James L. Ballinger, Gary Ballinger, Jimmy Ballinger, Mike Ballinger, Barbara Cooley, and Diane Anderson called the class back to order with song on page 358. Leaders: Emily Ballinger 477; Loyd Ivey and Coy Ivey 384, 424; Teresa Guyton 143; Edwin Ballinger 142; Brenda Robbins 318; Ken Tate 569b; Chip Ward 74b; Miranda Gilbreath 186; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 36b; Donna Wootten and Shane Wootten 335, 270; Milton Oliver 314; Jeffery Ballinger 340; Dru Nelson, Alana Nelson, Caylor Ballinger, and Kylie Ballinger 45t; Clarence McCool 290; Julie Ballinger, Carol Robbins, Amber Rice, and Larry Rice 405; Dave Ressler 216; Jo Dell Albi 32t; Gene Wakefield 284; Annie Price 349; Teresa Ballinger 217; Chris Ballinger 342.

#### LUNCH

Earl Ballinger called the class back to order for the afternoon session with song on page 283. Leaders: Wayne Baines 59; Mary Alice Wakefield 146; Charles Franklin 319; Lisa Geist 269; Bud Oliver 426t; Eloise Wootten 222; Clayton Ezell 137; Edith Tate 88t; Leon Ballinger 490; Brenda Merritt 475; Rodney Ivey 300; Elene Stovall 99; Max Berueffy 532; Susan Harcrow 436; Marlon Wootten 31b; Ivalene Donaldson and Wilton Donaldson 317; Mark Brown 49b; Cindy Franklin 327; Toney Smith 383; Jeanette Lowry 56b; S.T. Reed 35; Dennis George 198; Jackie Tanner 208.

#### RECESS

Gravis Ballinger called the class to order leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Beth O'Dell 560; John Merritt 499; Chuck Beasley 33b; Julia Poston 101t; Velton Chafin 399t; Dr. Bill Stewart 68b; Ricky Beasley and David Beasley 30b; Tim Cook and Masako Cook 347; John Beasley 47b.

Linton Ballinger and Larry Ballinger led song on page 46 as the closing song. Buddy Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Secretary - Johnny Humber.

### **DELONG MEMORIAL**

#### **Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia June 25, 2000**

The annual DeLong Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was opened with Richard DeLong leading song on page 43. Andy Anderson offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Chairman Richard DeLong 60; Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong 568, 316; Andy Anderson 31b, 479; Brady DeLong 317b, 36b; Eric Tweedy 196, 200; Al Grindon 297, 28b; Don Bowen 517, 510; Liz Bryant 142, 475; Lela Crowder and Jeannette DePoy 277, 569b; Judy Mincey 365; Bobby Bodenheimer and Jeanne Larose 45t.

The business session was conducted with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

#### RECESS

Kenneth DeLong brought the class to order leading song on page 541. Leaders: Carri Grindon 276, 229; Laurie Allison 335, 100; Cathy White 159, 155; Helen Bryson 546, 456 (in memory of Hazel Cagle); John Plunkett 386, 50t; Lee

Rogers 131b, 135; Stephen Latimer 480; Laura Clawson 501, 186; Ashley Roberts 372, 344; Allison Ivey 101t, 273.

The memorial was moderated by Richard DeLong. The flowers placed in the church today are in memory of Dollie DeLong Hudgins and Karen House. Today we are especially remembering Dollie DeLong Hudgins. Hugh McGraw told the story of how he met Ms. Dollie. He spoke of the special bond between Richard DeLong and his grandmother and how she instilled her love for Sacred Harp music in Richard starting at an early age. "It was a pleasure and a privilege to know and have loved her. Ms. Dollie is someone that I'll remember for a long, long time". Hugh McGraw led song on page 58 in her memory.

Jeannette DePoy led song on page 512 in memory of Karen House. Jeannette stated that the words to the song on page 27 came to mind when remembering Karen. Even though Karen knew that her time on earth might be brief, she lived to the fullest time that she was here. Jeannette urged that if we need to build a bridge, tell someone you love them, or mend fences that we do so today and not wait until tomorrow.

Jesse Roberts led song on page 465 for the DeLong family, Katherine Black, and Matthew Black.

Judy Mincey led song on page 50b for the following sick and shut-ins: Paul Allison, Mary Lou Cagle, Herman Thomason, and Violet Thomason. Elder Jesse Roberts offered prayer.

#### LUNCH

Richard DeLong called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 458 and 296. Leaders: Cath Oss 33b, 300; Jesse Roberts 298, 384; Charlene Wallace 385b, 455; Matt DeLong 34t, 213; Jessica Roberts 203, 47b; Juni Wooten 68b, 503; Janice Paulk 448b, 518; Richard DeLong 318.

#### RECESS

Kenneth DeLong called the class to order leading song on page 572. Leaders: Laura Akerman 216, 543; Hannah Roberts 348t, 547; Mike Castleberry 354t; Frances Carnell 106, 269; Andy Morse 86, 183; Faye Pettis, Debra Dunn, and Jan Rogers 421, 380; Eric Carnell 84, 163b; Rachel Carlisle 358, 341; Reuben Ball 497, 290.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led song on page 62 as the closing song. Jesse Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong;  
Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

## **NEW HOPE CHURCH** **Cullman County, Alabama** **June 25, 2000**

The sixty-sixth session of the annual singing at New Hope Church was held on the fourth Sunday in June. Glenn Keeton opened the singing leading songs on pages 32t and 34b.

After welcoming everyone, the class went into a business session to elect officers with the following elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 34b; Eldagene Roberson 30t, 144; Corene White 37b, 73t; David Roberson 340, 275b; Bernice McGough and A.C. McGough 159, 390; Ruth Walker 290, 490; Kenneth Calvert 87, 59; Billy Williams 294.

#### RECESS

Elvin Guthrie called the class back to order leading songs on pages 314 and 369. Leaders: Pauline Childers 234, 424; Sherry Guthery 58, 64; Marie Guthrie 434, 220; Evonne Calvert, Geraldine Crider, and Nancy Tuck 452, 421; Henry Guthery 225b, 225t, 450; Margie Lee Burleson and Ruth Burleson 371, 389; Rachel Allred 489, 274t; Betty Shivers 280, 445; June Cleghorn 218, 217; Judy Caudle 304, 306.

At this time the floor was turned over to the church for a business session and financial report.

#### LUNCH

Chairman Glenn Keeton called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 497 and 496. Leaders: Jennifer Allred 335, 63; Ercyl Vicrine 161, 358; Mary Holcombe 48t, 213t; Lena Keeton 123, 475; Susan Allred 399b, 480; Geraldine Crider, Essie Hollingsworth, and Ophelia Thornton 68b, 143, 361; Shirley McCoy 36b; Carol Fannin 32t, 47t; Eron White 300; Amber Springfield 88t, 391; Elder J.L. Hopper 187, 543; Flarce Creel 297, 503; Harrison Creel 342, 111b, 512; Ruth Burleson and Jane Thornton 145b, 146; Kenneth Fannin and grandsons (Seth, Caleb, and Will Allred) 340, 87, 417.

Chairman Glenn Keeton thanked everyone for the wonderful lunch and everyone who attended. Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton and Elvin Guthrie led song on page 62 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

## HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

July 1-2, 2000

Saturday, July 1

The eighty-fourth session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Convention was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was led by Pastor Tony Ivey.

Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey led song on page 101t. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 97; Marlon Wootten 59; Secretary Norma Latham Green 371; Jackie Tanner 182. Jackie Tanner and Cindy Franklin were appointed as the Arranging Committee. Leaders: Shane Wootten 56t; Rex Wilks 53; Ashley Keeton 196; B.M. Smith 475; Josie Hyde 434; Mike Thompson 178; Ivalene Donaldson 426t; Velton Chafin 573; Tommy McGraw 30t; Cassandra Franklin 217; Travis Keeton 179; Martha Henderson 497.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Tony Ivey leading song on page 176b. Leaders: Mike Dunn 137; Wilton Donaldson 37b; Allison Dodson 348b; Louis Hughes, Jr. 112; Teenie Moody 384; Martha Beverly 274t; Johnny Humber 268; Judy Hauff 172; John Hyde 297; John Plunkett 545; Glenn Keeton 222; Flarce Creel and Cassandra Franklin 546; Teresa Ballinger 110; Judy Mincey 464; Chip Ward 74b; David Ballinger, Lavaughn Ballinger, and Jimmy Ballinger 168; Shelbie Sheppard 148 (requested for Rodney Ivey); Danny Creel 383.

#### RECESS

Dennis George brought the class back together leading song on page 277. Leaders: Amanda Ballinger and Buddy Ballinger 399b; Ted Johnson 404; Eschol Hughes 235; Joe Nall 430; Pauline Childers 480; Jenny Willard 318; Jeff Sheppard 316; Melanie Hauff 34t; Pam Nunn 218; Edwin Ballinger 124; Louis Hughes, Sr. 378b; Wanda Capps 298; Mary Florence Smith 91; Earl Ballinger 331; Marilyn

Burchett 29t; Harrison Creel 498; Jessie Roberts and Micah Roberts (grandson) 460.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with David Ivey leading song on page 203.

Leaders: Hershell King 373; Sandie Scott 408; Ann Jett 327; Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger 81t; Flora Skinner 426, 436; David Carlton 86; Hannah Roberts 146; David Lee 63; Allison Ivey and Richard Ivey 270; Jessica Davis 45t; Sarah Harcrow 299; Amber Springfield 389; Stuart Ivey, Sumner Ellis, Worth Ellis, and Michael Seeley 87; Jarrod George 300; Don Bowen, Randall Smith, and Coy Ivey 454; Karen Davis 282; Allen Fannin, Gayle Dyer, and Allison Dyer 39t; Virginia Douglas 49b; Henry Johnson 267; Kelly House 362.

## RECESS

The singing resumed with Hobert Ivey and Rodney Ivey leading song on page 47t. Ivey Ellis, Karen Ivey, and Pam Nunn led 236 (for Pam Ivey Ellis). The results of the election were announced at this time: Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairmen - Shane Wootten and Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham Green.

Leaders: Nate Green and Norma Green 70t; Laura Clawson 542; S.T. Reed 568; Karen Freund 496; Max Berueffy 328; Susan Harcrow 269; Jerry Enright 349 (for Aunt Woodie Walker); Reba Windom 224; Sam Sommers 473; Joyce Walton 455; John Etheridge and Kelly House 456; Elene Stovall 142; Lynne deBenedette 532.

Following announcements, David Ivey led song on page 46, and the Saturday session was dismissed with prayer by Louis Hughes, Sr.

## Sunday, July 2

The Sunday session was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading songs on pages 32t and 57. The morning prayer was led by Loyd Ivey.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey 48t; Vice Chairman Shane Wootten 37b; Secretary Norma Latham Green 491 (for Mattie Townsel who was unable to attend); Jackie Tanner 144; Linda Sides 285t; Lamar Smith 76b; Genny Whitworth and Homer Whitworth 290; Eloise Wootten 234; Charles Franklin 342; Kshama Ananthapura 69t; Diane Mennella 312b; John Henry Busby "Jesus Died For Me" (WB); Edward Howton 434 (in memory of Mae Seymour).

## RECESS

David Ivey brought the class together leading song on page 200 (for Marie Aldridge, who was ill). Leaders: Joan Aldridge 192; Dewayne Wootten 283; Betty Wright 347; Beth O'Dell 546; Allen Fannin 513; Lynne deBenedette 42; Boyd Scott 58; Lavaughn Ballinger and Loyd Ivey 358; Edith Tate 436; Richard Ivey 343; Cassie Franklin and Jarrod George 384; Lisa Geist 327; Don Clark 350; Cindy Franklin and Cassie Franklin 485; Larry Ballinger 151; Jackson Harcrow 63; Elsie Moon 68b.

## RECESS

The singing resumed with Shane Wootten leading song on page 155. Leaders: Max Berueffy 556; Betty Shepherd 216; Jerry Enright 77t; Donna Wootten and Shane Wootten 74b; Karen Buche 421; Levon Wootten 441; Brenda Merritt 56b.

The Memorial Committee, Henry Johnson and Susan Harcrow, presented the memorial lesson. Henry Johnson quoted from the song "Fleeting Days", then read the names on the sick and shut-in list: Hershell Wooten, Marie Aldridge, Sheila Moon, Mozelle Sheppard, Jap Walton, Ruby Phillips, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Ruby Wilks, Mattie Townsel, Woodie Walker, Mary Stiefel, and Gerlene Gilbert, then led song on page 418.

Susan Harcrow talked about how we miss our friends and loved ones that we have lost and read from 1 Peter 5:10, "That after you have suffered a while, I will make you perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you." Susan Harcrow then read the names of the deceased: Virgil Phillips, Lindberg Lacy, Ester Wall Brown, J.V. Gilbert, Karen House, Karen Hamilton, Julia White, John Cawley, Allene Stanford, Dollie Hudgins, Sherry Thomas, Hazel O'Dell, Patrick Waddell, Rosa Hughes, Horace Batchelor, and Howard Rush, and led song on page 503. Phil Summerlin closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Marty Wootten, Jarred Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamie Wootten 551.

#### LUNCH

Rodney Ivey, Jackie Tanner, and Betty Shepherd opened the afternoon session with song on page 186. Leaders: John Merritt 240; Jeffrey Wootten 542; Flora Skinner 434; Gravis Ballinger 300; Coy Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Allison Ivey 559 (CB); Sam Sommers 528; Brenda Carroll 442; Loyd Ivey, Doug Ivey, Teresa Bethune, Marian Biddle, Candace Bethune, Lindsey Bethune, Martha Underwood, and Lillie Underwood 454, 501 (CB); Phil Summerlin 196; Kelly House 419; Bud Oliver 145t; Karen Freund 411; Tony Ivey and John Etheridge 410t; Darlene Dalton and Cassie Franklin 277; Martha Henderson 383; Mary Ruth Stiefel 268.

#### RECESS

Shawn Carroll called the class together leading song on page 28b. Leaders: Laura Clawson and Cassie Franklin 328; Don Bowen and Rodney Ivey "Trusting" (WB); Reba Windom 572 (CB); Freeman Wootten and Jewel Wootten 565; Jenny Wootten and Britt Mann 85; Syble Adams 336 (CB); S.T. Reed 457 (by request).

Following announcements, David Ivey, Rodney Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Tony Ivey led 146 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. The convention was dismissed with prayer by Elder Tony Ivey.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairmen - Rodney Ivey and Shane Wootten; Secretary - Norma Latham Green.

## **CROSS ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH** **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **July 2, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cross Roads Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in July. Louis Hughes, Sr. called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. with song on page 32t and led the class in prayer. Louis Hughes, Sr. extended a warm and heartfelt welcome to everyone for their attendance, and led song on page 138b in memory of his father, Rev. J.C. Hughes. Miranel Swafford led songs on pages 137 and 348b; Mary Florence Smith 31b, 45t; and Margie Smith 303.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Chairman Louis Hughes, Sr. 61; Allison Dodson 335; Jeff Sheppard 217; Nancy Allen 147; Martha Beverly 344, 503; David Lee 42; Shelbie Sheppard 28b (for Myrtle Smith); Matt Wells 436, 288; Charlene Wallace 276, 441; Eschol Hughes 460, 146; Jimmy Cates 37b, 332.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Louis Hughes, Sr. leading song on page 111t. Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 36b, 294; Lonnie Rogers 318, 225t; Thomas Willard 312b; Randa Rollins 268, 127; Bill Beverly 515b, 66; Melanie Hauff 271t, 536; Matt Garner 63, 333.

Mary Florence Smith conducted the memorial lesson with comments made about songs that are in our Sacred Harp book with thoughts centered on the song "Passing Away".

Marcia Johnson gave a very moving memorial presentation with illustrations from the words in various songs and led songs on pages 345b and 91 to conclude her comments.

Teenie Moody led song on page 146 for the sick and shut-ins, followed by Mary Florence Smith leading song on page 445b. Rev. Howard Locklear, former pastor of the church, closed the memorial with prayer.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with David Lee leading song on page 39t.

Leaders: Kaley Morris 119; Keith Willard 480; Judy Hauff 65, 283; Donna Bell 87, 75; Ted Johnson 101b, 434; Jenny Willard 422, 565; Sloman twins 215, 358; Henry Schuman 28b, 501; Sandie Scott 547, 117; B.M. Smith 99, 499; Carlene Griffin 81, 155; Louis Hughes, Jr. 201; Louis Hughes, Jr. and Allison Dodson 89; Aaron Little 569b, 384.

#### RECESS

Miranel Swafford called the class to order leading song on page 313t. Leaders: Everette Denney, Felton Denney, and Jimmie Denney 405; Bonnie Flowers and Estelle Flowers 284; Earlis McGraw 389; Lois Owens and Eunice Webb 392; Bobby Jackson 34t; Laura Ackerman 192; Milton Oliver 321; John Plunkett 466; Phillip Langley 110; Billy Joe Harris and Evelyn Harris 47t; Inez Chandler and Ceford Wood 290; George Garner 186; James Newman and Elaine Newman 30t; Cynthia Fielder and Herstine Bussey 47b.

Announcements were made. Louis Hughes, Sr. and Miranel Swafford led song on page 46 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Billy Joe Harris.

Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

### **DUTTON, GREEN, AND JACKSON MEMORIAL**

**Liberty Grove Primitive Baptist Church (New Flatwoods Church),**

**South of Nauvoo, Alabama**

**July 2, 2000**

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 36b. Elder Ronald Gilmer led the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee - John Hyde.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 235, 343; Mary Wakefield 39b, 100; Ashley Keeton 274t, 146; Clarence McCool 147t, 47b; Willodean Barton 82t, 101t, 290; A.A. Malone 347, 448t; Faye Donaldson 78, 40; Lena Keeton 566, 496; Beatrice Brewer 460, 298.

#### RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class together leading songs on pages 406, 231, and 285t. Leaders: Pauline Childers 217, 475, 269; Ivalene Donaldson 275, 335; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 318, 73t, 421; Flarce Creel 73b, 44; Julie Poston 30t, 145b; Dovie Jackson 418, 392, 170; Gene Wakefield 168, 112. Harrison Creel offered prayer for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 104 and 61. Leaders: Josh Keeton 142, 503; Wilton Donaldson 31b, 33b; Josie Hyde 234, 477, 225t; Elder Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 128, 378b, 376; Alene Woodley 77t, 83t; Cecil Sanders 512; Harrison Creel 111b; Amanda Denson 334, 145; Janet Jones 490, 390; Chuck Beasley 59, 72b; Ottis Sides 97, 354b; Velton Chafin 49b, 68b; Amber Springfield 299, 276, 391; John Hyde 63, 75. Travis Keeton and Glenn Keeton led song on page 62 as the closing song. Elder Ronald Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

The minutes were paid for by Otis Alexander.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING** **Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama** **July 4, 2000**

The seventeenth session of the Independence Day Singing met at Muscadine Methodist Church on Tuesday, July 4th. Chairman Jeff Sheppard called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. with song on page 32t. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 36b; B.M. Smith 182; Mary Florence Smith 63; and 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 Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 269; T.J. Willard 312b; Don Bowen 99; Laura Clawson 58; Allison Dodson 348b; Bobby Jackson 378b; Jenny Willard 426b; Henry Johnson 435; Betty Shepherd 299; Ted Johnson 419; Leola Smith 111t; Louis Hughes 76b; Kelly House 475; Keith Willard 112; Diane Mennella 564; Coy Ivey 384; Nancy Allen 45t.

#### RECESS

B.M. Smith called the class to order leading song on page 335. Leaders: Melanie Hauff 215; Glenn Keeton 117; Norma Green and Nate Green 501; Marcia Johnson 340; Reba Dell Windom 192; Henry Schuman 432; Judy Hauff 220; Max Berueffy 496; Sandie Scott 551; Martha Henderson 196; Rodney Ivey 480; Marilyn Burchett 231; Jo Schultz 198; Ricky Harcrow 142; Amber Springfield 391; Linda Sides 454.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 123t. Leaders: Susan Green 474; John Plunkett 346; Christine Tweedy 535; Hannah Roberts 157; Eloise Wootten 186; Jesse Roberts 193; Jeannette DePoy 213t; Lonnie Rogers 222.

In observance of the holiday, Lonnie Rogers gave a short talk on the importance of this day and what it should mean to each of us. He expressed what it meant to him to be able to sing with our friends from all over the country. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 110, and Ricky Harcrow dismissed the class with prayer for lunch.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jeff Sheppard leading song on 176b. Leaders: Phillip Langley 168; Susan Harcrow 183; Marlon Wootten 29t; Teenie Moody 298; Everette Denney 161; Eunice Webb 81; Lee Rogers 148; Eric Tweedy 385b; Charlene Wallace 232; Bonnie Flowers 129; Mary Lee Smith 358; Felton Denney 489; Mildred Patterson 87; B.J. Harris 503; Pam Nunn 200; David Carlton 442; Evelyn Harris 47t; Don Clark 212; Estelle Flowers 270; Lewis Norton 30b; Jessica Davis 45t; Earlis McGraw 349; Karen Buche 66; Pauline Childers 546; Laura Akerman 543; Coy Ivey and Elene Stovall 532.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. Jesse Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

## **GIB HALE SACRED HARP MEMORIAL**

### **Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center, Cullman County, Alabama July 5, 2000**

The annual Gib Hale Sacred Harp Memorial singing was held at Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center on the first Wednesday in July. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 59. Hershell King led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35; Corene White 216, 403 (in memory of her late husband, Vernie White); Billy Williams 154, 425; Jo Schultz 85, 73b; John Hocutt 135, 516; Marilyn Burchett 143, 83b; Flarce Creel 157, 384; Elder J.L. Hopper 402, 24, 91; Hershell King 544, 410 (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Oden).

#### **RECESS**

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading songs on pages 47b and 58 (by request, in memory of Luther Parker). Leaders: Betty Shivers 294, 36b (in memory of her father, Otto McCoy, and the other deceased in her family); Sandie Scott 475, 551; Edith Tate 73t, 387; Euel Freeman 64, 33b (in memory of his farther); Carmon Brothers 207 (in memory of his sister, Alice Washburn), 501 (CB) (in memory of Ervin Brothers and in honor of his wife).

#### **RECESS**

The class resumed singing. Leaders: Ruth Smith 335, 146; Hershell King 544 (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Oden); John Hyde 129, 314; Josie Hyde 39b, 43, 454; Tom Schultz 496, 48t; Velton Chafin 45t.

#### **LUNCH**

Velton Chafin brought the afternoon session to order with song on page 97.

Leaders: Cecil Sanders 225t; Eron White 168, 300; Lenita Pender 127; Jo Schultz 107, 81t; Ruth Smith 82t; Marilyn Burchett 40; John Hocutt 321; Elder J.L. Hopper 320.

Announcements were made. We were extremely happy to welcome our out of state visitors from Tennessee and from the country of Canada. Velton Chafin led song on page 46 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Billy Williams; Secretary - Eron White.



**QUEBEC SINGING CONVENTION**  
**St. George's Anglican Church, Lennoxville,**  
**and Community Center, Ways Mills, Quebec**  
**July 7-8, 2000**

**Friday, July 7**

The sixth annual Quebec Singing Convention was called to order at St. George's Anglican Church, Lennoxville on Friday before the second Sunday in July by Chairperson Cheryl Stroud leading song on page 47t. David Dutton offered an opening prayer.

Leaders: Cheryl Stroud 117; Gina Balestracci 28t; Guy Bankes 28b; Dan Hertzler 82t; Laura Timmerman 448b; Bob Parr 200; Kyle Greenlee 198; Leonard Spencer 504; Adrienne Stevenson 547; Jackie Hall 217; Phil Dutton 317; Bobbie Goodell 186; Roland Hutchinson 299; Mary Neville 497; Gina Balestracci 430; Guy Bankes 474; Howard Katz 481; Dan Hertzler 335; Laura Timmerman 146; Bob Parr 142; Cheryl Stroud 183.

**RECESS**

Cheryl Stroud called the class back together leading songs on pages 107 and 106.

Leaders: Leonard Spencer 70b; Adrienne Stevenson 163b; Jackie Hall 528; Susanne Garmsen 178; Phil Dutton 276; Bobbie Goodell 34t; Mary Neville 480; Seth Houston 168; Kyle Greenlee 155; Gina Balestracci 362; Howard Katz 30b; Bob Parr 475. Cheryl Stroud led song on page 312b as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

**Saturday, July 8**

The Saturday session of the Quebec Convention met at the Community Center at Ways Mills, Quebec. Chairperson Cheryl Stroud called the class together with song on page 71. David Dutton offered an opening prayer. Leaders: Cheryl Stroud 86; Roland Hutchinson 484; Bob Parr 228; Guy Bankes 77b; Dan Hertzler 66; Seth Houston 454; Gina Balestracci 143; Adrienne Stevenson 159; Phil Dutton 39t; Susanne Garmsen 65; Leonard Spencer 216; Howard Katz 203; Laura Timmerman 203; Kyle Greenlee 358; Jackie Hall 503b; Lynette Coombs 474; Mary Neville 47b; Jim Nuyens 299; Cheryl Stroud 455.

**RECESS**

Cheryl Stroud brought the class to order leading songs on pages 350 and 354b.

Leaders: Bobbie Goodell 229; Roland Hutchinson "Usher"; John Henderson 146; Don Peabody 49b; Bob Parr 212; Guy Bankes 441; Dan Hertzler 376; Seth Houston 250.

The memorial lesson for those who had passed away and also for the sick and shut-in was given by Cheryl Stroud following which she led song on pages 53 and 68b, respectively.

Leaders: Howard Katz 475; Gina Balestracci 114; Pippa Hall 312b; Bruce Kokerno 84; Phil Dutton 178; Bobbie Goodell 344; Cheryl Stroud 180. The prayer before lunch was offered by Cheryl Stroud.

**LUNCH**

The class was called back to order by Cheryl Stroud leading songs on pages 497 and 268. Leaders: Adrienne Stevenson 76 (NH), "Gibraltar"; Susanne Garmsen 163b; Leonard Spencer 224; Chris Wesolowski 324; Laura Timmerman 535b; Jackie Hall 194 (NH), "Ten Thousand Charms"; Lynette Coombs 504; Mary Neville 48t; Bobbie Goodell 120; Jim Nuyens 33b; Roland Hutchinson 473; John Henderson 31t; Don Peabody 410; Seth Houston 198.

**RECESS**

Cheryl Stroud brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 82 and 300. Leaders: Bob Parr 335; Phil Dutton 216 (NH), "Walpole"; Bruce Kokerno 524; Kyle Greenlee 479; Jackie Hall 327; Guy Bankes 110 (NH), "Jubilant"; Pippa Hall 528; Dan Hertzler 99; Chris Wesolowski 107; Gina Balestracci 569b; Howard Katz 54 (NH), "Election Hymn"; Colin Henein "Hearts Desire"; Laura Timmerman 448t; Seth Houston 217; Sue Hill 162; Dan Keebler 269; Gina Balestracci 288 (for Chuck Neville); Seth Houston 106 (NH), "Smear" (by request of Don Peabody); Phil Dutton 146 (NH), "My Life's a Shade"; Cheryl Stroud 146 (NH), "Millbrook".

Cheryl Stroud led song on page 62 as the closing song. David Dutton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson - Cheryl Stroud; Secretary - Chuck Neville.

## **CULLMAN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION** **Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama** **July 8-9, 2000**

### **Saturday, July 8**

The annual Cullman County Courthouse Singing Convention was convened on Saturday, July 8, 2000 at the Courthouse on the third floor in one of the courtrooms. Billy Williams called the singing to order leading song on page 33b. The morning prayer was given by Robert Bates, Circuit Clerk, who addressed the convention by welcoming everyone and offering an inspirational poem entitled "The Old Bridge Builder".

Leaders: Billy Williams 39b; Elvin Guthrie 81t, 139; Eron White 37b, 73t; Aubrey Tyree 434, 298; Mary Alice Wakefield 335, 56t; Hershell King 426t, 97; Eldagene Roberson 142, 306; John Merritt 300, 528; Kathy Robinson 89, 155; Buell Cobb 390, 235.

### **RECESS**

Glenn Keeton brought the class to order leading songs on pages 85, 192, and 412. Leaders: Gennie Nelms 446, 373; Travis Keeton 131b; Kathleen Robbins 30t, 436; Gene Wakefield 138t, 112; Amanda Denson 168, 203; Eron White 146, 391; Brenda Merritt 336, 475; Euel Freeman 64; Rhoda Norris 187, 177; John Merritt 294 (by request); Judy Caudle 45t (by request).

### **LUNCH**

John Merritt called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 399t and 399b. Leaders: Amber Springfield 389, 380; Betty Shivers 454, 143; Lena Keeton 234, 512; Marie Guthrie 222, 411; Kathy Ponder 164, 490; Lydia Baswell and Velea Dailey 145, 147; Ruth Walker 460, 480; Eunice Kimbrell 43, 69t; Kathleen Robbins 327.

A business session was held. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - John Merritt; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Judy Caudle; Memorial Committee - Eron White and Gennie Nelms. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Corene White and Eron White 384; Elvin Guthrie 268 (requested by the class); Judy Caudle 54, 79, 450; John Merritt 153, 157; Roscoe Knight 100, 127; Buell Cobb 425b; Ruth Burleson and Marie Guthrie 138b; Kathy Ponder 87; Brenda Merritt 426.

Announcements were made. Elvin Guthrie led song on page 521 as the closing song. Aubrey Tyree dismissed the class with prayer.

### **Sunday, July 9**

The Sunday session was called to order by Elvin Guthrie who welcomed everyone and led song on page 49t. Lamar Smith offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 73b; Billy Williams 450, 54; Gennie Nelms 126, 269; Reddie Powell 496, 369; Lamar Smith 76b; Corene White 171, 216; Velton Chafin 127, 225t; Manilia Hudson 30t, 551; Richard Mauldin 72b, 36b.

#### RECESS

John Merritt called the class to order leading songs on pages 176 and 503 (for Thurman Nall). Leaders: Marie Guthrie 113, 280; Randall Smith 343, 300; Corene White 408; Aubrey Tyree 42, 47; Ruth Walker 48t, 73t; David Roberson 220, 196; Aubrey Tyree 208, 189; Edith Tate 155, 371; David Light 192, 436; Eldagene Roberson 354b, 313t; Henry Guthery 100, 101t; Jewel Wootten and Freeman Wootten 106, 426t; Edis Guthrie 349, 172; Willodean Barton 416, 314; Brenda Merritt 142, 430.

The memorial lesson was presented by Eron White. Eron commented that when we come to this part of the convention, it makes us sad, but also glad when we think of the singers and friends who have passed away since last we met. It brings joy to our hearts to know we will be able to sing with them around the Great White Throne. They gave their best to the cause and in the promotion of Sacred Harp singings, and may we never forget them and their memories.

Gennie Nelms read the list of deceased, and Henry Guthery led song on page 420b. Those remembered: Virgil Phillips, Ester Wall Brown, Rosa Hughes, Everett Kilgo, Audie Black, J.L. Oden, Patsy Merritt, Mary Oden, Gertie Knight, Charles Grant, and Stella Stricklin.

Gennie Nelms read the list of the sick and shut-ins, and Eron White led song on page 340. Those remembered: Alpha Black, Ruby Phillips, Thurman Nall, Lou Nall, I.V. Cockrell, Tommye Denson Mauldin, Emma Pirkle, Sheila Moon, Mavis Price, and Marie Aldridge. John Merritt closed the memorial session with prayer. Respectfully submitted by: Gennie Nelms and Eron White - Memorial Committee.

#### LUNCH

Elvin Guthrie called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 74b and 383. Leaders: Amanda Denson 272, 216; Charles Woods 30b, 546; Craig Holms 354, 111t; Judy Caudle 294, 361; Randall Smith 137; Flarce Creel 299, 297; Charles McCraney 143, 129; Velton Chafin 97, 472; Richard Mauldin 146, 63; Bud Oliver 335; Henry Guthery 112, 542; Willodean Barton 290; Amanda Denson 276.

Announcements were made. Elvin Guthrie led song on page 62 as the closing song. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - John Merritt; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

### **BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Oak Grove (near Sylacauga), Alabama July 9, 2000**

The annual Boiling Springs Convention was held at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in the Oak Grove community on the second Sunday in July. Chairman Jeff Sheppard called the class to order with song on page 32t. Elder Bufrey Dean offered the morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 37b; Elder Bufrey Dean led songs on pages 39b and 47b.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Waylon Blakeley; Vice Chairman - Elder Bufrey Dean; Secretary - Chita Blakeley; Arranging Committee - Elder Jonathan Blakeley.

Leaders: Elder Bufrey Dean 46, 490; Elder Jonathan Blakeley 30t, 373; Chita Blakeley 58, 123t; Brenda Dean 358, 369 (in memory of her dad, Elder A.L. Beckett); Hilda Morrison 426, 166b; Jack Nelson 30b, 491.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Elder Jonathan Blakeley leading song on page 72.

Leaders: Bobby Jackson 59, 378t; Dana Williford 147t, 75; Mary Ellen Edwards 101b; Willard Frederick 354, 77t; Shea Kelley 345t, 345b; Gavin Blakeley 108b, 145t; Daniel Dean 39t, 39b (in memory of Versa McCain); grandchildren of Elder A.L. Beckett (Donna Phillips, Dana Williford, Shea Kelley, Dennis Dean, Daniel Dean, and Jeff Kelley) 45t. The morning session was closed with prayer led by Elder Jonathan Blakeley.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Elder Bufrey Dean leading song on page 274t. Leaders: Maudie Frederick 322, 317; Wayne Morgan 73, 67; Kay Dean 323b, 40; Myra Goss 242, 120; Roy Nelson 61, 146; Jo Snodgrass 490, 28b; Lacey Pressley 81b, 145t; Douglas Conn 100, 460; Douglas Conn and his family (Sue Conn, Waylon Blakeley, Chita Blakeley, Jonathan Blakeley, Lacey Pressley, and Gavin Blakeley) 571 (CB); Jeff Sheppard 129, 97; Jack Nelson 294; Bobby Jackson 282; Wayne Morgan 35.

Announcements were made. Waylon Blakeley and Elder Bufrey Dean led song on page 62 as the closing song. Douglas Conn dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Waylon Blakeley; Vice Chairman - Elder Bufrey Dean; Secretary - Chita Blakeley.

### **LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION Zion Church, Eight Miles North of Gordo, Alabama July 9, 2000**

The eighty-third session of the annual Lamar and Pickens County Convention was held at Zion Church on the second Sunday in July, and was called to order by Clarence McCool leading song on page 36b. Glenn Keeton offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Clarence McCool 101t; Wayne Baines 100; George Cox 569t, 303; Travis Keeton 48t, 75; Tim Cook 171, 77t; Josie Hyde 434, 546; Lisa Geist 276, 454; Etma Barton 460, 313; David Gibson 58, 290; Gravis Ballinger 78, 99; Amber Springfield 389, 391; Rachel Richards 490, 82t.

#### RECESS

Toney Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 312. Leaders: John Hyde 39t, 37b; Gene Wakefield 138t, 168; Annie Lou Price 298, 480; Johnny Humber 120, 283; Glenn Keeton 278t, 475; Mary Alice Wakefield 34b, 46; Larry Ballinger 425b, 80b; A.A. Malone 203, 183, 448t.

#### LUNCH

Earline Ellis brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 172 and 349. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 321, 187; Julie Poston 145b, 343b; Paula Faye Springfield 340, 68b; Clarissa Springfield 166, 445b; George Cox 274, 206; Wilton Donaldson 32t, 30t; Ivalene Donaldson 61, 335; Lena Keeton 88t; Lavaughn Ballinger 565, 358, 84; Toney Smith 49b, 35.

A memorial service was conducted by Earline Ellis who led songs on pages 75 and 569 in memory of the following deceased: Fayrene Wakefield, Julia White, Virgil Phillips, Clara Black, Walter Wyers, Rosa Hughes, and Claudine Lancaster.

The singing resumed with David Gibson leading songs on pages 73t, 551, 234, 235b, 45t.

We invite everyone to come again next year on the second Sunday in July. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Arranging Committee - Wayne Baines; Secretary - Earline Ellis.

**MT. OAK METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Six miles northwest of Arab, Alabama**  
**Saturday, July 15, 2000**

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. J.C. Rutledge led the class in 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; Arranging Committee - Lolette King and Carmon Brothers. Leaders: David Light 274t, 176b; Eunice Kimbrell 77t, 129; Sandra Light 143, 354b; S.T. Reed 30t, 31b; Rhoda Norris 318, 460; Irene Jordan 438, 84; Milton Oliver 270, 321; J.C. Rutledge 490, 569; David Roberson 340, 275b; Ramona Light 436, 172; Arvid Holmes 155, 171; Eldagene Roberson 29t, 457; Marie Guthrie 112, 89.

**RECESS**

Hershell King brought the class to order leading song on page 175. Leaders: Jennifer Allred 63, 196; Rachel Allred 274t; Wilda Holmes 384, 145b; Judy Caudle 66, 276; J.L. Hopper 91, 187; Will Allred 274t; Jack Jordan 348b (in memory of his daddy); Susan Allred 138b, 64; Dan Hopper 479, 220; Gennie Nelms 186, 312b.

**LUNCH**

Hershell King brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 82. Leaders: J.L. Hopper 448t, 80b (in memory of his brother, Willard Hopper); Carmon Brothers 207 (in memory of Alice Washburn and Elder J.O. Handley), 441 (in memory of Ester Wall Brown), 176t, 176b; Glenda Hopper 145b, 345t; Will Allred 343; Hershell King 410t (in memory of J.L. Oden); Roy Turrentine 146, 147t; S.T. Reed 144; Jennifer Allred 39t; Rachel Allred 159; David Roberson 222; Gennie Nelms 87; Dan Hopper 85; Judy Caudle 180; Eldagene Roberson 200; David Light 192, 110.

Announcements were made. Hershell King led song on page 290 as the closing song. Dan Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - David Light; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell.

**WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION**  
**Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama**  
**Saturday, July 15, 2000**

The eighty-sixth session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Convention met on Saturday before the third Sunday in July at Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church, and was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading songs on pages 32t and 59.

Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer. Glenn Keeton led song on page 64. The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretary - Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee - Glenn Keeton; Memorial Committee - Richard Mauldin and Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 343, 321; Willodean Barton 391, 354; A.A. Malone 112, 300; Ivalene Donaldson 288; Clarence McCool 159, 225t; Ashley Keeton 196, 299; Tommie Spurlock 298, 376; Emily Jones 303, 329; Richard Mauldin 36b, 551; Azilee Adams 337, 317b; Cassie Franklin 435, 348t.

#### RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class together leading songs on pages 130 and 399.

Leaders: Lena Keeton 176b, 546; Ottis Sides 61, 46; Nate Green and Norma Green 81t, 421; Willie Freeman 127, 123t; Patricia Mauldin 63, 268; Bill Farris 401, 176t; Linda Sides 148, 285t; Coy Ivey 101t, 384; Edith Tate 76b, 73t.

#### LUNCH

Velton Chafin called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 35.

Leaders: Furn Kitchens 338, 333; Josie Hyde 507.

The memorial lesson was held with Richard Mauldin giving a talk. Richard Mauldin and Brenda Merritt led songs on pages 499 and 235 for the deceased:

Elbert Freeman, Virgil Phillips, Rosa Hughes, Karen House, Patsy Merritt, Horace Batchelor, and Audie Black.

Richard Mauldin and Brenda Merritt led song on page 235 for the sick and shut-ins: John Hocutt, Tommye Denson Mauldin, Gene Wakefield, Marie Aldridge, Elsie Beasley, Doris Vickery, Elmer Conwill, Mae Conwill, and Tressie Adkins. Richard Mauldin closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Chip Ward 101b, 327; Margaret Spurlock 108b, 212; Sumner Ellis 82t; Amber Springfield 276; John Hyde 39b; A.J. Mosley 282; Linda Thomas 345b; Thurman Nall 503; Mary Gardner 385b; Harrison Creel 31b; Agnes Farris 378t; Wilton Donaldson 30t; Cindy Franklin, Flarce Creel, and Cassie Franklin 186, 475; Amanda Denson 373; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 142, 358; Elene Stovall 222; Chuck Beasley 33b; Odie V. Horton 426t; Cecil Sanders 460.

Velton Chafin and Travis Keeton led song on page 46 as the closing song.

Donald Flippo dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

### MICHIANA SINGING

#### New Testament Baptist Church, Goshen, Indiana

Saturday, July 15, 2000

The thirteenth annual Michiana Singing was held at the New Testament Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in July, and was called to order by Matthew Lind leading song on page 34b. James Nelson Gingerich led song on page 48t, and Christine Guth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Samuel Sommers 36b; Rachel Miller Jacobs 472; Kent Beck 276; Christine Guth 379; Michael Miller 551; Kate Lind 155; Dean Slaton 498; Mary K. Oyer 236; Roger Williams 298; David Rust 74; Jan Wright 183; John Seaton 47t; Janet Fraembs 480; Bill Beverly 272; Kristin Richardson 195; Luke Jacobs and Rachel Miller Jacobs 59; Becky Browne 299.

#### RECESS

Matthew Lind called the class to order leading song on page 63. Leaders: Ann Miczulski 146; Bruce Holmes 147; Anne Steele 318 Allan Stavely 148; Guy Banks 474; Kit Pfau 56; Natalia Cecire 191; Steve Warner 99; Jacob Affolter 481; Marcia Johnson 222; Dave Ressler 448; Charles Wells 84; Reba Dell Windom 171.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by James Nelson Gingerich with song on page 34t.

Leaders: Jerry Enright 378b; Lori Graber 306; Martha Lang 282; Doug Stapleton

441; Cathryn Baker 384; Jim Helke 496; Julie Vea 528; Suzanne Flandreau 424; Laurel Cornell 569; Jeanette Lowry 168.

Warren Steel began the memorial lesson, read a list of those deceased, and led song on page 285t in their memory.

Suzanne Flandreau read a list of the sick and shut-ins and led song on page 68b for: Marie Aldridge and Ruby Phillips - Alabama; Carole Sawatzky and Dale Phillip - California; Dorothy Garber - Connecticut; Mariam Pasqual, Ed Bales, Sharon Hetler, and Isabel Karduck - Illinois; Frank Bishop and Rosy Stoltzfus - Indiana; John Morris - Maryland; Madeleine Steel - Mississippi; Andra Browne - Missouri; Philip Page, Jr. - New Jersey; John Flandreau - New York; and Bob Scorgie - Wisconsin. Christine Guth closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

#### LUNCH

Rachel Miller Jacobs brought the class back to order with song on page 344. Leaders: Wendy Wahn 269; Molly Williams 81; Charlotte Wolfe 31; Sue Kessell 504; Warren Steel 396; Gary Gronau 137; Al Frank 163; James Page 505; Ted Johnson 419; Joan Aldridge 270; Jen Stanley 122; Richard DeLong 123b; Martha Beverly 216; Ted Mercer 217; Pat Fosberg Smith 532; Lisa Grayson 112; John Hartsough 268; Melanie Hauff 142; Brad Oglesby 39b; Anne Heider 501; Judy Hauff 536.

#### RECESS

Samuel Sommers brought the class to order leading song on page 369. Leaders: Henry Schuman 319; Reba Dell Windom 196; Allan Stavely 61; Becky Browne 192; Brad Oglesby 503; Janet Fraembs 385b; Dave Ressler 455; Richard DeLong 422; Guy Bankes 287; Kit Pfau 129; James Page 411; Jeanette Lowry 215; Bruce Holmes, Suzanne Flandreau, Jacob Affolter, Cathryn Baker, Jim Helke, and Natalia Cecire 347; Samuel Sommers 354b.

Announcements were made. Matthew Lind led song on page 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Christine Guth dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Matthew Lind; Treasurer - James Nelson Gingerich; Chaplain - Christine Guth; Secretary - Samuel Sommers.

## **CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama July 16, 2000**

The one hundred twenty-seventh session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Velton Chafin leading songs on pages 33b, 35, and 42. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Ozella Blackmon.

Leaders: Sherry Guthery 340, 58; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Henry Guthery 120, 112; Tommie Spurlock 430; Bill Farris 176t, 87; S.T. Reed 495, 567; Jarrod George 270, 300; Jarrod George and John Merritt 240, 503; Agnes Farris 491, 274t.

#### RECESS

Harrison Creel brought the class to order leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 91 (for Marie Aldridge), 101t; Ivalene Donaldson 145b; Margaret Spurlock 89, 186; Milton Oliver 314; Clayton Ezell 182, 380; Dewayne Hawthorn 39t, 349; Elsie Moon 348b, 434; Gordon Wilkinson 100, 436; Jewel Wootten 123t; John Hyde 75; Edith Tate 532; Buell Cobb 81b; Wilton

Donaldson 566; Eldagene Roberson 215, 222; Marie Guthrie 280, 411; Sumner Ellis 82t.

#### RECESS

John Merritt brought the class to order leading song on page 438. Leaders: Beatrice Phillips 168; Beth Odell 560, 500; Lavaughn Ballinger 405; Travis Keeton 496; Shelley Capps 84; Willodean Barton 159; Coy Ivey 546, 384; Richard Mauldin 299, 34b; Amanda Denson 421, 277; Andy Grayson 45t, 40; Earl Ballinger 460; Velton Chafin 175b. Richard Mauldin offered prayer for the blessing of the food.

#### LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 318. Leaders: John Etheridge 114; Dennis George 196, 448; Linton Ballinger 81t; Flarce Creel 475; Jackie Tanner and Cindy Franklin 172, 454; Wanda Capps 208; Elene Stovall 142, 192 (for Marie Aldridge); Bud Oliver 345t, 482; Josie Hyde 189, 477; Ann Jett 327, 269; Cassie Franklin 217, 224; Cynthia Franklin 336, 198; Fred Bledsoe 166b, 335; Harrison Creel 378b, 512; Brenda Merritt 376, 137; Henry Guthery 140; Buell Cobb 390, "Mercy Seat".

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 521 as the closing song. Lamar Smith dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Ozella Blackmon.

## KALAMAZOO SINGING

### Kalamazoo, Michigan

July 16, 2000

The second annual Kalamazoo Singing was held at the Wesley Foundation Building on the campus of Western Michigan University on the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Martha Beverly and Bill Beverly leading song on page 59. Samuel Sommers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Samuel Sommers 48b; Ann Miczulski 314; Henry Schuman 546 (for Pauline Childers); Matthew Lind 85; Judy Hauff 283; Roger Williams 210; JoDell Albi 271; Molly Williams 66; Dean Slaton, Cathryn Baker, and Megan Jennings 218; Jim Pfau 371; Jan Wright 171; Ted Mercer 564; Cathryn Baker 91; Bruce Holmes 146; Marcia Johnson 345; John Bealle 543; Melanie Hauff 444; Richard DeLong 370.

#### RECESS

Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly called the class to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Joan Aldridge 198; Guy Bankes 350; Carol Crawford 466; Ben Crawford 49t; Becky Parat 352; Gary Gronau 163t; Reba Dell Windom 76b; David Rust 77t; Kit Pfau 48t; Jim Crawford 268; Christine Guth 373; Ted Johnson 349; Eloise Clark 333; James Nelson Gingerich 454; Wendy Wahn 548; Jacob Affolter 117; Julie Vea 316; Lisa Grayson 430; James Page 216; Lissa Blood 38b; Kate Lind 348; Kris Richardson 497; Sue Kessel 260. Reverend Jeffrey Williams, Chaplain of the Wesley Foundation, led the class in a blessing for lunch.

#### LUNCH

Henry Schuman brought the afternoon session together leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Martha Beverly 274; Bill Beverly 523b; JoDell Albi 383; John Bealle 522; Melanie Hauff 426b; Matthew Lind 515; Judy Hauff and Mary List 334; Judy Hauff 504; Richard DeLong 395; Molly Williams 128; Samuel Sommers 386; Cathryn Baker 472; Lisa Grayson 29t; Jim Crawford 28b; Ann Miczulski



300; Reba Dell Windom 186; Gary Gronau 110; Henry Schuman, Pastor Jeffery Williams and family 475.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly leading song on page 87. Leaders: Roger Williams 174; Joan Aldridge 473; Martha Lang 203; Guy Bankes 297; Carol Crawford 501b; Jim Pfau 278b; Eloise Clark 31t; Kit Pfau 137; David Rust 200; Julie Veal 436; Lissa Blood 170; James Page 284; Jan Wright 299; Ted Johnson 89; Kate Lind 335; Ted Mercer 376; Christine Guth 201; James Nelson Gingerich 448b; Sue Kessell 269; Jacob Affolter 212; Dean Slaton 500; Kris Richardson 217; Doug Stapleton 440; Bruce Holmes 267. Martha Beverly offered the following resolutions. Thanks to all the singers for coming from near and far; to Grace Flesche, the kitchen wizard; to all those who provided our excellent lunch; and to Pastor Jeffery Williams for providing us the use of this excellent facility.

Announcements of upcoming singings were made. Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly led song on page 46 as the closing song. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons - Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly; Treasurer - Ann Miczulski; Secretary - Henry Schuman.

### **COTACO CONVENTION**

#### **Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Gum Pond, Alabama Saturday, July 22, 2000**

The one hundred-twelfth session of the Cotaco Convention was called to order by Vice Chairman Daniel Hopper leading song on page 138b. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper. Dan Hopper led songs on pages 213t, 399t, and 388.

Dan Hopper then called for a business session. A motion and second was made to retain the same officers for the convention: Chairman - Buckley Hopper; Vice Chairman - Daniel Hopper; Secretary - Judy Caudle. Jonathon Thompson was appointed to act as the Arranging Committee. The business session was closed. Leaders: Buckley Hopper 39t, 49b; Arvid Holmes 49t, 32t; Steve Cobbs 285, 460, 480; Hershell King 384, 67; Brandon Thompson 274t, 335; Carmon Brothers 122, 123t, 312b; Marie Guthrie 222, 137.

#### RECESS

The class was reassembled by Buckley Hopper leading song on page 300. Leaders and selections: Nancy Thompson 65, 40; Wilda Holmes 501 (CB), 295b; Clayton Ezell 39b, 390; David Roberson 87, 146; Rhoda Norris 317, 322; Bud Oliver 145b, 30t, 47t; Eunice Kimbrell 421, 37b; Judy Caudle 66, 108b (by request). Prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Buckley Hopper leading song on page 268. Leaders and selections: J.C. Rutledge 401, 420; Glenda Hopper 425, 343; Uel Freeman 64, 127; Ruth Walker 112, 208; Gordon Wilkinson 217, 475; Eldagene Roberson 175, 81t; Margie Lee and Ruth Barton 72b, 143; Ron Crocker 33t, 48t; John Turentine 77t, 133; Billy Williams 448b, 299; Jonathon Thompson 448t, 313t; J.L. Hopper 317, 326. The chairman gave the opportunity for anyone desiring to host the next session of the convention to make their request known. None were received, so the 113th session of the singing will remain with Gum Pond Church for July 2001.

Buckley Hopper led song on page 489 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer offered by Elder Daniel Hopper.

Chairman - Buckley Hopper; Vice Chairman - Daniel Hopper; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

## MARILOU AND DON JOLLY MEMORIAL

Poway, California  
Saturday, July 22, 2000

The fourth 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 session was called to order by Janice Hecksel leading song on page 276. The morning prayer was offered by Midge Harder. Jon Giles led song on page 37b, and Jerry Schreiber led song on page 35.

A motion was made and seconded to go into a business meeting. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Janice Hecksel; Vice Chairman - Carroll Lunsford; Secretary - Jerry Schreiber; Chaplain - Midge Harder; Arranging Committee - Carla Smith; Resolutions Committee - Betty Herman and Anitra Gendreau.

Leaders: Janice Hecksel 503; Carla Smith 70t, 57; Midge Harder 52t, 532; Carroll Lunsford 426t, 162; Betty Herman 71, 40; Thomas Willard 36b; Rick Russell 48t, 192; Jenny Willard 318, 32t; Chris Thorman 448t, 448b.

### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Carroll Lunsford leading song on page 282.

Leaders: Marcia Tucker 551, 143; Keith Willard 144, 297; Marion Black 148, 479; Laura Russell 524, 201b; Janice Hecksel 481; Jerry Schreiber 442; Carla Smith 202; Jon Giles 203; Midge Harder 300; Carroll Lunsford 111b; Betty Herman 430; Thomas Willard 145b; Rick Russell 200; Jenny Willard 434.

### RECESS

The class was called together by Carroll Lunsford leading song on page 225t.

Leaders: Chris Thorman 569b; Marcia Tucker 86; Marion Black 56b; Keith Willard 80t; Laura Russell 60; Janice Hecksel 127.

Jerry Schreiber led "The Gwehelog Grace" (new composition by Chris Gardner) which served as the grace before lunch.

### LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Carroll Lunsford leading song on page 89.

Leaders: Pat Keating 182; Betty Herman 29t; Rick Russell 99; Keith Willard 112; Chris Thorman 422; Laura Russell 61; Jenny Willard 349; Ron Huss 311; Jon Giles 172; Marion Black 210; Jerry Schreiber 254; Midge Harder 324; Janice Hecksel 178; Marcia Tucker 180; Carroll Lunsford 322; Carla Smith 369.

### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Carroll Lunsford leading song on page 123.

Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 159; Karen Huss 236; Jenny Willard 302; Pat Keating 173; Rick Russell 270; Betty Herman 545; Keith Willard 278b; Laura Russell 399b; Chris Thorman 179; Ron Huss 534; Jon Giles 215; Marcia Tucker 497.

### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Carroll Lunsford leading song on page 141.

Leaders: Pat Keating 65; Marcia Tucker 163b; Betty Herman 49b; Rick Russell 566; Laura Russell 83t; Jerry Schreiber 457; Jenny Willard 53; Keith Willard 217.

Committee reports were called for.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following report:

First, we thank the San Diego singers for hosting this singing and for inviting all of us to join them in this wonderful memorial to Marilou and Don Jolly. Our

thanks, also, to the City of Poway and to Old Poway Park for allowing us to use these facilities.

We give our thanks and appreciation to the people that cooked and brought food for our delicious noon meal.

We thank Janice Hecksel for her work as today's chairman, Carla Smith for doing the arranging, Jerry Schreiber for serving as secretary and everyone who worked to make the singing such a success.

And we thank all the singers who came from near and far to sing today. Finally, we resolve to come together again here in Old Poway Park in January 2001 for the All-California Sacred Harp Convention.

Janice Hecksel led song on page 46 to conclude the session, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer by Midge Harder.

Chairman - Janice Hecksel; Vice Chairman - Carroll Lunsford; Secretary - Jerry Schreiber.

## **MT. ZION MEMORIAL**

**Mt. Zion, Georgia (off Hwy. 16)**

**July 22-23, 2000**

**Saturday, July 22**

The one hundred-eighth 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.

The class was called to order by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 75. Elder Homer Benefield led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 106, 81t; Judy Henry 79, 205; Earlis McGraw 225t (for his mother, Gladys McGraw), 271; Cindy Cole 268, 117; Hugh McGraw 124, 287; Mildred Patterson 319, 141; Felton Denney 347, 31t; Reba Dell Windom 85, 145t; John Plunkett 512, 521; Katherine Benefield 111t.

### **RECESS**

The class was called together by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 70t.

Leaders: Miranel Swafford 32t, 348b; Jimmie Denney 46, 313t; Sheri Taylor 332, 324; Bobby Jackson 59, 569b; Josephine Denney 143, 45t; Eric Tweedy 122, 142; Lee Rogers 32b, 217; Don Bowen 77b, 303; Reba Norton 282, 177; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Rev. Lloyd Toney 100; Everette Denney 84, 335.

### **LUNCH**

The class was called together by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 36b.

A motion was made and duly seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary/Arranging Committee - Charlene Wallace; Memorial Committee - Judy Henry and Carolyn Huckleba; Chaplain - Hugh McGraw.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 33b, 298; Charles Woods 82, 503; Shelby Sheppard 263; Kenneth DeLong 301, 568; Jeannette DePoy and Lela Crowder 542, 39b; Jeff Sheppard 294 (in memory of Ronnie Watkins), 222 (for Vivian Rogers); Richard DeLong 370, 458 (in memory of Buford McGraw); Judy Mincey 410, 494; Nick Pasqual 565; Amber Springfield 285t, 276; Glenn Keeton 475, 365; Eunice Webb 317, 373; Alice Bejnar 551; Tor Bejnar 361, 401; Jan House 384, 495; Myron House 227, 234; Bernard Denney 112, 299; Nick Griffin 127, 164; Danny Griffin 55, 498 (for Vivian Rogers and Lonnie Rogers); Nick Pasqual 61 (by request).

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw led song on page 76b as the closing song. Hugh McGraw dismissed the class with prayer.

## **Sunday, July 23**

The class was called to order by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 60. B.J. Harris led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 506, 146; Charlene Wallace and Carolyn Huckeba 283, 333; Judy Henry 74b, 117; Carlene Griffin 155, 171; Don Bowen 157, 99; C.W. Garner 182, 285t; Margie Smith 499, 225t; Andy Anderson 88b, 70b; Evelyn Harris 87, 30t; Roy Nelson 498, 434; Scott DePoy 47b, 384.

### **RECESS**

The class was called together by Hugh McGraw leading song on page 93.

Leaders: Bobby Jackson 348b, 290; Tokay Shumake 68b, 72b; Bud Oliver 332, 42; Diane Avery 312b, 300; Rodney Ivey 144, 270; Eunice Webb 569b, 480; Elder Marshall Avery 74b, 278b; Helen Bryson 568, 27; B.M. Smith 318, 475; George Garner 454; Laura Jones 63, 53; Nancy Allen 354; B.J. Harris 503, 303. Judy Henry conducted the memorial lesson and led songs on pages 235 and 347 in memory of the deceased: Cortez McGraw, Ellie McGraw, Alene Stanford, Don Wilkerson, and Ed Caldwell.

For all the sick and shut-ins, Phillip Langley led song on page 146. John Plunkett led song on page 125. Rev. Hammett Evans closed the memorial, and led the blessing for the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session resumed with Earlis McGraw leading song on page 544.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 428, 423; Amber Springfield 170, 391; Henry Johnson 77t, 267; Shelbie Sheppard 484, 211; Glenn Keeton 178, 30b; Raymond Hamrick 402, 54; Louis Hughes, Sr. 403, 378b; Nick Pasqual 56b, 338; Richard DeLong 397, 429; Judy Mincey 34t, 497; Oscar McGuire 473, 336.

### **RECESS**

The class was called together by Tommy McGraw leading songs on pages 37b and 441. Leaders: Sheri Taylor and Laura Frey 438, 163b; Sharon Hamrick 269, 163b; Laura Akerman 189, 192; Mary Florence Smith 163t, 440; Jeannette DePoy 44, 441; Cindy Cole and Brady Cooke 142, 436; Karen Reeves 335, 274; Richard Driver 472, 40.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw, Phillip Langley, and Hugh McGraw led song on page 62 as the closing song. Hugh McGraw dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

## **MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE SINGING**

### **Hamilton, Alabama**

### **July 23, 2000**

The eighty-sixth session of the Marion County Courthouse Sacred Harp Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in July, and was called to order by Estes Jackson leading songs on pages 31b and 33b. Lavaughn Ballinger led the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde.

Leaders: Estes Jackson 39b; Lavaughn Ballinger 32t, 30t, 35; Alonzo Malone 110, 127, 142; Ivalene Donaldson 77t, 81t, 335; Clarence McCool 208, 111b, 569b; Juanita Whitman 108t, 56t, 46; Loretta Whitman 43, 82t, 129; Wilton Donaldson 317, 146, 480.

### **RECESS**

Elmer Conwill called the class back to order with song on page 379. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 99, 101t, 300; Travis Keeton 418, 426t, 290 (for A.C. McGough); John Merritt 438, "Delusion", 294, "Travelers Rest"; Nellie Alexander 108b, 340, 490; Beatrice Phillips 100, 112.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 499. Leaders: Paul Frederick 36b, 200, 336; Earl Ballinger 338, 224, 171; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 137, 373; Julie Poston 145b, 166, 343; Rashmi Becker 45t, 47b, 76b; Andrew Grace 63, 155, 68b; Brenda Merritt 144, 430; Amanda Denson and Morgan Whitman 39b, 345t, 345b; Chuck Beasley 111t, 235; Julietta Haynes 209, 216, 215; Josie Hyde 284, 102 (for Gene Wakefield who is in the hospital), 234; John Hyde 61, 73t, 297; Larry Ballinger 425, 119; Erselle Jackson 277. Estes Jackson and Elder Bobby Payne led song on page 75 as the closing song, and Elder Bobby Payne dismissed the class with prayer.

We thank Estes Jackson for paying for the minutes.

PLEASE NOTE: This singing has been discontinued.

Due to our sponsors dropping out, and the ladies not being able to use the dining room to feed the singers in, we are forced to call the singing off.

We want to thank everyone who has helped in any way over the years to keep this singing going. A special thanks goes to Marie Aldridge and her late husband, D.M. Aldridge, for their support, and untiring efforts over the last years to keep this singing going. May God bless each of you....Estes Jackson.

Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

## **YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION** **Town Hall, Leyden, Massachusetts** **Saturday, July 29, 2000**

The twentieth session of the Young People's Convention was held in Leyden Massachusetts on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July.

Tim Eriksen brought the class to order leading song on page 448b. Leaders: Eric Morgan 340; Allison Schofield 142; Kara Morin 178; Peter Irvine 171; Kelsey Wessels 442; Kelly House 32t; Bradford West 228; Richard Ivey 182; Matthew Wojcik 68b; Gina Balestracci 29b; Laura Timmerman 34b; Phil Tyler 101t; Gary Smith 569b; Jessica Holland 362; Bryant Lee 63; Allen Fannin 445b; Kate Richardson 384; George Seiler 480.

#### RECESS

Jim Desmond brought the class to order leading song on page 276. Leaders: Cath Oss 318; Jeff Colby 496; Sarah Harcrow 186; Bill Holt 376; Barbara Swetman 125; Hannah Lee and Rachel Lee 145b, 312b; Bob Snope 122; Chris Noren 217; Diane Mennella 211; Guy Bankes 532; Lydia Vernon-Jones 95b; Ginny Landgraf 447; Kathy Lee 36b; Lynne deBenedette 430; Gerry Hoffman 69t.

Kelly House conducted the memorial lesson and spoke about the continuity of love in this community that had brought us together. Mirjana Lausevic led song page 335 for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were: George Belliveau, Elsie Lawless, and Donald Lawless - Massachusetts; Ilmar Knets, Richard Morganson, Dot Garber, and Susan Garber - Connecticut; Mia Finbinder, Michael Nevenche, and Bryce Butler - New York; Muriel Parker - Maryland; Vedio Touchstone, Myrtle Smith, Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, Lonnie Rodgers, and Vivian Rodgers - Georgia; Ruby Phillips - Alabama; Elsie Allen - California.

Kelly House spoke about her sister, Karen House, and the comfort she received from this singing and led song on page 475 in memory of the deceased. Those remembered were: Fred Pidgeon, Katherine Brooks, Peggy Sibley, and Tom Lapan - Massachusetts; Bill Ackerman - Vermont; Ed Wright - New Hampshire; Karen House and Karen Hamilton - New York; Raymond Clark - Maine; Carolyn Abrahms - New Jersey; Frances Hoffman and Doris Rouark - Maryland; Dolly Hudgins and Allene Stanford - Georgia; Dr. Clyde, Rosa Hughes, and Virgil Phillips - Alabama; Ben Hertzler - New Mexico; Arthur Allen and Ursula Rauskolb - California; Roland Venier - France. The memorial lesson was closed. Tim Eriksen led a prayer of thankfulness for rich and deep blessings, fellowship, and endless grace.

#### LUNCH

Eric Morgan called the class to order by leading song page 59. Leaders: Mary Ellen Donaldson 163t; Eliza Cavanaugh 203; David Lee 82t; Kshama Ananthapura 319; Dennis O'Brien 304; Susan Bingham 361, Sarah Beasley Smith 129; Andrew Doucet 285t; Tom Metzger 383; Bill Dunn 160b; Karen Lusardi 106; Lauren Ciancio 183; Oona Coy 501; Martha Lang 48t; Seth Holloway 388; Inga Knets 99; John Brode 57; Rani Arbo and Kshama Ananthapura 56b; Richard Schmeidler 254.

A business meeting was held to hear the committee reports.

Treasurer Kara Morin reported that the generous donations collected surpassed the costs of the convention.

Secretary Allison Schofield reported that there were 143 people registered from 18 states, plus the United Kingdom and Canada with 73 leaders leading 79 songs.

Bradford West gave the Resolutions Committee Report with thanks and acknowledgements given to the following people:

- 1) The officers and committee members for their contributions to the singing;
- 2) Laura Timmerman for bringing us to her hometown of Leyden, Massachusetts;
- 3) Everyone who cooked the wonderful lunch;
- 4) Dan Richardson for recording the singing;
- 5) George Seiler, the Beasley Memorial Fund, and many other personal gifts given to help people travel to the singing.

By unanimous consent the excess convention funds were set aside to help pay for traveling to next year's Young People's convention.

Leaders: Tim Eriksen 245; Dan Hertzler 47b; Anne Kazlauskas 201; Leyland del Re 291; Ariel Weinberg 547; Colin Henein 347; Paula McGray 156; Louis Freilicher 300; Bobbie Goodell 120; Anne Pratt 282; Paul Butler 314; Laura Clawson 112; Ginny Ely 215; David Lee for Joan Frankel 414; Mary Ann Morrison 479; Susan Waters 272; Patricia Geritz 31t; Lyra O'Brien 94; Linda Shea 535; Tim Eriksen 448t. Tim Eriksen led song on page 62 as the closing song. David Lee closed the singing with a prayer of thankfulness.

Chairman - Timothy Eriksen; Vice Chairman - Eric Morgan; Treasurer - Kara Morin; Secretary - Allison Schofield.

### UNION MUSICAL CONVENTION

**Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia**

**July 29-30, 2000**

**Saturday, July 29**

The one hundred thirty-second session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Vice Chairman John Plunkett leading song on page 49t. Kenneth DeLong offered the morning prayer.

Richard DeLong led the following songs for the introductory lesson: 90, 103, 102, 109, 271t, 511, 395, and 396.

Leaders: Faye Pettis 498, 61; Andy Anderson 178, 117; Bill Hollingsworth 551, 236; Andy Morse 448t, 455; Chris Tweedy 369, 535.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by John Plunkett leading song on page 276, and Helen Bryson leading songs on pages 428 and 522.

On orderly motion, the convention entered into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - John Plunkett; Vice Chairman - Scott DePoy; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson; Memorial Committee - Kenneth DeLong and Jeannette DePoy; Locating Committee - Helen Bryson; Finance Committee - Don Bowen and Andy Anderson; Resolutions Committee - Richard DeLong and Eric Tweedy; Chaplain - Jesse Roberts; Arranging Committee - Judy Mincey and Faye Pettis.

Under new business - Richard DeLong asked the class to consider changing the date of the convention from the first fifth Sunday and Saturday before after the 4th of July to the first fifth Sunday and Saturday before after Labor Day. A short discussion was held. The business session was closed.

Leaders: John Plunkett 463; Susan Roberts 146, 40; Carlene Griffin 155, 448b; Don Bowen 37b, 521; Everette Denney 335, 405; Jack Corley 332, 340; Violet Thomason 112, 318, 358.

#### LUNCH

Scott DePoy called the afternoon session to order with song on page 45t. Leaders: Eric Tweedy 183, 532; Jeannette DePoy 142, 456; Jesse Roberts and Micah Roberts 480, 192; Judy Mincey 475, 516; John Hollingsworth 147t, 196; Allison Ivey and David Ballinger 454, 300; Scott DePoy and Jerrod Dall 497, 32t; Charlene Wallace 49b, 63; Lela Crowder 34b, 452; Richard DeLong 72b.

As there were a number of visitors present, Richard DeLong gave a short talk on the history of Sacred Harp and a the history of the convention. Visitors were encouraged to stand in the square with leaders.

#### RECESS

John Plunkett called the class to order leading song on page 168. Leaders: Kenneth DeLong 316, 34t; Helen Bryson 163t; David Ballinger and Allison Ivey 384, 270; Violet Thomason 189, 343; Faye Pettis 447, 105; Andy Morse 99; Jesse Roberts 380; Jerrod Dall 515.

Announcements were made. John Plunkett led song on page 46 as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer.

#### Sunday, July 30

The day of singing began with Chairman John Plunkett leading songs on pages 77b and 82b. Loy Garrison offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Scott DePoy 82t, 123b; Richard DeLong 35, 123t; Andy Anderson 49t, 479; Helen Bryson 217, 205; Loy Garrison 74t, 171; Everette Denney 61, 274t; Laura Akerman 224, 170; Don Bowen and Jerrod Dall 515 (for Lee Rogers), 348b (in memory of Don's father, Mr. E.C. Bowen); Eric Tweedy 277, 200; Jeannette DePoy 475 (for her husband, Scott DePoy), 56b.

#### RECESS

Scott DePoy brought the class to order leading song on page 159. Leaders: Jack Corley 421, 430; Charlene Wallace and Kay Mauvahill 40, 101t; Faye Pettis and son, Wayne Day 235, 45t; John Hollingsworth 460, 186.

The memorial lesson was led by Jeannette DePoy with comments of how difficult it is to imagine singings without those that we remember today. At all memorial lessons, we remember those singers who have gone on before.

Richard DeLong spoke of his grandmother, Mrs. Dollie Hudgins, and how she had accomplished the introducing of Sacred Harp and the musical tradition to him. He spoke of the special bond that he shared with her, and that they shared a friendship not often found today between grandchildren and grandparents. Richard DeLong led song on page 285t for the deceased: Dollie Hudgins, Karen House, Virgil Phillips, Ray Richard's sister, Don Wilkerson (Oklahoma), and Flora Bells.

Jeannette DePoy spoke of the prayer that is always answered: Thy will be done. Jesse Roberts quoted from the scripture, Romans Chapter 8, and led song on page 229 for the sick and shut-ins: Herman Thomason, Euna DeLong, Elder Roy Davis, Mary Davis, Charlotte Allison (Doug Allison's mother), Mozelle Sheppard, and Jack Smith. Loy Garrison closed the memorial with prayer.

#### LUNCH

John Plunkett began the afternoon of singing with song on page 64. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 57, 276; Jesse Roberts 320, 351; Stephen Latimer 178, 455; Susan Roberts 344, 155; David Yeager 68b, 72b; Kenneth DeLong 338, 301; Hannah Roberts 86, 181; Judy Mincey 50b, 454; Richard DeLong 494 (by request).

#### RECESS

Scott DePoy called the class to order by leading song on page 179. Leaders: Andy Anderson 63; Helen Bryson 532; Kevin Webb 457, 401; Wayne Day 383; Loy Garrison 498; Everette Denney 405; Laura Akerman 499; Don Bowen 347; Eric Tweedy 442; Jesse Roberts 153.

The class was called into a business session. Richard DeLong put forth the following motion: to change the date of the convention to be the first fifth Sunday and Saturday before after Labor Day. The reasoning is that on this date, there would be less conflict with other singings and enable more support for this convention. The motion was seconded and passed by the class.

Locating Committee - Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church will sponsor the convention to be held at Sweetwater Chapel on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in September 2001.

Finance Committee - The collection for both days was \$270.37. Total on account before expenses was \$3,327.96. After expenses were deducted, the total on account is \$3,448.33.

Resolutions Committee - The one hundred thirty-second meeting of the Union Musical Convention in convention these 29th and 30th days of July, A.D., 2000,

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS: The tradition of shape note singing has survived on this continent for more than 200 years; and

WHEREAS: During those two centuries, countless thousands of souls have been supported, strengthened, and inspired by the divine poetry of the Christian faith set with music suitable for the uplifting of the heart and the human spirit; and

WHEREAS: The Sacred Harp has for 155 of those years comprised a collection of the finest specimens of the tune writers art representing all that is true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous, and praiseworthy; and

WHEREAS: The fellowship, kindness, and camaraderie of Sacred Harp singing are openly available to all who would partake regardless of age, race, gender, or experience; and

WHEREAS: We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses of those who have gone before, who sought the old paths and walked therein, who through a community that transcends the bounds of time and place continue to teach us how to walk even today; and



WHEREAS: The Union Musical Convention has propagated the Sacred Harp tradition through annual conventions for the past 130 years; and  
WHEREAS: The loving memory of those Sacred Harp singers that have been members of this convention but who now wait for us to join them, forms in us a sacred obligation to celebrate their memory by continuing in their means of expression of faith;  
THEREFORE: Be it resolved by this convention and all present:  
That the Union Musical Convention continue to carry forward the tradition of Sacred Harp singing by meeting annually for that purpose;  
That all present and associated with the convention strive to perpetuate not only the tradition of Sacred Harp singing but also the spirit of goodwill and faith that attends it;  
That we honor those who delivered the heritage to us by passing the tradition down to succeeding generations; and  
That we honor our Creator through our singing, and our care and love for each other.  
RESOLVED this 30th day of July, A.D., 2000; To GOD be the praise and the honor and the glory forever. Amen. Submitted by Eric Tweedy.  
The reports were accepted into the minutes. The business session was closed. Announcements were made. John Plunkett, Scott DePoy, and Helen Bryson led song on page 62 as the closing song. Jesse Roberts dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - John Plunkett; Vice Chairman - Scott DePoy; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

**LACY'S CHAPEL**  
**Henagar, Alabama**  
**July 30, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Lacy's Chapel on the first fifth Sunday after July 4th was called to order by Reba Dell Windom leading songs on pages 59 and 82. Clarke Lee led the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Ivey 30b (in memory of Noah Lacy), 208 (for Aunt Woodie Lacy Walker); Rodney Ivey 182; Norma Green 101b; Dennis George was appointed as the Arranging Committee and led songs on pages 277 and 224; Elene Stovall 436, 217 (for Marie Aldridge); Roy Nelson 236; Mary Ruth Stiefel 322; Mattie Townsel 313t, 61; Linton Ballinger 81t; Cassie Franklin 276, 186; Betty Wright 457, 323b; Scott Ivey 47t; Loyd Ivey 283, 340; Jackson Harcrow 63, 68b.

**RECESS**

Rodney Ivey brought the class back together leading song on page 101t. Leaders: Henry Johnson 267, 70b; Mary Elizabeth Lee 388, 40; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 36b; Randall Smith and Rodney Ivey 137; Louis Hughes, Sr. 406; Karen Ivey 349; Karen Ivey and Coy Ivey 384; Phil Summerlin 64, 97; B.M. Smith 448b, 475.

Rev. Joe Owens, pastor of the church, quoted some scripture and gave a brief talk. Joe Owens and Rodney Ivey led song on page 45t.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 347; Milton Oliver 222; Tony Ivey 49t, 477; Nate Green and Norma Green 75.

**LUNCH**

David Ivey brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 120.

Leaders: Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 56t; Bud Oliver 383 (remembering Lawrence Underwood), 39b; Betty Shepherd 126, 216; Debra Morton, Betty Shepherd, Reba Dell Windom, and Rodney Ivey 299, 144 (in

memory of Lindberg Lacy); Eloise Wootten 426b; Max Berueffy 112, 532; Susan Harcrow 200, 430; Linda Sides 542, 454; Clarke Lee 147t, 99; Wayne Wootten 445; Margie Smith 393.

#### RECESS

Shane Wootten called the class together with song on page 345b. Leaders: Joan Aldridge 546; Jarrod George and Cassie Franklin 300, 270; Hobert Ivey and Sandy Ivey 138b; Jackson Harcrow, Stuart Ivey, Jarrod George, and Scott Ivey 155 (walked time); Eschol Hughes 89, 460; S.T. Reed 275t; Julie Lee 319; John Henry Busby, Loyd Ivey, and Coy Ivey 511b (CB), "Old Time Religion"; Stuart Ivey and Scott Ivey 192; Charles Stiefel 312b.

Announcements were made. David Ivey and Reba Dell Windom led song on page 146 as the closing song. Rev. Joe Owens dismissed the class with prayer. We invite you to sing with us at Lacy's Chapel in the year 2001 on July 29th beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham Green.

### **MOON AND GUTHRIE MEMORIAL**

#### **Liberty Church (McCormack), Jefferson County, Alabama July 30, 2000**

The nineteenth session of the Moon and Guthrie Memorial singing was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 31t. Lavaughn Ballinger led the class in prayer.

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

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 36b; Wilton Donaldson 37b, 39b; George Cox 108, 303; David Ballinger 78, 112; David Roberson 340, 146; Annie Lou Price 454, 569b; A.P. Malone 300, 448t; Glenn Keeton 128, 565b; John Hyde 129, 124; Harrison Creel 498; Elsie Moon 89, 304; Clarence McCool 172; Clarence McCool and Dessie Goodwin 69b; Larry Ballinger 76b, 83; Josie Hyde 361, 470; Willodean Barton 418, 290; Edith Tate 73t, 75; Velton Chafin 76 (by request).

#### RECESS

Elvin Guthrie called the class back to order leading songs on pages 166 and 568 (in memory of Vivalene Moon); Ivalene Donaldson 32t, 61; Vernice Phillips 40, 168; Julie Poston 275, 421; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 335; Ann Jett 43, 88t; Willie Mae Latham 217, 362; Billy Williams 54, 297; Travis Keeton 57, 56t.

#### LUNCH

Chairman Velton Chafin called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 197. Leaders: Ellis Shipp 108, 471; Tommye Denson Mauldin 72, 276; Faye Donaldson 371, 128; Marie Guthrie 192, 434; Amber Springfield and Kelsie Tate 58, 389; Wanda Capps 225t, 503; John Merritt 312, 438; Brenda Merritt 67, 85; Eldagene Roberson 349 (in memory of Harlie Guthrie), 128 (in memory of Vivalene Moon); Janet Shipp 358 (in memory of her mother, Vivalene Moon), 408; Flarce Creel 475, 546; Shelley Capps 100; Cecil Sanders 123t.

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 - Elvin Guthrie; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

**WARRIOR RIVER-CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION**  
**Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, near Snead, Alabama**  
**Saturday, August 5, 2000**

The one hundred twenty-sixth session of the Warrior River Convention and the one hundred first session of the Clear Creek Convention were held at Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in August. Terry Hullett called the conventions to order at 9:45 a.m. leading song on page 32t. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 32t, 68b; Jewel Wootten 81, 176t; Carmon Brothers 176b, 72b, 39b; Ron Crocker 129, 47b; Hershell King 175b, 348b; Lamar Smith 76b; Willie Mae Moon 137, 147t; Roie Alexander 75, 145t; Andrew Crocker 274t, 104; Amy Crocker 38b, 48t; Danielle Crocker 49t, 401; S.T. Reed 101, 108t; Jessica Davis 145b, 30t; Bill Stewart 36b, 452; Beecher Hyde 49b, 569b.

**RECESS**

Terry Hullett brought the class to order leading song on page 100.

A motion was made and duly seconded to go into a business session.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Elder Philip Gilmore; Secretary - Jewel Wootten; Arranging Committee - Carmon Brothers and Milton Oliver; Memorial Committee - Elder Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas; Finance Committee - Roie Alexander and Carmon Brothers; Resolutions Committee - Paula Gilmore and Helen Lambert. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 43, 40; Seth Crocker 445, 148; Elder J.L. Hopper 149, 178; Heloise Malone 354; Larry Lambert and Helen Lambert 332, 410b, 441; Lenora Morris 410t; Glenda Hopper 131b, 81b.

**LUNCH**

Terry Hullett brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 166 and 144. Leaders: Steve Lambert 89, 28b; Milton Oliver 270, 206; Mary Ruth Stiefel 112, 333; Onette Watkins and Ella Lee Robertson 143, 418; Jeanette Lowry 312b, 314; Norma Green and Nate Green 31t; Lydia Baswell and Vella Daily 511b (CB), 147t; Karen Davis 384, 282; Billy Williams 231, 448b; Eloise Watkins 348b, 225t; Herby Bailey 70t, 47t; Mary Sherrer 318, 172; Freeman Wootten 37b, 97.

The memorial lesson was given by Elder Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas, who led song on page 499 for the deceased: Virgil Phillips, Mary Oden, Willard Hopper, Rev. James Putman, Ester Wall Brown, Rosa Hughes, and Shirley Lowe Brown.

Elder Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas led song on page 45t for the sick and shut-ins: Ruby Phillips, Herbert Phillips, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Polly Moore, Ruby Wilks, Woodie Walker, Mary Stiefel, Annie Brothers, and Lillie Lybrand. The memorial was closed.

A business session was held. Old Clear Creek Church near Boaz, Alabama will host the convention on Saturday before the first Sunday in August in 2001.

Elder Philip Gilmore gave the Resolutions Committee report.

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

- 1) We would like to thank the members and friends of Mt. Moriah Church for being such gracious hosts;
- 2) The officers and committee for their efforts;
- 3) All who brought food;
- 4) The singers and listeners from far and near;

- 5) But most of all we offer thanks and praise to God for all gifts, especially the gift of song, and for the young people who are singing in the Sacred Harp; and
- 6) Let us remember those who have passed away, along with those who are unable to attend.

WE RESOLVE THAT: God willing, we hope to meet again at the Warrior River-Clear Creek Convention in 2001.

Respectfully submitted by Paula Gilmore and Helen Lambert.

The Finance Committee reported a balance brought forward of \$102.45. A collection was given in the amount of \$116.30. The convention agreed to give the collection of \$116.30 to the church. A total of \$30.00 was taken from the previous balance to pay for the minutes, leaving a total on hand of \$72.45. The business session was closed.

Terry Hullett and Elder Philip Gilmore led 501 (CB) (by request). Terry Hullett and Elder Philip Gilmore led song on page 30b as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Elder Philip Gilmore; Secretary - Jewel Wootten.

## **EUGENE SINGING**

### **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon**

### **Saturday, August 5, 2000**

The third annual Eugene Singing was held in the sanctuary of this rural church after arranging pews to accommodate our sitting in a square. Co-Chairperson Karen Stingle called the morning session to order at 9:30 a.m. by leading song on page 455. Reed Shilback led the opening prayer.

Jim Brock gave a brief welcome and then asked for acceptance of the slate of officers: Co-Chairpersons - Karen Stingle and Fran Ross; Treasurer - Carolyn Gilkey; Secretary - Holly Cabell.

Committees and assignments were announced by Fran Ross: Arrangement/Registration - Jane Grant, Jim Brock, Jean Murphy, Suzanne Denker, and Jean Marcotte; Memorial - Tom Payne; Chaplain - Reed Shilback; Facilities - Jean Marcotte, Will Marcotte, and Dave Tobin; Food/drink - Ginny Currens, Gerry Currens, and Holly Cabell; Hospitality - Jean Murphy and Dave Tobin.

Fran Ross gave the formal welcome noting that this was our third annual singing, an idea from Marcia Cutler, and announced that Jim Brock was hosting a social event with supper and singing from The Colored Sacred Harp and Cooper Book. Thanks were given to Fran Ross for the drop-in social on Friday evening.

Leaders: Jim Brock 34; Jack Lofton 82t; Jean Murphy 65; John Carson 290; Jane Grant 277; Anne Huckins 479; Betty Jones 108; Tom Payne 70b; Gerry Currens 385; Reed Schilback 61; Shark Hulsey 72b; David Tobin 47b; Will Marcotte 373; Janice Evans 178; Leigh Van Sickle 35; Audrey Karabinus 421; Fran Ross 551; Carolyn Gilkey 503; Polly Ogden 354b.

#### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Holly Cabell leading song on page 567. Tom Payne lead us in remembering those who had died in the past year: Bernadine Kittelson, Janet Campbell, Jake Harris, Stella Bunyard, Roger McGowne, Barbara McReery - Oregon; Lucille Lembke - Minnesota; Ken Recher - Indiana; Deanna Isaacson - Nebraska; J. Gordon Gilkey - Georgia; Irene Rybicki - Massachusetts; Darryl Sanders - Washington.

We also remembered the sick and shut-in: Aikin Connor - California; Mary Phares - Ohio; David Hough, Ivy Volberding, and David Ogden - Washington;

John Payne, Rita Whaley, Donna Stahl, Frank Gillis, Dee Gillis, Mark Reid, and Dorothy Ross - Oregon.

Leaders: Phil Rempel 159; Jean Marcotte 569; Karen Stingle 254; Jim Brock 31t; Jill Accetta 33b; Jack Lofton 380; John Carson 38b; Tom Payne 341; Jean Murphy 172; Anne Huckins 350; Betty Jones 191; Sharla Hulsey 148; Jane Grant 497; Fran Ross 184. The Chaplain led a prayer and blessed the food about to be eaten.

#### LUNCH

Reed Schilback called the class back to order with leading song on page 324.

Leaders: Dave Tobin 288; Marcia Herivel 268; Jane Grant 312; Gerry Currens 49b; Tom Payne 73t; Will Marcotte 208; Audry Karabinus 496; Leigh Van Sickle 122; Fran Ross 532; Carolyn Gilkey 504; Polly Ogden 441; Phil Rempel 236; Jean Marcotte 106; Jim Brock 344; Janice Evans 146; Holly Cabell 273; Jill Accetta 448b; John Carson 318; Betty Jones 135; Jean Murphy 315; Marcia Herivel 143; Jack Lofton 383; Anne Huckins 99; Sharla Hulsey 40; Reid Schilbach 347; Suzanne Denker 180; Audrey Karabinus 369.

The singing was closed with a prayer led by Reid Schilback after which Karen Stingle lead us in the Eugene Singing traditional closing song on page 155, followed by the final song on page 62.

Co-Chairpersons - Karen Stingle and Fran Ross; Treasurer - Carolyn Gilkey; Secretary - Holly Cabell.

## CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION

Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia

August 5-6, 2000

Saturday, August 5

The one hundred forty-eighth session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held at Wilson's Chapel, near Carrollton, Georgia, on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August. Sheri Taylor called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading songs on pages 56t and 73t. Lonnie Rogers led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 464, 39t; Donna Duke 63, 101t; Laura Frey 442, 178; Charlene Wallace 197, 395; Jeannette DePoy 354, 215; D.J. Hatfield 110, 567; Richard Mauldin 276, 36b; Gene Duke 75, 76b; Hugh McGraw 227; John Plunkett 379, 112; Lori Goode 532, 176b; Rev. Lloyd Toney 45t, 358.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Phillip Langley leading songs on pages 47b and 542. Leaders: Tokay Shumake 59, 68b; Helen Bryson 299, 269.

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

Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Donna Duke; Chaplain - Rev. Lloyd Toney; Arranging Committee - Helen Bryson and Kenneth DeLong (on Saturday), Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy (on Sunday); Memorial Committee - Lee Rogers and Judy Mincey; Finance Committee - Laura Frey and Lori Goode; Resolutions Committee - Richard Mauldin and John Plunkett.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 318, 225t; Kenneth DeLong 369, 568; Lisa Webb 46, 300; Willie Askew 45t; Everette Denney 335, 159; Andy Anderson 31b, 40; Chris Tweedy 147b, 535; Bobby Jackson 34t, 274.

#### LUNCH

Chairman Sheri Taylor opened the afternoon session by leading songs on pages 142 and 168. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 155, 171; Mary Florence Smith 213, 43; Lou Cotney 218, 384; Ted Mercer 468, 278b; Judy Mincey 278t, 540; Felton

Denney 387, 489; Richard DeLong 123t, 411; Tim Cook 511, 49t; Eric Tweedy 163t, 510; Jimmie Denney 31t, 51; Don Bowen 475, 494.

#### RECESS

Chairman Sheri Taylor brought the class to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Lee Rogers 131b, 528; Scott DePoy 480; Paul Gailiunas 383, 474; Henry Johnson 56, 67; Andy Morse 216, 349; Amanda Denson 291, 101b; Dennis George 268, 277; Bernard Denney 81t, 222; Masako Cook 523; John Hollingsworth 409, 82.

Chairman Sheri Taylor closed the first day's session by leading song 323t.

#### Sunday, August 6

The Sunday morning session was brought to order by Chairman Sheri Taylor leading songs on pages 42 and 77t. Myron House led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 192, 480; Donna Duke 276, 274; Jeannette DePoy 306, 44; Don Bowen 283, 517; Patricia Mauldin 63, 146; Andy Anderson 313t, 312b; Carlene Griffin 81t, 97; Scott DePoy 47b, 384; Jan House 335, 143; Jacob Griffith 503; Margie Smith 32t, 101t; Everette Denney 405, 84; Laura Frey 29t, 117; Phil Logan 53, 171.

#### RECESS

Vice Chairman Phillip Langley called the class to order leading song on page 217. Leaders: Myron House 26, 27; Bobby Jackson 490, 278b; B.M. Smith 99, 222; Lori Goode 402, 120; Earlis McGraw 225t, 389.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Lee Rogers read scripture from Isaiah 23:16: "Make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered," and read the following list of deceased: D.A. Brock, Dollie Hudgins, and Allene Stanford - Georgia; Marie Aldridge, Willie Mosley, and Virgil Phillips - Alabama; Jeff Hamon - Illinois; Karen House - New York; and Jack Benoit - Texas. Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 348 and 45t for the deceased.

Judy Mincey read the list of sick and shut-ins: Mozelle Sheppard, I.V.

McWhorter, Vivian Rogers, Violet Thomason, Herman Thomason, Jack Smith, Richard Chang, Ruby Phillips, Gertie DeLong, Charlotte Allison, Mercedes Cagle Lambert, Bill Green, Tommye Denson Mauldin, and Gene Wakefield.

D.J. Hatfield led song 340 for the sick and shut-ins. Rev. Lloyd Toney closed the memorial session with prayer.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Chairman Sheri Taylor leading song on page 209. Leaders: John Plunkett 47t, 370; Judy Mincey 538; Jeremy York 365; Richard DeLong 399b, 375; Amanda Denson 83t, 186; Ted Mercer 151, 163b; Paul Gailiunas 34b, 189; Henry Johnson 285t, 284; Oscar McGuire 573, 473; David Yeager 49t, 178; Richard Mauldin 551; D.J. Hatfield 224, 102; Lee Rogers 206, 425.

#### RECESS

Laura Frey called the class together leading song on page 451. Leaders: Laura Akerman 404, 528; Felton Denney 31t, 49b; Lonnie Rogers 112; Jimmie Denney 111t, 135; Betty Wright 312t.

The convention was motioned into a business session for the purpose of hearing reports. Committee reports were read as follows:

Finance Committee - collected \$453.00 for the two day total.

Resolutions Committee - "We resolve to thank God, our Creator, and Redeemer, who sustains us in times of sorrow and shares in our joys for His many blessings. We give Him further thanks for His spiritual inspiration to the writers of these songs, hymns, and anthems, as well as, the singers that have

preserved them over the years by continuing to support these conventions through many different ways. We also express our appreciation to the publishers that keep this great book in print and the people that spread this special music by tapes, videos, CDs, and singing schools; and all the singers that traveled here these two days to make this meeting so delightful. We also remember to give thanks to the Wilson family that has provided this very special place for us to meet and sing praises to our Lord and Savior. We also thank our officers and committees for a well-run convention, and all the people who provided nourishment to us these two days. We therefore resolve to:

- 1) Continue working together in unity and love; to bless those we meet along the way, and carry our concern to those who need our support;
- 2) To support singings and singers through our presence and prayers; and
- 3) To meet again here next year the first Sunday in August and the Saturday before, to lift our voices toward heaven at the 149th session of the Chattahoochee Convention.”

Respectfully submitted: Bobby Jackson, Richard Mauldin, and John Plunkett. A motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted as read, and added to the minutes. The business session was closed.

Announcements for future singings were announced. Sheri Taylor and Phillip Langley led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Lonnie Rogers.

We were glad to have a singer from the United Kingdom with us during our convention, as well as those from out of state that came to help us.

Chairperson - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Donna Duke.

## **FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION** **Bevill State Community College, Fayette, Alabama** **August 6, 2000**

The one hundred-first session of the annual Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Bevill State Community College on the first Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Linton Ballinger leading song on page 144. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

Following welcoming comments, it was announced that Marie Creel Aldridge had just passed away. The class concurred in dedicating the entire sessions of this convention to her memory. Marie Aldridge was a lifelong supporter of Sacred Harp singing and this convention.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Gravis Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Secretary - Leslie Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Lomax Ballinger.

Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 47t; Lomax Ballinger 565b, 137; Leslie Ballinger 100, 101t; Phillip Ballinger 155, 340; A.A. Malone 203, 432; Amanda Ballinger 454, 30t; Wayne Baines 480, 89; Edwin Ballinger 491; Jill Ballinger 186, 110; Etma Barton 460, 441; Jimmy Ballinger 295.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Earl Ballinger leading song on page 270. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 225t; Amber Springfield 391, 276; Josh Keeton 286, 40; John Hyde 63, 73t; Annie Lou Price 298, 490; Bickett Howton 290, 436; Emily Ballinger 171, 187.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Leon Ballinger leading songs on pages 384 and 269. Leaders: Teresa Ballinger 216; Dave Gibson 135, 551; Cassie Franklin 88t,

192; Travis Keeton 182, 120; Rachel Richards 282, 571 (CB); Velton Chafin 217; Paula Springfield 408; Max Berueffy 411; Ashley Keeton 272; Buddy Ballinger 393; Lisa Geist 304.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Johnny Humber leading song on page 208. Leaders: Lavaughn Ballinger 45t; Cindy Franklin 75; Wanda Capps 200; Elmer Conwill 179; Josie Hyde 507; Chip Ward 101b; Susan Harcrow 142; Rodney Ivey 81t; Peggy Bergman 318; Glenn Keeton and Ashley Keeton 215; Elene Stovall 316; John Merritt 438; Beth O'dell 546; Bud Oliver 189; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 426; Clarissa Springfield 445; Toney Smith 193.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading song on page 91. Leaders: Lena Keeton 222; Brenda Merritt 475; Clarence McCool 349; Willodean Barton 416; Julietta Haynes 218; Bill Stewart 68b; Jayne Fulmer 300; Shelley Capps and Cassie Franklin 512; Vernice Phillips 168.

Announcements were made. Gravis Ballinger led song on page 146 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Gravis Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Secretary - Leslie Ballinger.

## **EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)**

**Henderson Community Center, Henderson, Texas**

**August 12-13, 2000**

**Saturday, August 12**

The one hundred thirty-second session of the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Henderson Community Center in Henderson, Texas, and was called to order by John Morris leading song on page 119. B.E. Matthews offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Emmie Morris 171; Marion Grant 230; Sam Craig 145t; Robert Handel 511t; John Etheridge 138; Doris Hanks 384; Tim McClain 40; Leon Ballinger 332; Myrl Jones 183; Tommie Spurlock 140; Scott Curran 189; David Ivey 540; Josh Rogan 240; Frank Hataway 58; Olivia Powell 235; Paul Gailiunas 211; Avon Miller 165; Allison Ivey 559.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Mike Moseley leading song on page 376. Leaders: Genny Whitworth and Nate Green "Nettie" (written by their brother, William Green); Ophelia Matthews 563; Margaret Spurlock 112; Myra Palmer 522; Karen Ivey 410; Dale Redmon, Jr. 507b; Kelly Beard 304; Victoria Aplin 87; Katie Moseley 203; Gary Rogan 330t; H.P. O'Mary 335; Tom Owen 543b; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Kevin Powell 133; James Moseley 300; Neil Vaught 127; Stuart Ivey 222; Vivian Rogan 282; Albano Alban 145b; Gaylon Powell 365.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Tom Owen leading song on page 176t. Leaders: Beverly Coates 155; David Moseley 186; Bill Aplin 568; Donald Ross 116; Gaylon Powell 363 (by request); Dan Brittain 434; Jo Redmon 393t; Baron Powers 239; Bruce Coates 336t; Richard Ivey 270; Amanda Owen 200; Monnie Ross 108b; Michelle Rogan 196; Edith Owen 489; Regina Foster 552.

#### RECESS



John Morris brought the class to order by leading song on page 345. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 132; Reed Coates 212; Diane Ross 299; B.E. Matthews 578; Curtis Owen 198; Robert Vaughn 47b; Cissy Moseley 447t; Liz Rogan 98; Pauline Willis 572; Jeb Owen 450; Catherine Rogan 276; Margaret Rounsavall 137; Susan Hanson 427; Dustin Rounsavall 128; Mary Bachmann 280; Terre Schill 331b; David Rousseau 179.

The day of singing was closed in prayer led by Tom Owen.

### **Sunday, August 13**

The Sunday morning session was opened by John Morris leading song on page 170. Curtis Owen offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Dale Redmon, Jr. 274t; Liz Rogan 215; Sue Hanson 571; Ophelia Matthews 511b; Kelly Beard 99; John Etheridge 408; Cissy Moseley 142; Diane Ross 524; Beverly Coates 106; Myra Palmer 497; Katie Moseley 222; Richard Ivey 101t; Leon Ballinger 470; Jeb Owen 522; Neil Vaught 492; Mary Bachmann 400; Pauline Willis 573; Morris Nelms 68t; Doris Hanks 422b; Monnie Ross 49t; Charlie Vaughn 549.

### **RECESS**

John Morris brought the class to order leading song on page 275b. Leaders: Sam Craig 120; Curtis Owen 278b; Nate Green and Norma Green 399; Sarah Coates 112; Myrl Jones 229; D.J. Hatfield 419; Donald Ross 36t; Kevin Powell 214; Amanda Owen 182; Stuart Ivey 189; Regina Foster 272; Josh Rogan 163t; Scott Curran 553b; David Ivey 216; Dustin Rounsavall 299; Zach Rogan 282; Edith Owen 505; Robert Gholson 564; Robert Handel 536; Annie Kinzer 470; Reed Coates 196.

Memorial Lesson: Robert Vaughn read the list of names of those who had passed away since last year, and also the list of the sick and shut-ins. Sam Craig led song on page 430 for the deceased: Horace Batchelor, Marie Aldridge, Rosa Hughes, Virgil Phillips, and Willie Mosley - Alabama; Don Wilkerson - Oklahoma; Ed Craig, Emory Matthews, Era Porta, Mark Maines, Jack Benoit, John Willis, Haven Willis, and Don Denton - Texas; Dollie Hudgins - Georgia; Karen House - Massachusetts; David Terry Davis - Virginia; Jeff Hamon - Illinois.

Mary Craig gave a moving devotional in which she asked the singers to participate by naming those singers who were near and dear to them that had passed away over the years.

Memorial Moment 2000, by Mary Craig

Our Loved Ones Are Gathering Yonder

(And Sacred Harp has never been so sacred!)

A great convention is underway around the Great White Throne. The "four and twenty elders" have relinquished their prescribed places around the altar to devotees of Sacred Harp. The hollow square is clearly defined as singers take their place.

No problem with acoustics there. No need for tuning forks. No glasses (specs) nor hearing aids are needed. "Miss Lizzie" is there without a crutch, and Herbert is right by her side. Ed Craig is in charge of arrangements and Mr. Dale Redmon is assisting. No hymnbooks are visible in singers' hands, but as they begin to vocalize, the notes float right past their eyes. Singing is effortless and the melody is purer than pure on the rarefied air. Now and then they pause and lean over to listen to the convention in Henderson.

As favorite songs are sung here, they lovingly lend their voices in accompaniment. They nod their approval of young leaders. Their songs are "Praise" and "Exultation". The Psalmist David has leaned his harp against the throne and joined in the praise.

Our loved ones are enjoying total freedom with no restrictions of time or space. Physical handicaps are no more. A new body, a new life is theirs in which to fully live, learn, and serve. If we but keep them in our thoughts, reliving precious moments, they are more with us in the spiritual than in the physical. Earthly friends are wonderful. They help us in many ways within their physical limitation. Our loved ones are not limited. They can minister to us unawares. They can perceive our needs, watch over us, even plead our cause with Christ. We do well to remember them, to allow them to help. We are surrounded by a 'Cloud of Witnesses'. They are not here without purpose or design. When our time comes to go, they can make our passage gentler. Through knowledge of Christ our loved ones there become NEAR and DEAR. And, this is LIFE ETERNAL that we may know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom Thou has sent." Amen!

Diane Ross led song on page 146 to close the memorial lesson.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Gaylon Powell leading song on page 218. Leaders: Tim McClain 36b; Olivia Powell 240; David Rousseau 159; Paul Gailiunas 217; Karen Ivey 500; Frank Hataway 283; Terre Schill 402; Mike Moseley 76b; Joshua McClain 40; Allison Ivey 371; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Vivian Rogan 508; Cheryl Foreman 53; David Moseley 192; Gary Rogan 100; B.E. Matthews 414; Genny Whitworth 436t; Bruce Coates 39; Catherine Rogan 358; Albano Alban 507b; Tom Owen 244; James Moseley 63; Michelle Rogan 434; Robert Vaughn 122; Regina Foster 373; Richard Ivey and Allison Ivey 377t.

David Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Stuart Ivey led song on page 444t as the closing song. Gary Rogan dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairpersons - John Morris and Emmie Morris; Secretary/Treasurer - Marion Grant.

## **FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Haleyville, Alabama** **August 13, 2000**

The first annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in August, and was called to order by Ivalene Donaldson leading songs on pages 32t and 31b. Glenn Keeton led the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairperson - Ivalene Donaldson; Vice Chairman - Wilton Donaldson; Secretary - Ivalene Donaldson; Arranging Committee - Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 77t; Wilton Donaldson 426t, 317b; Debbie Wakefield 432, 183; Chris Rice 276, 312b; L.E. Hannah 511, 498; Elene Stovall 171, 172; Willodean Barton 204, 391; John Hyde 168, 313t; Beatrice Brewer 112, 137; Elmer Conwill 336, 379; Brenda Merritt 215, 430.

#### RECESS

Ivalene Donaldson called the class to order leading song on page 61. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 300, 78; Max Berueffy 337, 475; Margaret Keeton 456, 422; Kermit Adams 99, 129; Gladys Bonds 34b, 499; Edith Tate 37b, 73t; Alonzo Malone 65, 448t; Travis Keeton 424, 496; Larry Ballinger 425, 91, 151.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Wilton Donaldson leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Billy Williams 299, 297; Roma Rice 200, 187; Vernice Phillips 318, 124; John Merritt 36b, 569b; Glenn Keeton 497, 435; Corene White 314,

146; Amber Springfield 389, 340; Josie Hyde 507, 477; Clarence McCool 480, 490, 68b; Dawson Adams 134, 328; Betty Baccus 155, 396, 392; Lena Keeton and Glenn Keeton 503, 225t, 436; Edith Tate 306 (for Parnell Berry who is sick). Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson led song on page 62 as the closing song. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.  
Chairperson - Ivalene Doanldson; Vice Chairman - Wilton Donaldson;  
Secretary - Ivalene Donaldson.

## **ELMORE-CENTER SINGING**

### **Elmore-Center United Methodist Church, near Gordo, Alabama August 16, 2000**

The one hundred fifty-sixth annual session of the Sacred Harp Singing at Elmore-Center United Methodist Church was called to order by Clarence McCool leading song on page 59. Velton Chafin offered the morning prayer. Billy Williams served as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Clarence McCool 101t; Toney Smith 57; Ivalene Donaldson 274, 235b; John Hughes 39b, 73t; George Cox 490, 303; Bill Stewart 68b, 452b; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 31b.

The pastor of the church, Brother Denson, said a few words and offered prayer. Leaders: Lena Keeton 454, 124; Flarce Creel 297, 157; A.A. Malone 127, 285t; Wanda Capps 178, 503.

#### **RECESS**

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading songs on pages 111b, 61, and 75. Leaders: Annie Lou Price 100, 143; Josie Hyde 225t, 339; Elsie Moon 89, 406; Edith Tate 35, 67; Velton Chafin 144, 97; George Cox 490; Irma Hitt 235, 480; Toney Smith and Tim McCool 72b; Billy Williams 294, 147t, 28b.

#### **LUNCH**

The class resumed singing with Clarence McCool leading songs on pages 290 and 45t.

Billy Williams conducted the memorial lesson and led song on page 339. Edith Tate led song on page 88t; and Josie Hyde led song on page 43 for the following deceased: Marie Aldridge, Virgil Phillips, Fayrene Wakefield, Rosa Hughes, Horace Batchelor, Rev. Hubert Calvert, Karen House, Everett Kilgoe, Myrtis Graham, and Ward Elmore. The pastor of the church closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: A.A. Malone 183; Bill Stewart 36b; Wanda Capps 512; Cecile Cox 282; Lena Keeton 475; Flarce Creel 546; Elsie Moon 434; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 426t; Annie Lou Price 300; Travis Keeton 69t; Josie Hyde 155; Edith Tate 68b; Dessie Goodman 374; Billy Williams 317 (by request). Clarence McCool led song on page 159 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by the pastor of the church.

Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Secretaries - Annie Lou Price and Martha Howell.

## **ROCK CREEK-MOUNTAIN HOME AND RYAN CREEK CONVENTION Masonic Hall, Crane Hill, Alabama Saturday, August 19, 2000**

The one hundred-fourth session of the Rock Creek-Mountain Home and the one hundred twenty-seventh session of the Ryan Creek Convention convened at

the Masonic Hall, Crane Hill, Cullman County, Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in August.

The class was called to order by Billy Williams leading song on page 147b.

Aubrey Tyree offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Wilton Donaldson 32t, 56; Aubrey Tyree 322, 358; Ivalene Donaldson 129; John Hyde 297, 124.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Billy Williams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams; Location Committee - Marie Guthrie; Finance Committee - David Roberson; Memorial Committee - Marie Guthrie and Eron White; Chaplain - Aubrey Tyree and Reddie Powell. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Reddie Powell read Psalm 100 and led song on page 369; Josie Hyde 80b, 310; Euell Freeman 127, 64, 317; Bill Stewart 68b, 452b.

#### RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading songs on pages 205 and 48t; and Brenda Pena led songs on pages 229 and 231.

The memorial lesson was presented by Marie Guthrie and Eron White with the following comments: "We come to the time in this convention that we remember our friends and loved ones that have deceased since our last convention. We also remember the friends and loved ones who are unable to attend because of illness. But we also rejoice in the knowledge that our loved ones who have departed this life are in a better place, and we recommend a lesson be sung in their memory." The list of deceased: Everette Kilgoe, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Willard Hopper, Lela Crider, Mary Oden, Ester Wall Brown, Katerina Sanders, Claudie Freeman, Thelma Speigle, Alice Washburn, Gertie Harbison Smith, Charles Grant, Vada Grant, Marie Aldridge, Lester Light, Elbert Freeman, Fayrene Wakefield, Herbert Phillips, and Gertie Knight. Billy Williams led songs on pages 40 and 445b for the deceased.

Velton Chafin led songs on pages 75 and 88t for the sick and shut-ins: Tressie Adkins, Mavis Price, Callie Calvert, Sheila Moon, Alpha Black, Rummon Graves, Elsie Beasley, I.V. Cockrell, Kimmie Holcomb, and Thurman Nall.

Aubrey Tyree closed the memorial session with prayer.

Leaders: David Roberson 274, 63; Corene White 146, 379; Eron White 155; Eldagene Roberson 457, 81t; Velton Chafin 144, 45t.

Because some of the singers had to leave to attend a funeral in the afternoon, the Location Committee gave their report. New Hope Church, Cullman, Alabama, five miles south of Jones Chapel on Highway 278 asked that the convention be held there in the year 2001.

#### LUNCH

Velton Chafin called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 71.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 378t; John Hyde 108; Euell Freeman 123t; Wilton Donaldson 30t; Cecil Sanders 111t; Bill Stewart 36b; Marie Guthrie 389, 411, 328; Brenda Pena 423b; Reddie Powell 126; Aubrey Tyree 208, 189; Travis Keeton 104.

Announcements were made. Billy Williams led song on page 62 as the closing song, and Aubrey Tyree gave the closing prayer.

The convention will be held at New Hope Church, Cullman County, Alabama, next year.

Chairman - Billy Williams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

## **CHATTANOOGA SINGING**

### **Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee Saturday, August 19, 2000**

The fourth annual Chattanooga Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. Linda Sides called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading songs on pages 276 and 314. Phil Summerlin led the opening prayer. Leaders: Linda Sides 480; Phil Summerlin 39t, 39b; B.M. Smith 475, 222; Rodney Ivey 155, 299; Betty Wright 347, 59; Bud Oliver 42, 73t; Daryl Chesney 145b, 441; Henry Johnson 288, 448b (after the class sang Happy Birthday to him); Lee Rogers 228, 192; Max Berueffy 37b, 145t; Elene Stovall 99, 436; Susan Harcrow 186, 270. Visitors and new singers were invited to stand in the square as Linda Sides led song on page 45t.

#### **RECESS**

Coy Ivey brought the class back to order leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Margie Smith 512, 313t; Floyd Peters 68b, 100; Mark Brown 108 and "Sweet Beulah Land" (by request); Ashley Keeton 546, 505 (CB); Cassie Franklin 224, 300; Amber Springfield 166b, 391; Glenn Keeton 64, 117. Pastor Joe Hildreth spoke to the class before leading 143; Judy Mincey 538, 410t; John Plunkett 58, 48b; Deborah Morton 46; Tim Reynolds 163b, 142; Henry Bizzell 452b, 34b. Morgan Freuler offered the blessing.

#### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Linda Sides leading song on page 148. Leaders: John Bealle 217, 278t; Duane Chesney 146, 84; Bud Oliver 47; Eloise Clark 280, 178; Rebecca Lowman 340; Coy Ivey and Cassie Franklin 384; B.M. Smith 225t; Glenn Keeton 503; Phil Summerlin 405; Henry Johnson 267; Elene Stovall 430; Judy Mincey 287; Tim Reynolds 229; Daryl Chesney 274; John Plunkett 69b; Rodney Ivey 358.

Announcements were made. Linda Sides led song on page 285t as the closing song and dismissed the class with prayer.

The afternoon session was cut short so that singers could travel to Oneonta, Alabama to sing for the funeral of Ruby Phillips.

Next year's singing will again be held at the Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church on August 18, 2001.

Chairperson - Linda Sides; Secretary - Jane Freuler.

## **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL SACRED HARP SINGING Santa Cruz, California August 20, 2000**

The eighth annual Northern California Sacred Harp Singing Convention opened at 9:20 a.m. in the Senior Center Opportunities Building in Santa Cruz, California on the third Sunday in August.

The convention was called to order by Janet Herman leading song on page 31t. Chaplain John Brunk read from Ephesians 5:17-20 as part of the opening blessing.

Leaders: Shelley Phillips 30t; Tammy Heinsohn 479; Jerry Schreiber 203; Carla Smith 202; Greg Freemon 29b; Iona Singleton 474; Lorna Kohler 114; Jane Hancock 24b; Alice Sharp 180; Mark Miller 29t; Jeff O'Toole 68b; Janet Herman

475; Tammy Heinsohn 344; Jerry Schreiber 385b; Carla Smith 425; Chris Thorman 384.

#### RECESS

Janet Herman brought the class back together leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Greg Freemon 163t; Arnold Zwicky 497, 287; Lorna Kohler 183; Paul Kostka 503b; Susan Fetcho 84; David Fetcho 59; Richard Rands 143; Janet Rands 106; Bob Brylawski 236, 461; Rachel Brylawski 178; Jane Hancock 383; Alice Sharp 163b.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Greg Freemon leading song on page 107. Leaders: Mark Miller 320; Dan Curtis 504; Iona Singleton 159; Janet Rands 164; Richard Rands 186; David Fetcho 267.

Carla Smith, Jane Hancock, and Celia Brown conducted the memorial service. Jane Hancock read the poem "Hummingbird Pauses at the Trumpet Vine" by Mary Oliver and "The Musician's Prayer" to memorialize those who have died in the past year. Carla Smith led song on page 224 in memory of the following deceased: Marie Aldridge, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips - Alabama; Stanley Grams and Merion Stevens - California.

Celia Brown read Philippians 4:4 in remembrance of the sick and shut-ins: Noelle Hancock, Ray Schlabach, Peggy Belland, Harry Belland, Helen Meeks, and Barry Phillips. Celia Brown and Janet Herman led song on page 315 to close the memorial service.

The class resumed singing with Jerry Schreiber leading song on page 473.

Leaders: Susan Fetcho 56b; Chris Thorman 270. Chaplain John Brunk read a blessing for lunch.

#### LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Shelley Phillips leading song on page 48t.

Leaders: Carla Smith 151; Paul Kostka 198; Lorna Kohler 288; Arnold Zwicky 72b; Jerry Schreiber and Kathleen Eshen-Pipes 254; Jeff O'Toole 28b; Janet Herman 142; Mark Miller 201b; Shelley Phillips 455; David Fetcho and Shelley Phillips 172; Richard Rands 200; Greg Freemon 448t; Iona Singleton 122; Dan Curtis 569; Alice Sharp 155; Jane Hancock 87; Bob Brylawski 210; Carla Smith 260; Chris Thorman 179.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Shelley Phillips leading song on page 73t.

Leaders: Barry Phillips 268; Mark Forrey 269; Paul Lawton 250; Heather requested 454 (led by Jerry Schreiber); Tammy Heinsohn 348; Susan Fetcho 81t; Jerry Schreiber 548; Mark Miller 347 and 66; Barry Phillips 86.

The Resolutions Report was given by Barbara Davis who expressed appreciation on behalf of the Santa Cruz Shape Note Society for the many good songs and friends who attended from near and far. Thanks to Mark Miller, Greg Freemon and Shelley Phillips for pitching the songs; and folks from Mars Recording Studio for capturing the sound. Barbara's polling question of the day was "What is the position of Shape Note Music in society today?" The final answer she reported was: "It should be everywhere."

Announcements were made. Shelley Phillips led song on page 173. Janet Herman led song on page 62 as the closing song, and Chaplain John Brunk dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair - Janet Herman; Treasurer - Shelley Phillips; Arranging

Committee/Secretaries - Celia Brown, Daryl Dichek, and Tammy Heinsohn

**CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION**  
**Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Heflin, Alabama**  
**August 20, 2000**

The one hundred-eleventh 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. Cecil Edwards called the class to order leading songs on pages 97 and 144. Everette Denney offered the morning prayer.

Cecil Edwards led the Introductory Lesson with the following songs selected: 35, 49b, and 100. Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 87 and 110.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - B.J. Harris; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 503, 303; Mary Florence Smith 146, 30t; Nancy Allen 82t; C.W. Garner 112, 111b, 129; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Jimmie Denney 111t, 101t, 313t; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; George Garner 162, 119; Margie Smith 31b, 32t.

**RECESS**

Cecil Edwards brought the class together leading song on page 147t. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 72b, 36b; Reba Norton and Glenda Watkins 373, 410; Felton Denney 164, 317b; Shelbie Sheppard 371, 217; B.M. Smith 318, 441; Bud Oliver 345t, 274t; Flora Skinner 426b, 434. The class sang "Happy Birthday" to Flora Skinner who turned 92 today!

Mary Florence Smith gave the memorial service, and asked that we remember all those who have passed away that were instrumental in forming, supporting, and sustaining this convention over the years. Mary Florence pointed out that this was the 111th session of the Cleburne County Convention with the first session being held at St. Michael Church, Cleburne County, Alabama. The convention was formed with three days of singing, and remained so until 1988 or 1989. At that time the convention was cut to two days and remained so until 1992 when it was cut to one day. Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church is considered to be the home of the convention, but any church in Cleburne County can call for the singing. Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church has also stated that the convention was welcome there anytime that there was no place else to meet. Mary Florence Smith led song on page 285t for the deceased and song on page 30b for the sick and shut-ins. Felton Denney closed the memorial with prayer.

**LUNCH**

Cecil Edwards called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 159. The business session was reopened to discuss the location for next year's convention. The Convention will meet back at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church next year. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Cecil Edwards 75; Everette Denney 489b, 490, 405; Estelle Flowers 89, 176b; Jeff Sheppard 81t, 212 (for Louise Allen), 208 (for Gertrude Norton); Milton Oliver 384, 314; Eunice Webb 551, 496; Eloise Watkins 37b, 460; Bonnie Flowers 225t, 475; Lois Owen 290, 168; Betty Wright 312t, 323b; Winford Kerr 294, 47b; Lou Cotney 172, 222; Karen Reeves 143, 339; Corene Laminack 186, 137; Lewis Norton 39b, 322.

Cecil Edwards and B.J. Harris led song on page 46 as the closing song. B. J. Harris dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - B.J. Harris; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

**EMMA BEASLEY, JOHN BELTON BEASLEY,  
AND PHILLIP LEE, III MEMORIAL**  
**Concord Primitive Baptist Meeting House, Winfield, Alabama**  
**August 20, 2000**

The thirty-second session of the Emma Beasley, John Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial Singing was convened at Concord Primitive Baptist Meeting House, Winfield, Alabama, on the third Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Chairman Marlin Beasley leading songs on pages 48t and 32t. Glenn Keeton offered the morning prayer and led song on page 33b.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed as follows: Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Arranging Committee - Lena Keeton; Secretary - Sarah Beasley Smith. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 89, 75; Ivalene Donaldson 275; Brenda Pena 28b, 523; Clarence McCool 569b, 68b; Elsie Beasley 460, 192; Lisa Beasley Morton 77, 87; Ashley Keeton 299, 475; Josie Hyde 288, 298; Becky Beasley Briggs and Chris Briggs 179, 405; David Beasley 317, 72b; Cecil Sanders and Wynette Browning 111.

**RECESS**

The class was called back by Lena Keeton leading song on page 166. Leaders: Sarah Beasley Smith 290, 61; Odie Orttten 151; Jacob Morton 41; Ricky Beasley 47b, 30b; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 426; Lavaughn Ballinger 401, 84; Travis Keeton 270, 425; Tommy Beasley 39, 340; Gary Smith 31t. Flarce Creel was called to lead but became ill and was unable. She and Harrison had to leave. The singers' love and concern went with them.

Gary Smith conducted the memorial lesson with the following deceased remembered: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Marie Aldridge, Rosa Hughes, and Charlie Elmore - Alabama; Mercedes Cagle Lambert - Georgia; and Karen House - New York. Buell Cobb led song on page 153 for the deceased.

Amanda Denson Brady led song on page 159 for the following sick and shut-ins: Gene Wakefield, Garnsey McGough, Ethel McGough, and Parnell Berry. Lavaughn Ballinger closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

The class recessed for lunch with grace returned by Chuck Beasley.

**LUNCH**

The class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Marlin Beasley leading song on page 318. Leaders: John Hyde 124, 297; Amber Springfield 389, 391; Ann Beasley Ballard 390, 457 (in memory of Margaret Beasley Hallmark and her husband Franklin Hallmark, at the request of their daughters Robin and Nell); A. A. Malone 300, 432; Johnny Humber 283, 340; John Beasley 67, 285; Larry Ballinger 49t, 138t; Francis Beasley Lee 274, 59; Cora Beasley Sweatt and granddaughter (Corissa Sweatt) 145; Paula Springfield 380; Paula Springfield, Clarissa Springfield, and Amber Springfield (for grandmother Lucille and aunt Deisie Lou); Buell Cobb 141.

**RECESS**

The class was called back by Glenn Keeton leading song on page 267. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 224; Julian Wakefield and Lavaughn Ballinger 102, 284 (for Gene Wakefield); Jimmie Lou Gilmore 378, 146 (for Garnsey McGough and Ethel McGough); Tyler Montgomery and Ashley Keeton 294, 45t; Clarissa Springfield 343b, 445; Amanda Denson 291, 268; Chuck Beasley 36b, 33b; Kermit Adams 99, 314; Alvin Beasley 81t, 82t; Lena Keeton 546; Amber Springfield "Great Roll Call".

After announcements Marlin Beasley and Glenn Keeton led song on page 56 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger.



Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Sarah Beasley Smith.

## **BEAR CREEK CONVENTION**

**Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama  
Saturday, August 26, 2000**

The one hundred-second session of the Bear Creek Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County, Alabama on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. The class was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 48t, 47t, and 37b. Dawson Adams offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Kermit Adams; Secretary - Roma Rice; Arranging Committee - Emily Jones.

Leaders: Chuck Beasley 111b, 30t, 33b; Cecil Wakefield 282, 480, 159; Chris Bell 384, 45t, 337; Ivalene Donaldson 73t, 166b; Bill Stewart 68b, 452b, 36b; Azilee Adams 317b, 335, 34t; Faye Donaldson 40, 108t, 124.

### **RECESS**

Kermit Adams called the class to order leading songs on pages 126 and 99.

Leaders: Gladys Bonds 72b, 81t, 77t; Wilton Donaldson 426t, 566, 61; Chris Rice 63, 312b, 183; Alicia Murray 111t, 358, 176b; Margaret Keeton 177, 168, 276.

### **LUNCH**

Travis Keeton called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 123t, 98, and 176t. Leaders: Dawson Adams 39b, 75, 129; Carla Morris 145t, 145b, 146; Josie Hyde 155, 137, 225t; Lorene Gray 127, 175b, 275b; Pernie Pelfrey and Edna Earl Pace 274t, 143; Roma Rice 104, 49b, 297; Emily Jones 288, 82t, 74t.

John Hyde and Kermit Adams led song on page 90 as the closing song. Gladys Bonds dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Kermit Adams; Secretary - Roma Rice.

## **LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION**

**Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama**

**August 26-27, 2000**

**Saturday, August 26**

The ninety-seventh session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August at Pine Grove Church near Collinsville, Alabama.

The class was called to order by Bud Oliver leading songs on pages 32t and 82t. Wayne Reed led the morning prayer.

Leaders: S.T. Reed 213t; Milton Oliver 61; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 36b; Henry Johnson 420b; Wayne Reed 108b; Larry Ballinger 101t; Gary Gronau 39b; Clayton Ezell 137; Rodney Ivey 475; Lisa Geist 546; Earl Ballinger 177; Charlene Wallace 171; Laura Clawson 318; Becky Browne 304; Mary Wright 290.

### **RECESS**

Bud Oliver called the class to order leading song on page 47t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - S.T. Reed; Secretaries - Pauline Oliver and Randall Smith; Arranging Committee - Henry Johnson and Max

Berueffy; Memorial Committee - Wayne Reed, Henry Johnson, and Shelbie Sheppard; Finance Committee - S.T. Reed, Milton Oliver, Scot Oliver, and Randall Smith; Chaplain - Wayne Reed.

Leaders: Hubert Nall 217; Lee Rogers 454; Patricia Temple 72b; Jenny Willard 434; Syble Adams 147; Judy Mincey 540; Keith Willard 106; Shelbie Sheppard 195 (by request); William Shetter 487b; Bob Meek 441; Hershell King 426; Wanda Capps 222; Jeff Sheppard 216; David Carlton 298; Roy Turrentine 569b; John Plunkett 431.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Henry Johnson leading song on page 201. Leaders: Andy Morse 288; Allison Ivey 142; Ricky Harcrow 384; Mary Florence Smith 440; Andy Anderson 178; Felton Denney 387; Carmon Brothers 340; Sandie Scott 40; Edith Tate 73t; Willodean Barton 480; Loyd Ivey 424; Susan Harcrow 383; Everette Denney 405; Lomax Ballinger 144; Betty Wright 347; Kelly House 189; Phillip Langley 192; Don Bowen 270; Judy Caudle 365.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bud Oliver leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Stuart Ivey and Richard Ivey 112, 182; Jackson Harcrow 63; Elene Stovall and Allison Stovall 528; Karen Ivey and Max Berueffy 532; Lynne deBenedette 224; Glenn Keeton 236; Elsie Moon 394; Amber Springfield 276; Dave Ressler 203; Karen Freund 77b; Doug Conn 430; Linton Ballinger 299; Michelle Cull 496; Brandon Borchman 117; Kshama Ananthapura 138b; Betty Shepherd 196; Margie Smith 494; Joan Aldridge 198; J.L. Hopper 218; Mark Brown 376; B.M. Smith 225t; Carlene Griffin 503.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Ricky Harcrow leading song on page 274t. Leaders: Jerry Enright 300; Susan Neufeld and Randy Neufeld 81t; Louis Hughes 448t; Boyd Scott 358; Mattie Townsel 448b; Nate Green and Norma Green 549b; Jean Seiler 315; George Seiler 84; Coy Ivey and Gail Dyer 59; Edwin Ballinger, Gravis Ballinger, and Jim Ballinger 208; Max Berueffy and Lisa Geist 269; Ruth Garzo 107; Henry Johnson 57.

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver led song on page 46 as the closing song. Wayne Reed dismissed the class with prayer.

#### **Sunday, August 27**

The Sunday morning session was called to order by Bud Oliver leading songs on pages 59 and 82t. Wayne Reed led the morning prayer.

Leaders: S.T. Reed 102; Randall Smith and Danny Ray Smith 76b; Max Berueffy 30t; Lee Rogers 99; Bob Meek and Brenda Waters 68b; Michelle Cull and Mark Risinger 66; George Seiler 168; Laura Clawson, Kelly Hauffin, and Joan Walling 95b; Hubert Nall 34b; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 313t; Louis Hughes 282; Ruth Garzo 155; Judy Mincey 538; B.M. Smith 28b; Jenny Willard 422; Karen Freund and Jerry Enright 56b; Mary Wright 71.

#### RECESS

Bud Oliver called the class to order leading song on page 159. Leaders: Dennis George 373; Kshama Ananthapura 186; Roy Nelson 522; Brandon Borchman 117; Stuart Ivey 189; Jarrod George 480; Jackson Harcrow 354b; Jim Ballinger and David Ballinger 340; William Shetter 350; Richard Mauldin 36b; Linda Sides 454; Marlon Wootten 441; Shane Wootten 29t; Mattie Townsel 46; David Yeager 49t; Floyd Peters 335; Bob Cull 49b; Chip Ward and Cassie Franklin 442; Susan Green 123t.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Bud Oliver and Max Berueffy leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Patricia Temple and Alix Baillie 312t; Milton Oliver, Alanna Blanks, Eric Blanks, Bryant Beard, and Paula Oliver 45t; Jackie Tanner and Cindy Franklin 298; Brenda Carroll 384; Eloise Wootten 426; Nancy Yeager 178; Gary Gronau 163t; Boyd Scott 58; Patricia Mauldin 63; Buell Cobb 69b; Dave Ressler 272; Norma Green 418; Jean Seiler 200; Keith Willard 112; Amanda Denson 365; Hobert Ivey and Betty Shepherd 426t; Don Bowen 283; Susan Neufeld and Randy Neufeld 146; Sarah Harcrow and Desiree Malone 299.

## LUNCH

S.T. Reed brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 42.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 176t; Jeanette Lowry 377; Rebecca Browne 362; Henry Johnson and Rebecca Loman 388.

A memorial lesson was held by Wayne Reed, Henry Johnson, and Shelbie Sheppard. Wayne Reed read a passage of scripture and spoke of the way we should live.

Shelbie Sheppard made comments about the message contained in the song on page 289, and then led the song for the following deceased: Rosa Hughes, Marie Aldridge, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Herbert Phillips, Shelton Williamson, Ester Wall Brown, Karen House, Horace Batchelor, Carrol Ivey, Mercedes Cagle Lambert, Waylon Roache, Alice Meadows, Lois Sheldon, and Horace Upton. Henry Johnson reminded us that we should remember the sick and shut-in by visiting, phoning, or sending a card to cheer them up, let them know we are thinking about them; and led song on page 385t for: Mary Stiefel, Woodie Walker, Alpha Black, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Polly Moore, Tommye Denson Mauldin, John Henry Busby, Audra Browne, Mozelle Sheppard, Estella Klatt, Jap Walton, and Joyce Walton. Louis Hughes closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Ruth Brown 84; Jerry Enright and Karen Freund 77t; Mark Brown "Sweet Beulah Land"; Syble Adams 277; Allison Ivey and Richard Ivey 215; Richard Ivey, Allison Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 270; Betty Shepherd and Rodney Ivey 216; Susan Harcrow 220; David Ivey and Coy Ivey 172; Coy Ivey 137; Lynne deBenedette 542; Pam Nunn and Shelbie Sheppard 269; Shelbie Sheppard 242 (by request); Elene Stovall 436; Kelly House 556; Rodney Ivey and Karen Ivey 349, 475; Cassie Franklin and Cindy Franklin 192, 198; Charles Stiefel and Melvin Stiefel 39b; Donna Wootten and Shane Wootten 56t.

The Finance Committee reported a collection of \$1,114.00. Announcements were made. Bud Oliver, Milton Oliver, Wayne Reed, S.T. Reed, Henry Johnson, and Brother Warren Meadows led song on page 62 as the closing song. Brother Warren Meadows dismissed the class with prayer.

The Lookout Mountain Convention wishes to thank everyone that made a contribution or helped in any way with the improvement of Pine Grove Church. Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - S.T. Reed; Secretaries - Pauline Oliver and Randall Smith.

## **MISSISSIPPI STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, North of Forest, Mississippi August 26-27, 2000**

**Saturday, August 26**

The Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention convened at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church in its seventy-second annual session on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August for two days of worship in song service to

our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when and where the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

The convention was called to order by President Mark Davis leading song on page 37b. President Mark Davis welcomed everyone to the seventy-second session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention and recognized Alfred Bailey, host to the convention. Mark Davis led song on page 48t, and Chaplain Arlon Gardner led the opening prayer. Mark Davis led song on page 47b and then appointed Nancy Van den Akker and Junie McNeil as the Arrangement Committee.

Vice President John Van Horn led songs on pages 203 and 440; Secretary Jean Gray led songs on pages 82t and 297; Chaplain Arlon Gardner led songs on pages 448t and 39t.

The following program was presented. Leaders: Nancy Van den Akker 575 (CB), 573; John Etheridge 155 (CH); Robert Handel 51 (CH), 49 (CH); Ernestine Pipkin 276, 209; Bill Hogan 101 (CH), 50 (CH); Kelly Beard 117 (CH), 390; Cheryl Foreman 324.

President Mark Davis appointed Tim Gray, Billy Hollingsworth, and Hugh McGuire to the Business and Credentials Committee.

#### RECESS

President Mark Davis brought the class to order leading song on page 36b.

Leaders: Wanda Gregg 40, 460; Hugh McGuire 365, 375; Regina Foster 383, 328; Billy Hollingsworth 49b, 250; Tim Gray 268, 46; John Hollingsworth 236; John Kanode 571 (CB), 229.

President Mark Davis appointed Ester Mann and Wanda Gregg as the Memorial Committee.

#### LUNCH

After a bountiful lunch the singing resumed for the afternoon session. Leaders: Mark Davis 218; Linda Funderburk 373, 290; Baron Powers 85, 159; T.J. Funderburk 563 (CB), 147; Dennis Cranford 277, 178; Junie McNeil 43 (CH), 64; Darlene Reynolds and Steve Kelly 175 (CH), 201; Mike McNeil 172 (CH), 204t (CH); Hugh Bill McGuire, Hugh McGuire, and Henry McGuire 507b (CH), 63 (CH) (in memory of Hugh Bill's father who was born in 1908, the same year as when the song was written), 63 (in honor of Mae Ola Nelson); Charles Franklin 480 (CH), 85.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed as follows: Vice President John Van Horn 384; Andrew Albers 144b (CH), 195; Harves Quartet 505 (CB); Henry McGuire 442, 220; Robert Jahweks 417.

President Mark Davis called for a motion to open the convention for business to elect officers. A motion was made and seconded to retain the same officers:

President - Mark Davis; Vice President - John Van Horn; Secretary - Jean Gray; Chaplain - Arlon Gardner. The business session was closed.

Leaders: W.M. Allen 490; Georgia Kanode 395b (CB) (in memory of her brother, Ed Craig, who passed away); Mark Davis 572 (for Mae Ola Nelson); John Etheridge and Hugh Bill McGuire 503; Harvey Beemon 281 (CH) (for Mr. Dansky); Hugh McGuire 454.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. After announcements, President Mark Davis led the "Drone". The session was closed with prayer led by Chaplain Arlon Gardner.

## Sunday, August 27

President Mark Davis opened the Sunday session by extending a welcome to everyone and led songs on pages 30t and 123t. Chaplain Arlon Gardner led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 74b; John Van Horn 89, 183; Jean Gray 108, 170; Arlon Gardner 410, 166b; Nancy Van den Akker 25b (CH), 149; Ernestine Pipkin 82, 108b; Kelly Beard 503, 229; Cheryl Foreman 497 (CB), 300; T.J. Funderburk 61, 569b; Wanda Gregg 288, 120.

### RECESS

The singing resumed with the following leaders: Mark Davis 179; Junie McNeil 32t, 319; Mark Davis 117 (CH) (requested by Alfred Bailey, host); Charles Franklin 342, 68b; Bill Hollingsworth 146, 551b; Linda Funderburk 358, 37b; Darlene Reynolds and Steve Kelly 145t, 145b; Robert Handel 234, 41 (CB).

### LUNCH

Vice President John Van Horn brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 101t. Leaders: Andrew Albers 271b (CB), 524; Andy Davis 254, 269; Regina Foster 215, 369 (for Dr. Wilma Mitchell who was unable to attend); John Kanode 49t (CB), 7 (CH); Hugh McGuire 196, 68t; Baron Powers 457, 85; Tim Cook 284 (CH), 448t; Mako Cook 515 (CH), 301.

At 2:00 p.m. a business session was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports.

The Business and Credentials Committee gave the following report: We report that several counties and states are represented at the convention with delegates and visitors. We find a quorum present. We collected \$370.00 and added to the \$536.62 in Newton County Bank, for a total of \$906.62. A motion was carried to give Antioch Church \$125.00 for expenses with thanks. Respectfully submitted by: Tim Gray, Bill Hollingsworth, and Hugh McGuire.

The Memorial Committee, Wanda Gregg and Ester Mann, led 339 ("When I Am Gone") and 235b ("Long Sought Home") in memory of the following deceased: Walter Dansby, Ruby Easley, Durward Scarborough, Neva Dee Mayes, and Agnes Hollingsworth - Mississippi; Ed Craig - Texas; Willie Mosley, Ruby Phillips, Herbert Phillips, Horace Batchelor, David Terry Davis, and Walter Wyers - Alabama; Karen House - New York.

The Resolutions and Hospitality Committee, Andrew Albers and Regina Foster, gave the following report:

- 1) We resolve to thank our Creator for the opportunity to praise Him in song.
- 2) We thank Mr. Alfred Bailey and all the members of Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for the invitation, work, and use of their fine facility.
- 3) We thank all the singers and members of the community for delicious dinner both days.
- 4) We thank the Chairman and all officers for their labor to make the convention a success, and willingness to serve another year.
- 5) We thank everyone who came to listen and sing both days.
- 6) We thank everyone that worked, including members of all committees.

All reports were approved as read.

### RECESS

A special welcome and thanks were extended to out of state visitors. Visitors invited to lead were: Nancy Van den Akker 142 (CH); John Kanode 500; Wanda Gregg 408; Robert Handel 81t (CH); Tim Cook and Mako Cook 393t (CB), 341 (requested by Aldred Bailey); Hugh Bill McGuire 344 (CB), 522 (CB).

Brother T.J. Funderburk gave thanks to the church for lunch in the name of Jesus. Announcements were called for, and then a motion to adjourn. The "Drone" was sung. Chaplain Arlon Gardner dismissed the class 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 27, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at James Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Itawamba County, Mississippi was held on the fourth Sunday in August, and was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading song on page 82t. Linton Ballinger offered the morning prayer. Elmer Conwill led song on page 74b.

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

Leaders: Travis Keeton 75, 129; Linton Ballinger 335, 339; Wayne Baines 30t, 354; Warren Steel 144, 430; A.A. Malone 285, 348b; Wilton Donaldson 426t, 37b; Lisa Geist 155, 31t; Anne Steel 36t, 490; Ivalene Donaldson 328; Faye Donaldson 270, 284 (for Gene Wakefield); Clarence McCool 111t, 111b.

**RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Larry Ballinger leading songs on pages 425 and 113. Leaders: Julie Poston 101t, 345b; Annie Price 340, 168; Edwin Ballinger 81t, 460; Etma Barton 300, 299; John Merritt 45t, 571 (CB); Margaret Keeton 445, 410t; Earl Ballinger 410b, 224; Brenda Merritt 225t, 542; Gravis Ballinger 112, 217.

**LUNCH**

Travis Keeton called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Betty Baccus 73t, 100; Josie Hyde 220, 234; Marlin Beasley 336, 318; Erselle Jackson 322, 34b; Estes Jackson 436, 396; Ivalene Donaldson 146; Anne Steel 39t; Brenda Merritt 215; John Merritt 438; Warren Steel 360; Lisa Geist 546; Linton Ballinger 64; John Merritt 451; Betty Baccus and Edwin Ballinger 448b; John Hyde 313, 297; Josie Hyde 342; Wilton Donaldson 317; John Merritt 331; Larry Ballinger 119; Elmer Conwill 179; Earl Ballinger 338. Elmer Conwill and Earl Ballinger led song on page 45t for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Estes Jackson.

Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

**MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION**  
**Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Saturday, September 2, 2000**

The ninety-fifth session of the Mulberry River Convention was held at Liberty Church (McCormick) on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, and was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Velton Chafin leading songs on pages 83b and 33b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led songs on pages 39b and 56.

A business session was held and the class voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate. The Mulberry River Convention will be held at Sardis Church next year, 2001.

Leaders: Willodean Barton 82, 101t; Furn Kitchens 378t, 378b; Billy Williams 154, 310; Bud Oliver 32t, 30t; Josie Hyde 155, 43; Paula McGray 37b, 200; S.T. Reed 40, 42.

#### RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading song on page 111b. Leaders: David Hough 28b, 270; John Merritt 268, 217 (in memory of Marie Aldridge); Bill Stewart 36b, 68b; Brenda Merritt 216, 396, 475 (for Flarce Creel); Ivalene Donaldson 77t, 81t; Robert Handel 490, 153; Katharine Hough 569b, 269; Travis Keeton 183, 343; Jerry Ryan 345t (in memory of his mother, Marie Aldridge), 145t; Euell Freeman 64, 65; Kenneth Tate 145b, 480; Cecil Sanders 460.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Velton Chafin leading song on page 494. Leaders: Edith Tate 389 (in memory of Marie Aldridge and Hadyn Creel), 75; Elsie Moon 73t, 144 (for John Hocutt); John Hyde 61, 168 (for Gene Wakefield); Wilton Donaldson 319, 566; Ann Jett 327, 546; Katharine Hough 114; David Hough 370; Paula McGray 111t; S.T. Reed 425; Bud Oliver 383 (for Lawrence Underwood); Robert Handel "Delusion"; John Merritt 422 (for Tressie Adkins); Bill Stewart 186; Furn Kitchens 143 (for Belton Nix); Travis Keeton 410b (for Belton Nix); Velton Chafin 201 (for Charles Kitchens), 103 (for Gene Wakefield).

After announcements, the class sang the song on page 521 as the closing song. S.T. Reed dismissed the class with prayer.

The convention will meet at Sardis Church, Walker County, on the river in 2001.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

### **MAIDENCREEK ALL DAY SINGING Maidencreek Meeting House, Near Leesport, Pennsylvania Saturday, September 2, 2000**

The Berks County Sacred Harp Singers hosted the fifth annual all day singing on Saturday before Labor Day at Maidencreek Meeting House near Leesport, Pennsylvania.

Guy Bankes called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 77b.

Ginny Landgraf led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Guy Bankes 556; Betty Hanf 49t; Molly Sayvetz 171; Gina Balestracci 271; Tom Tucker 473; Susan Bingham 446; Claire Simon 66; Ginny Landgraf 71; Gerry Hoffman 477; Rosemary Greenaway 475; Dennis Leipold 290; Blake Morris 214; Eileen Metzger 32t; Hal Kunkel 546; Gail Doss 269.

#### RECESS

Susan Munch brought the class to order leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Laura Densmore 542; Ted Stokes 428; Diane Mennella 564; Thom Metzger 547; "Happy Birthday" to Thom Metzger to the tune of 40; Cathy Tucker 332; Barbara Swetman 417; Joyelle Washington 313b; Gilead Henkin 358; Roland Hutchinson "Memorial Anthem" by Bruce Randall and Dan Brittain; Donna Abrahams 496; Gabriel Kastle 385t; Daniel Henkin 117; Laura Clawson 216; Hanna Henkin and Doron Henkin 114; John Hewes 38t; Bob Todd 278b.

#### RECESS

Tom Tucker brought the class to order leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Susan Bingham 454; Claire Simon 87; Gerry Hoffman 372; Ginny Landgraf 172.

Bob Todd led the memorial lesson and song on page 335 for the following sick and shut-ins: Ruth Densmore - Ohio; Vedic Touchstone - Georgia; Elsie Allen - California; Mia Durso - New York; Muriel Parker - Maryland; Barbara Smith - Pennsylvania; Betty Nikelsky - New Jersey; Peter Henkel - Michigan; Phil Shea - Massachusetts; and Allen Henkin - Maryland.

Diane Mennella led the memorial lesson for the following deceased: Karen House and Karen Hamilton - New York; Charlotte Munch - Missouri; Laura Sherman, Grant Wesner, Molly Rose Irwin Trieb, John L. Glover, Jr., William Demorest, and Heywood Williams - Pennsylvania; Marvin Meyere - Colorado; Roland Venier and Gina Diguisto - France; Frances Hoffman - Maryland; Arthur Allen - California; Virgil Phillips and Ruby Phillips - Alabama. Ginny Landgraf closed the memorial lessons with a prayer.

Susan Bingham offered grace for lunch by leading "Johnny Appleseed Grace".

#### LUNCH

Gail Doss opened the afternoon session leading song on page 269. Leaders: Blake Morris 378; Rosemary Greenaway 383; Dennis Leipold 250; Eileen Metzger 217; Laura Densmore 74b; Ted Stokes 229; Diane Mennella 208; Thom Metzger 376; Cathy Tucker 236; Barbara Swetman 196; Hanna Henkin 388.

#### RECESS

Doron Henkin called the class to order leading song on page 128. Ruth Shaffer started the session from other sources by leading "Selingsgrove" in German; Barbara Swetman "The Stone Forever Stands"; Blake Morris "Ireland"; Guy Banks "Cranbrook"; Laura Densmore "Sweet Peace"; Ted Stokes "Good Old Way"; Roland Hutchinson "Earthquake".

#### RECESS

A short business meeting was held in which thanks were given to all those who assisted with set-up, registration, pitching, arrangements, memorial lessons, publicity, chaplains, and hospitality. The treasurer announced that expenses had been met.

Leaders: Rosemary Greenaway 68b; Joyelle Washington 83t; Gina Balestracci 318; Bob Todd 178; Donna Abrahams 200; John Hewes 551; Molly Savetz 566; Doron Henkin 192; Hal Kunkel 340; Gabriel Kastle 95b; Gail Doss 107.

Betty Hanf led song on page 86 as the closing song. Ginny Landgraf dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chairperson - Betty Hanf; Secretary/Treasurer - Ruth Shaffer; Assistant Secretary - Gina Balestracci.

### **OBERLIN SACRED HARP SINGING** **Christ Episcopal Church, Oberlin, Ohio** **Saturday, September 2, 2000**

The third annual Sacred Harp Singing in Oberlin, Ohio was held at Christ Episcopal Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jane Wells who opened with prayer.

Leaders: Charles Wells 49t; Virginia Benade Belveal 49b; Fred Todt 32b; Chandler York 128; Joseph Pimentel 122; Beth Todd 475; Jo Schultz 198; Nikos Pappas "New Composition"; Brad Oglesby 32t; Eric Schedler "Muhaiyadeen"; Matt Wells 171; Bill Beverly 272; Pauline Childers 217; Joe Todd 373; Chloe Maher 569; Martha Beverly 269; Sid Milder 92; Charles Wells 38b.

#### RECESS

Fred Todt called the class back to order leading song on page 350. Leaders: Chandler York 497; Avery Brook 181; Joseph Pimentel 273; Beth Todd 335;



Lois Hurt 178; Jo Schultz 66; Nikos Pappas "Singing Spring"; Brad Oglesby 365; Matt Wells 542; Bill Beverly 143; Pauline Childers 318; Joe Todd 454.

#### RECESS

Matt Wells called the class to order leading song on page 30. Leaders: Chloe Maher 284; Martha Beverly 34t; Sid Milder 34b; Charles Wells 85; Fred Todt 480; Chandler York 229; Avery Brooks 457; Joseph Pimentel 290; Lois Hurt 551; Jo Schultz 455. Jane Wells dismissed the class for lunch with a prayer.

#### LUNCH

Fred Todt called the class to order leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Beth Todd 319; Nikos Pappas 189; Virginia Benade Belveal 313; Brad Oglesby 192; Matt Wells 340; Bill Beverly 515; Pauline Childers 384; Joe Todd 35; Chloe Maher 267; Martha Beverly 430; Sid Milder 565; Eric Schedler "Ten Thousand Charms"; Fred Todt 448; Charles Wells 86.

#### RECESS

Fred Todt called the class to order leading song on page 159. Leaders: Matt Wells 45t; Chandler York "Bosold"; Gregory Creech 47b; Lois Hurt 40; Bill Beverly 503; Jo Schultz 532; Martha Beverly 270; Pauline Childers 234; Avery Book 504; Joseph Pimentel 155; Eric Schedler "In Memoriam"; Beth Todd 501; Nikos Pappas 41; Brad Oglesby 339; Joe Todd 112.

Announcements of conventions and local singings in the region were made. Jane Wells led the class in a prayer, and Charles Wells led song on page 62 as the closing song.

A total of 74 songs were led by singers from four different states and Canada.

Please note that the Oberlin Singing in 2001 will take place on Saturday, September 8, 2001, the Saturday after Labor Day.

Secretary - Charles Wells.

## **CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION WEST** **Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House),** **Fayette County, Alabama** **September 3, 2000**

The Clear Creek Convention West Sacred Harp Singing met at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House) on the first Sunday in September, and was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 47t. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Lavaughn Ballinger.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 119; John Hyde 39b, 129; Brenda Merritt 336, 434, 548; Ivalene Donaldson 335, 328; Earl Ballinger 331, 284; Clarence McCool 172, 475, 112; Wilton Donaldson 426t, 30t; Lisa Geist 155, 566; John Merritt 438, 111t, 137; Velton Chafin 50b, 285b, 130; Josie Hyde 477, 66, 507.

#### RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading song on page 348b. Leaders: Robert Handel 393, 234, 178 (in honor of Terri Shield); Larry Ballinger 101t, 49t, 71; Cecil Sanders 225t; Joyce Hubbitt 49b, 182, 163t; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Gravis Ballinger 99, 300, 78.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 146. Leaders: Flarce Creel 297, 454; A.A. Malone 85, 65, 448t; Robert Handel 36t; Fred Killingsworth 87; John Hyde 124; Brenda Merritt 200; Ivalene

Donaldson 270; Earl Ballinger 176t; Clarence McCool 349; Wilton Donaldson 56t; Lisa Geist 546; John Merritt 89; Velton Chafin 201; Josie Hyde 493; Donna Rush 45t (in honor of her mother, Willa Rush), 571 (CB); Larry Ballinger 425; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405.

No one called for the convention, and Willa Rush asked that it be held here again next year, 2001.

Travis Keeton led song on page 37b as the closing song. Fred Killingsworth dismissed the class with prayer.

We wish to thank Willa Rush for paying for the minutes.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

## **LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Near Bremen, Georgia**

**September 3, 2000**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in September. Chairman Charles Woods called the class to order leading song on page 31b. Roy Nelson offered the morning prayer. Charles Woods led song on page 59.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Charles Woods; Vice Chairman - Richard DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Charlene Wallace; Memorial Committee - Mary F. Smith; Arranging Committee - Jeannette DePoy and Richard DeLong.

Leaders: Charles Woods 283; Richard DeLong 70t, 82b, 83b; Charlene Wallace 354, 130, 141; Bobby Jackson 285t, 569b, 34t; Carlene Griffin 146, 270; Earlis McGraw 132, 163t, 225t; Sheri Taylor 45t (in memory of Mrs. Mary Griffin), 29t, 209; David Hough 137 (in memory of Virgil Phillips and Ruby Phillips), 566, 384.

### **RECESS**

The class was called together by Charles Woods leading song on page 300.

Leaders: Judy Henry 74b, 77t; Nick Griffin 164, 551; Mary F. Smith 127, 224, 378b; Jeff Sheppard 540, 316, 506; Paula McGray 432, 377, 107; Katharine Hough 49b, 373, 376.

### **LUNCH**

The class resumed singing with Charles Woods leading song on page 277.

Leaders: Everette Denney 335, 489, 490; Henry Johnson 56b, 326, 385.

Mary F. Smith presented the memorial lesson and led song on page 106 in memory of the following deceased: Wiley Bradley, Lois Long, Ralph Long, Allene Stanford, Shelton Williamson, and Dollie Hudgins.

Mary F. Smith led song on page 494 for the sick and shut-ins: Charlotte Allison, Dorothy Garber, Susan Garber, Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, Polly Moore, Cecil Edwards, and Vivian Rogers. Mary F. Smith closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 410t, 318, 348b; Jeannette DePoy 129, 460, 421; Hugh McGraw 567; Roy Nelson 179, 274; Tom McGraw 148, 30t, 475; Felton Denney 231, 299, 31t; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Katharine Hough 217 (in memory of Marie Aldridge); Henry Johnson 416; Paula McGray 273; David Hough 371.

Announcements were made. Charles Woods led song on page 168 as the closing song. Roy Nelson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Charles Woods; Vice Chairman - Richard DeLong; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

**LABOR DAY SINGING**  
**Shoal Creek Church, North of Heflin, Alabama**  
**Monday, September 4, 2000**

The annual Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing met at Shoal Creek Church, Talladega National Forest, ten miles north of Heflin, Alabama on the first Monday in September.

The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 36b. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 87; Roy Nelson 145t; and Mary Florence Smith 63.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Josephine Denney. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 358; Betty Wright 89; Bobby Jackson 274t; Margie Smith 373; John Plunkett 86; Charlene Wallace 283; B.J. Harris 503; Leola Smith 43; Reba Norton and Glenda Watkins 282; Bud Oliver 383; Judy Mincey 475; B.M. Smith 179 (in memory of Lee Jones); Evelyn Harris 155; Scott DePoy 146; Cassie Franklin 270.

**RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 59. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 222; Paula McGray 217; Robert Handel 303; Katharine Hough 408; Nate Green and Norma Green 92; Flora Skinner 426b; Phillip Denney 120; Eunice Webb 480; Dennis George 224; Teenie Moody and daughters of Lee Jones (Martha Ann Jones and Judy Jones Green) 430; Martha Ann Jones and Judy Jones Green 127; David Hough 33b; Daphene Causey 172; Phillip Langley 436; Lou Cotney 189; George Garner 318.

In the absence of Joe Jones, Secretary and Treasurer of the Preservation Committee for Shoal Creek Church, Sonja Randall gave a report from the members of the Preservation Committee. Ten pews had been purchased and five logs were replace/installed in the church, along with additional work inside the church and outside on the grounds. Thanks were given to the Sacred Harp singers for their contribution of \$252.00 to the Preservation Committee.

Louis Hughes led song on page 348t.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Roy Nelson leading song on page 354b. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 389; Katherine Benefield 405; Sonja Randall 45t; Richard DeLong 362; Mildred Patterson 119; Henry Johnson 152; Jeannette DePoy 542; Felton Denney 489b; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Everette Denney 426t; Sherrell Durand 335; Winford Kerr 339; Karen Reaves 410t; Chip Ward 112; Tommy McGraw 148; Homer Benefield 56t; Jimmie Denney 101t; Katharine Hough 294; David Hough 32t; Paula McGray 300; Robert Handel 299; Nate Green and Norma Green 76b; Flora Skinner 434; Cassie Franklin and Rodney Ivey 186.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and Roy Nelson led song on page 46 as the closing song. Lewis Norton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

**UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION**  
**Beeston Youth and Community Centre, Beeston,**  
**Nottingham, United Kingdom**  
**September 9-10, 2000**

**Saturday, September 9**

The fifth United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Helen Brown leading song on page 52t. Ken Baddley led the morning prayer, and then Ian West led song on page 30t. Chairman David Cooper welcomed all visitors, particularly those who had traveled from the U.S.A. to attend; and introduced Richard DeLong who began his singing school. Richard DeLong led songs on pages 36b, 72b, 101t, 49b, 354b, 318, 439, 399b, 418, 417, 395 and 392 in the teaching period.

**RECESS**

Judy Whiting brought the class together leading song on page 171. Richard DeLong resumed his singing school and led songs on pages 399b, 418, 417, 395 and 392 to emphasize his teachings.

Leaders: Ruth Cooper 299; Ken Baddley 99; Ted Mercer 298; Sheila Girling Smith 148; Edwin Macadam 168; Diane Mennella 208; Rachel Jordan 66; Dave Townsend 300; Dave Richardson 548; Mandy Townsend 33b; Alan Weeks 479; Barbara Swetman 196; Dafydd Charles 155; Matt Wojcik 89; Paul Gailiunas 63t; Connie Karduck 456; Steve Levine 371; Steve Fletcher 142. Ruth Cooper offered a prayer for the meal which followed.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session resumed with Bernard Collard leading song on page 63. Leaders: Arlie Prokop 451; Richard Schmeidler 254; Ros Clements 147t; Mick Verrier 107; Bob Parr 270; Virginia Douglas 47b; Phil Tyler 445; David Cooper 324; Roz Argyle 474; Cath Oss 556; Ian West 480; Helen Brown 377; Ted Mercer 151; Sheila Girling Smith 186; Ken Baddley 515; Dave Townsend 146; Richard DeLong 362; Judy Whiting 460; Diane Mennella 312; Alan Weeks 84; Rachel Jordan 503.

**RECESS**

Dave Richardson called the class back leading song on page 335. Leaders: Ruth Cooper and Lin Cawthorne 268; Edwin Macadam 236; Matt Wojcik 189; Mandy Townsend 85; Dafydd Charles 159; Connie Karduck 565b; David Moore 361; Cath Oss 59; Paul Gailiunas 538; Steve Levine 532; Steve Fletcher 117; Barbara Swetman 475; Richard Schmeidler 100; Bernard Collard 454; Arlie Prokop 79; Mick Verrier 272; Ros Clements 504; Bob Parr 528; Cath Oss 122. The class was dismissed at 4.30 p.m. by Helen Brown and Ian West leading song on page 323, and Bernard Collard led the closing prayer.

**Sunday, September 10**

Ian West opened the Sunday session at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 40. The morning prayer was led by Alan Weeks. Helen Brown led song on page 145t. Richard DeLong gave a further singing school leading song on pages 97, 74, 44, 27, 422, 292, 458, 39b, 36t, and 60 as points of instruction.

**RECESS**

The class was called together by Ted Mercer leading song on page 106. Leaders: Rosie Wojcik 77t; Hannah Cooper 276; Krys Bottrill 178; Phil Tyler 70b; Anna Standward 107; Alan Burchard and Diane Mennella 179; Virginia Douglas and Meg Compton 49b; Bob Parr 391; Mandy Townsend 48t; Ken Baddley 350; Matt Wojcik 269; Sheila Girling Smith 210; Steve Levine 441; Judy Whiting 460; Rachel Jordan 163b.

Richard DeLong gave the memorial lesson, reflecting on his own memories of singers who have passed away. Ken Baddley read the names of the deceased: Karen House, Karen Hamilton, Mary Dalton, John Craythorne, Robin Fox's mother, Ron Nathan, Dollie DeLong Hudgins, John Theobald, Rosa Hughes, Ron Thomas, Peggy Woodley, Vera of Totnes, Lesley Wragg, Michael Thompson, Betty Potter, George Riddell, Tony Mitchell, and Frances Butcher. Richard DeLong led song on page 285t for the deceased.

Bernard Collard told a parable of cracked pots and then led song on page 475 for the following sick and housebound: Gordon Ashman, Nesrin Boysan, Andrea Ertle, Elizabeth Battersley, Mary Brown, Peter Pearce, and Rosemary Allsop. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 306; Steve Fletcher 128; Dave Richardson 473. Helen Brown gave the blessing for lunch.

#### LUNCH

Ruth Cooper reconvened the class with leading song on page 198. Leaders: Paul Gailiunas 455; Roz Argyle 452; Arlie Prokop 311; Alan Weeks 291; Susan Duncan 33t; Connie Karduck 176t; Paul Setford 273; Barbara Swetman 448t; Dafydd Charles 299; Diane Mennella 472; Dave Townsend 434; Richard Schmeidler 287; Ros Clements 266; Mick Verrier 383; Rosie Wojcik 95; Richard DeLong 496.

#### RECESS

Helen Brown called the class to order leading song on page 430. Leaders: David Atkin 480; Bernard Collard 501; Phil Tyler 229; Mandy Townsend 163t; Arlie Prokop 440; Bob Parr 497; Ted Mercer 216; Virginia Douglas 31t; Matt Wojcik 183; Connie Karduck 368; Steve Levine 153; Barbara Swetman 203; Rosie Wojcik 209; Richard Schmeidler 31b; Diane Mennella 81b; Richard DeLong 123b.

Announcements were made. Thanks were given to all those who had helped organize this year's convention, and best wishes were conveyed to the organizers of the 2001 convention which will be held in Cumnor near Oxford on September 8-9.

The committee closed the convention at 3:30 p.m. with song on page 62. Richard DeLong led the closing prayer.

Chairman - David Cooper; Arranging Committee - Helen Brown; Secretary - Ian West.

## **UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION**

**Old County Line Church,  
Near Corner (Jefferson County), Alabama  
September 9-10, 2000**

**Saturday, September 9**

The ninety-seventh session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was brought together by David Ivey leading song on page 144. The morning prayer was led by Louis Hughes.

The officers were called to lead as follows: Nora Parker 36b; Rodney Ivey 108; Henry Johnson 565; Jackie Tanner 101t; Max Berueffy 177; Elene Stovall 217; Kelly House 142; B.M. Smith 475; Louis Hughes 135. Leaders: S.T. Reed 134; Roy Turrentine 69; Patricia Mauldin 63; Jim Ballinger 401; Mattie Townsel 317; Carla Smith 57; Ann Jett 269; Judith Green 117.

#### RECESS

David Ivey reassembled the convention leading song on page 371.

A business session was held to elect officers with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman - Dennis George; Secretary - Nora Parker; Chaplain - Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee - Henry Johnson, Max Berueffy, Jackie Tanner, Richard Ivey, and Richard Mauldin; Memorial Committee - Cindy Franklin, Carla Smith, and Louis Hughes; Resolution Committee - Susan Harcrow and Elene Stovall; Location Committee - Coy Ivey and B.M. Smith; Finance Committee - Danny Creel and Bud Oliver.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 496; Lora Cargo 400; Kenneth Tate 145b; Teenie Moody and Coy Ivey 384; Ivalene Donaldson 61; Judy Caudle 66; John Etheridge 456; David Carlton 486; Jewel Wootten and Freeman Wootten 47b; Karen Ivey 405; Bill Hogan 56b; Charlene Wallace 481; Glenn Keeton 285t; Cathryn Baker 485; Velton Chafin 573.

#### RECESS

The class was brought together by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 81t.

Leaders: Dennis George 542; Jerry Schreiber 373; Betty Wright 323b; Lynne deBenedette 430; Chip Ward 442; Marion Black 28; Leola Smith 234; Jacob Affoiter 472; Amber Springfield 299; Reba Dell Windom and Elene Stovall 196; Mary Florence Smith 43; Jane Hancock 224; Cindy Franklin 335; Jon Giles 376; K.A. Rand 68; Gary Smith 31; Jerry Enright 131; Tommy McGraw 77; Susan Turpin 312b; Edith Tate 88t.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Dennis George leading song on page 76b.

Leaders: Henry Schuman 344; Janet Herman and Dwayne Hawthorne 122; Jim Carnes 440; Cassie Franklin 220; Matt Wells 39; Danny Creel 383; Lou Cotney 218; Cheyenne Ivey 354; Laura Boyd Russell 202; Lomax Ballinger 300; Rick Russell 200; Harrison Creel 498; Pauline Childers 318; Carroll Lunsford 338; Larry Ballinger 276; Richard Mauldin 72b; Sally House 347; Richard Ivey 567; Carla Smith 399b; Roy Turrentine 123b; Ruth Walker 73; Wanda Capps and Flarce Creel 146; Coy Ivey 59; Shelley Capps and Cassie Franklin 348b; Lucy Heidorn 40; Margie Smith 569b.

The Saturday session was closed by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 46.

Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

#### **Sunday, September 10**

The Sunday session was brought to order by Coy Ivey leading songs on pages 56t and 30t, followed by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 327. Harrison Creel led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Nora Parker 276; Dennis George 57; Louis Hughes 403; Carla Smith 70; Judith Green 117; Dave Ressler 47; Sara Smith 290; Pattie Doss 285; Jerry Schreiber 100; Rebecca Browne 171; B.J. Harris 503; Teenie Moody 40; Freeman Wootten and Jewel Wootten 441; Jon Giles 182.

#### RECESS

The class was brought together by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 460.

Leaders: Max Berueffy 328; Charlene Wallace 192; Cathryn Baker 112; Betty Wright 410; Milton Oliver 321; Ann Jett 327; Chip Ward 384; Richard Mauldin 36b; Marion Black 29; Leola Smith 185; Jacob Affoiter 34b; Eschol Hughes 436; Mary Florence Smith 302; Estelle Flowers 388; Nathan Blackwood 317; Sarah Harcrow 127; Jane Hancock 102; Tommy McGraw 475.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Rodney Ivey and Dennis George leading song on page 186. Leaders: Susan Harcrow 430; Gary Smith 569b; Amanda Denson 232;

Bonnie Flowers 225t; Susan Turpin 203; Laura Boyd Russell 113; Evelyn Harris 87; Janet Herman 271; Matt Wells 288; Rick Russell 99; Kathy Robinson 546. Cindy Franklin conducted the memorial lesson with these thoughts: "Death is the end of life as we know it. But Christians believe that God's love and plan for us does not end with death. Revelations 21:4 tells us that God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

The deceased remembered were: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Herbert Phillips, Marie Creel Aldridge, Karen House, Katharine Brooks, Hubert Calvert, Dollie Hudgins, Ester Wall Brown, Horace Batchelor, Theo Grayson, Rosa Hughes, Carroll Ivey, Shelton Williamson, Dr. Clyde Terrell, Mercedes Cagle Lambert, Louisa Raoul, Allene Stanford, Tommie Lee Frederick, Claudia Freeman, Don Wilkerson, and Lela Crider.

Becky Browne led song on page 304; Louis Hughes 137; and Kelly House 48t for the deceased.

The names on the sick and shut-ins list were read by Cindy Franklin. Those remembered were: Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Lonnie Rogers, Vivian Rogers, Lucille Creel Tolbert, Mavis Price, Gene Wakefield, John Hocutt, A.C.

McGough, Tressie Adkins, Ruth Aaron, Thurman Nall, Lou Nall, Woodie Walker, Ruby Wilks, John Henry Busby, Shelbie Sheppard, Noelle Hancock, Carroll Hancock, Don Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, Audra Brown, Tommye Denson Mauldin, Verdie Touchstone, Polly Moore, and I.V. McWhorter.

Carla Smith led songs on pages 123 and 340 for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer led by B.J. Harris.

Leaders: Ruth Brown 101t; Carroll Lunsford 204.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Max Berueffy leading song on page 319.

Leaders: Buell Cobb 81; Karen Freund 278b; Sally House 178; Henry Johnson 416; Jeff Sheppard 455; Jerry Enright 398; Bud Oliver 73; Harrison Creel, Flarce Creel, Cassie Franklin, and Shelley Capps 342, 512, 111b; Edith Tate 155; Karen Ivey 532; Roy Nelson 380; Allison Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 222, 270; Reba Dell Windom 216; Lynne deBenedette 274; Allison Stovall 217; Stuart Ivey 192; Kelly House 306; Billy Williams 28b; Danny Creel 269.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Danny Creel and Cassie Franklin leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 172; Cassie Franklin 224; Coy Ivey 212; Pauline Childers 142, 234; Wanda Capps 299; Cindy Franklin 88; Elene Stovall 298; Shelley Capps 405; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, Susan Harcrow, and Elene Stovall 120, 454.

A business session was held to hear committee reports.

The Resolutions Committee made up of Susan Harcrow and Elene Stovall gave the following report. On September 9 and 10, 2000, the Resolutions Committee of the United Sacred Harp Singing Convention hereby resolves to give thanks to:

- 1) Almighty God, along with our daily thanksgiving, gratitude for the extra blessing of being able to come together once again to lift our voices in song, harmony, and praise to Him;
- 2) County Line Church for hosting this convention, to members and friends, and to the community for supplying meals for two days, and gracious hospitality;
- 3) All officers and committee members for a smooth and well run convention;

4) And, finally, to all of our singing family who traveled from near and far to help make this another memorable convention. The Locating Committee, Coy Ivey and B.M. Smith, gave the following report. The ninety-eighth session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association will be held at Shady Grove Baptist Church located three miles south of Dutton, Alabama in Jackson County between Section and Dutton. Nora Parker reported for the Finance Committee. Total expenses of this year's convention were \$375.06. A collection of \$324.00 was received. Balance on hand is \$1,193.97. The business session was closed. Rodney Ivey, Dennis George, and Harrison Creel led song on page 62 as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman - Dennis George; Secretary - Nora Parker.

### **MOUNTAIN HOME CHURCH Near Bear Creek, Alabama September 10, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mountain Home Church on the second Sunday in September was called to order by John Hyde leading song on page 37b. Glenn Keeton led the class in morning prayer. John Hyde led song on page 39b. The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Wilton Doanldson. Leaders: John Hyde 47t; Ivalene Donaldson 31b, 81t, 129; Amber Springfield 49b, 30b, 58; Paul Frederick 36b, 300; Odie Horton 48t, 147b; A.A. Malone 112, 34t, 183; Jayne Fulmer 186, 99, 454; Clarence McCool 569b, 503, 68b; Bernice Phillips 40, 100.

#### **RECESS**

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading songs on pages 73t, 192, and 276. Leaders: Lavaughn Ballinger 45t, 63, 384; Brenda Merritt 189, 269, 172; Larry Ballinger 113, 101t, 123t; Twylia Pickard and son, John 408, 480, 455; Glenn Keeton 278t, 231, 313b, 294 (by request).

#### **LUNCH**

Larry Ballinger brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 321. Leaders: John Merritt and John Bull 201, 278b, 358; Faye Donaldson 371, 299, 168 (in memory of Gene Wakefield); Fayrene Pickard and grandson, John 457, 323b, 143; Julie Poston 421, 274t, 83t; Elmer Conwill 179, 379, 475; Josie Hyde 220, 234, 236; Dawson Adams 328, 147t, 39t; Wilton Donaldson 426t, 56t, 30t. John Hyde and Travis Keeton led song on page 61 as the closing song. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.

We would like to thank Fayrene Pickard and Twylia Pickard for paying for the minutes.

We are sorry to announce that this singing will be discontinued.

Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.



## CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION

**Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, between Anniston and  
Jacksonville, Alabama  
September 16-17, 2000**

**Saturday, September 16**

The eighty-sixth session of the Calhoun County Sacred Harp Convention met at Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church in the Four Mile Community between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama on the third Sunday and Saturday before in September.

The class was called to order by Roy Nelson leading song on page 32t. Larry Rainge led the opening prayer. Ruth Brown welcomed everyone and expressed her appreciation to all who came to support the singing.

Roy Nelson led song on page 274t; B.J. Harris 303, 503; Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; Pearl Guier 405, 312b.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - B.J. Harris; Secretary - Evelyn Harris; Arranging Committee - Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Roy Nelson 128; Coy Ivey 63, 61; Dennis George 285b, 285t; Ginnie Prater 318, 460; Felton Denney 299, 73t; Reba Dell Windom 77t, 186; Max Berueffy 208, 445b.

**RECESS**

B.J. Harris brought the class together leading song on page 425b. Leaders: Henry Johnson 418, 414; Sonja Randall 335, 87; Jarrod George 300; Tommy George and Jarrod George 354b, 475; Kelly House 112; Coy Ivey and Kelly House 384; Milton Oliver 222, 314; Leola Smith 124, 213; S.T. Reed 205, 379; Louise Holland 37b, 273; Bobby Jackson 378t, 378b; Elene Stovall 99; Kelly House and Elene Stovall 436.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Roy Nelson leading song on page 146. Leaders: Bud Oliver 39b, 215; Rene Green 217, 350; Nate Green and Norma Green 127, 145b; Charlene Wallace 187, 345t; Charles Wood 196, 197; Ora Martin 426b, 349; Jimmie Denney 46, 48t; Lou Cotney 172, 212; Eunice Webb 392, 569b; Everette Denney 34b, 119; Shelbie Sheppard 142; Hershell King 340, 80b; Joan Aldridge 145t, 182; Glenda Watkins 282, 45t; Jeff Sheppard 473, 434; Kenneth Calvert 143, 159; Sherrell Durand 36b, 40; Bill Windom and Shelbie Sheppard 28b; Charlene Wallace 455.

Announcements were made. Roy Nelson led song on page 97 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Felton Denney.

**Sunday, September 17**

The Sunday morning session was called together by Roy Nelson leading songs on pages 30t and 101t. Lamar Smith led the morning prayer.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 225t, 430; Evelyn Harris 87; Mary Florence Smith 31t, 141; Pearl Guier 49t, 59; Ruth Brown 270, 186; B.M. Smith 448b, 28b; Alice Edwards 104, 73b, 271b; Randall Smith and Lamar Smith 76b, 36b; Lou Cotney 384, 189; Jarrod George 137, 276; Eloise Watkins 460, 348b.

**RECESS**

B.J. Harris called the class together leading song on page 503. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 34b, 72b; Nancy Allen 108t; Earlis McGraw 77b, 148; Sonja Randall 145t, 128; Rodney Ivey 182, 300; Linda Thomas 345b, 47; Louis Hughes 34t, 37b; Willie Mae Moon 47b, 434; Richard Ivey 138t, 288.

Mary Florence Smith presented the memorial lesson and asked each of us to remember those who have passed away and what they meant to the Sacred Harp singings.

The list of deceased remembered were: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Karen House, Shelton Williamson, Allene Stanford, Rosa Hughes, Marie Aldridge, Ronnie Watkins, Don Wilkerson, and Gene Wakefield.

The list of sick and shut-ins remembered were: Harvey Austin, Oakie Austin, Gertrude Norton, Lewis Norton, Polly Moore, I.V. McWhorter, Mozelle Sheppard, Eula Johnson, Lonnie Rogers, Vivian Rogers, and Tommye Denson Maultin.

Mary Florence Smith led song on page 549 for all the deceased and shut-ins and closed the memorial with prayer.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Roy Nelson leading song on page 318. Leaders: Bud Oliver 332, 42; Pam Nunn 280, 528; Dennis George 269, 373; Eunice Webb 496, 290; Henry Johnson 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield), 435b; Charlene Wallace 192, 441; David Ivey 90; Leola Smith 203, 207; Shelbie Sheppard 556; Shelbie Sheppard and David Ivey 168; Stuart Ivey 196, 222; Glenda Watkins 100, 124; Joan Aldridge 454; Karen Ivey 217; Karen Ivey and Rodney Ivey 99; Nellie Mae White 378; Kenneth Calvert 40, 159; Margie Smith 569; Louise Nelson 350; Jeff Sheppard and Don Swearinger 496, 63; Jarrod George and Stuart Ivey 358, 299; Hester Edwards and Shelbie Sheppard 490 (for Cecil Edwards).

Announcements were made. Roy Nelson and B.J. Harris led song on page 97 as the closing song. Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - B.J. Harris; Secretary - Evelyn Harris.

### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**Placitas Presbyterian Church and Tijeras YMCA Campground,  
New Mexico**

**September 16-17, 2000**

**Saturday, September 16**

The eleventh Rocky Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at two locations. The Saturday session was held at Placitas Presbyterian Church, about twenty miles north of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Sunday session was held at Pinon Canyon YMCA Camp in Tijeras, New Mexico, about twelve miles east of Albuquerque. John Schaffer called the convention to order at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 34b. Daniel Davis led the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - David McPherson; Secretary - Kay Sirco; Treasurer - Juliette Cunico; Chaplain - Daniel Davis; Arranging Committee - Harlan Van Camp, Daniel Davis, Sally Gwylan, and Ed Stevens; Memorial Committee - Carol Selleck.

Leaders: Jeanne Schaffer 143, 369; Ed Stevens 384, 452; Sandy Klein 180, 268; Allan Stavely 112, 61; Donald Klein 540, 523; Mike Hinton 340, 288; Leighan Sewell 401; Rhonda Griswold 128, 159; Kay Sirco 312, 84; Mary Ann Daly 74, 324.

#### RECESS

Harlan Van Camp called the class to order leading song on page 46. Leaders: Daniel Davis "Crownpoint" (his own composition), 423; Mary Wright 145b, 290; Sally Gwylan 332, 106; John Schaffer 291, 515b; Carla Smith 28b, 37b; Pat

Temple 85, 475; Carol Selleck 410, 553; Deborah Johnson 504, 147t; Jerry Schreiber 66, 473; Juliette Cunico 214, 47b; Janet Morgan 341, 400; David McPherson 300, 133; Hugh McGraw 413.

#### LUNCH

David McPherson called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 59. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 490, 269; Mike Hinton 146; Jeanne Schaffer 198; Allan Stavely 58; Jerry Schreiber 198; Donald Klein 556; Ed Stevens 209; Janet Morgan 68b; Sandy Klein 117; Hugh McGraw 347; Mary Ann Daly 383; Mary Wright 270; Daniel Davis "Animas" (his own composition); Harlan Van Camp 503.

#### RECESS

Announcements were made. Leaders: Kay Sirco 178; Rhonda Griswold 155; Lissa Callirhoe 442; David McPherson 569; John Schaffer 313b; Carla Smith 352; Pat Temple 168; Carol Selleck 39b; Deborah Johnson 86; Juliette Cunico 419; Leon Ballinger 187; Mike Hinton 373; Jeanne Schaffer 339; Lissa Callirhoe 362; Allan Stavely 148; Jerry Schreiber 480; Donald Klein 192; Ed Stevens 430; Sandy Klein 481; Mary Ann Daly 294; Mary Wright 42; Daniel Davis 344; Harlan Van Camp 547; Kay Sirco 68t.

David McPherson led song on page 267 as the closing song. Leon Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

#### Sunday, September 17

David McPherson called the Sunday session to order leading song on page 72b. Daniel Davis and Deborah Johnson led the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Schaffer 229, 441; Sally Gwylan 335, 385b; Carla Smith 213t, 202; Leon Ballinger 212, 299; Jerry Schreiber 274t, 338; Carol Selleck 89, 319; Hugh McGraw 213b, 310; Jeanne Schaffer 87, 107; Janet Morgan 35, 82t; Pat Temple 64, 566; Deborah Johnson 312b, 277; Mary Wright 71, 510.

#### RECESS

Daniel Davis brought the class to order leading song on page 66.

Carol Selleck, Janet Morgan, Carla Smith, and Jerry Schreiber conducted the memorial lesson.

Carol Selleck gave a tribute to Sacred Harp members who have gone on to "The Great Convention in the Sky." We miss our friends, their voices, and the contributions they made towards putting on a good singing; but most of all we miss their presence in our midst for they came with pure hearts, sweet smiles, and friendly words. We remember them for their zeal and love of the music, but we rejoice in the knowledge that they are now singing with that larger gathering of singers. Among their survivors are we, their family of singers, who shall carry forth their songs. May we each be blessed to follow their examples of love.

There are others who we wish to remember today. They are unable to be with us because of illness, age, or infirmity. Their longing to be here saddens us, for we want them here, so we shall hold their names up in our thoughts and include them on our list. All these people who we have named are the links that, one by one, voice by voice, link by link, form a long chain of melodies stretching back to our first Sacred Harp singing. They, along with the hundreds of others who have been memorialized at all the conventions over the years, are how we got from that very first singing to today's Rocky Mountain Convention here in Tijeras, New Mexico.

Our conventions are dual in nature, consisting of the "back then" and the "here and now." It is a bridge made of lyrics, harmony, rhythm, and union of voices, and we are the tribe of singers who travel over the bridge. We are non-

denominational, a tribe that collectively seeks the fruits of the spirit by gathering all over the country several times a year and singing our hearts out.

Being counted among a group of singers is a wonderful experience. I found the first group of singers in the Old Testament, the tribe of Levi, one of the twelve tribes of Israel appointed to the service of the tabernacle of the Lord. The Levites had the respect of all the other tribes, for they were "more upright in heart" (II Chronicles 29:34). I Chronicles 9:33 establishes their authority: "And these are the singers." This Levitical line was "commanded to sing praise unto the Lord with the words of David" (II Chronicles 29: 30). We, too, strive to be more upright in heart, and with this as our example, I add them to our memorial list 2000.

Another line of singers for us to include is the "Yankee Tunesmiths" and the "Southern Singing Masters." They exploded onto the music world a few hundred years back with their people's music for the common folk, and they, too, were as dedicated as Levi's tribe to "sing praises unto the Lord." They gave us our inheritance of fusing tunes and folk hymns, textual sentimentality and anthems, gospel lyrics, and odes. In the Lloyd's Hymnal, selection number 206 profiles these singers with the words: "however employed their joy was the same; they never were cloyed in hymning the Lamb; their sole recreation to sing of His praise, and publish salvation by Jesus' grace. Men, in their own eyes were children again, and children were wise and solid as men; the women were fearful of nothing but sin; their hearts were all cheerful, their consciences clean." I think this describes my grandparents, and maybe it describes yours. My grandmother, Exer Anna Sheppard Hand, like her husband and her parents, were Sacred Harpers. Eighty years ago, my father, Elder Gerald Hand, then age six, went to his first Sacred Harp singing at the County Courthouse in Franklin County, Tennessee. He saw more people than he had ever seen, and in his eyes, the horses and buggies, mule teams, and wagons outnumbered the people. My first Sacred Harp recollection was about fifty years ago at a big camp meeting of the West Texas Association of the Primitive Baptist Church. A huge tent, called "the tabernacle," was maintained for this annual meeting, but that's not where I heard the music, since Sacred Harp is not used in our worship service. The food tents had long lines three times a day, and the people stood in line singing Sacred Harp. Listening to the music flow up and down the line fed the soul. So many links, so many happy faces, that I just wanted to include them in our Memorial 2000. And fast forwarding to the "here and now"; yesterday, a brand new link attended her first Sacred Harp singing, my great niece, twelve year old Leighanna Sewell, with her attendance here, has become my family's first sixth generation singer. Our singing endures and Curtis Owen knows why. For you who have yet to meet Curtis Owen, he is an influential eighty years old singer over at McMahan, Texas. When he was being interviewed by the Texas Monthly Magazine regarding their 100th anniversary singing last spring, and was asked, "why has the singing endured for a hundred years?" Curtis replied, "Because we like it." The bridge got weak awhile back and looked like it was on its last note. However, it got shored up by a stubborn, dedicated bunch of people like Curtis Owen. Leon Ballinger is another. He's gone to more singings, pitched more songs, and chaired more conventions in a year than most of us attended in a lifetime. Then there's Hugh McGraw. He saw it dying out and started stoking the fire. He encouraged, recruited, promoted, wrote songs, published books, appeared on national television, and fanned life into that fire, and Sacred Harp is now experiencing a great comeback. The small circle of hollow squares got bigger and bigger as more newcomers discovered and embraced the sound, effused it with energy and

enthusiasm, and stepped forward to help carry the torch. Carla Smith is a leader of the new line of Sacred Harp singers and comes to our memorial lesson with a different perspective, but with the same intent. Following Carla's memorial lesson, my sister, Janet Morgan, will close with number 55, "Sister's Farewell", which for today we shall think of as "A Singer's Farewell." All four parts will be led with Janet on the lead, Carla on the treble, Jerry Schreiber on the bass, and myself on the alto.

When you add up the list of Shut-ins, Deceased, Levites, Sacred Harp Founders, Franklin County Tennessee Singers, and the Singing Food Lines, today we have memorialized 2000 singers for our "Memorial 2000". Let our memories not dwell on the sadness of our friends leaving us, but let us cherish the good moments we had with them when they were here.

The names of deceased remembered were: Marie Aldridge, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips - Alabama; Marge Butler (mother of Rhonda Griswold) - Oregon; Karen House - New York; Tina Hand - New Mexico.

Those sick and shut-in remembered were: John Hocutt, Jap Walton, and Joyce Walton - Alabama; Vycki Mende-Gray - California; Fred Cunico and Lissa Callirhoe - New Mexico.

The memorial lesson was closed with a very moving prayer offered by Hugh McGraw.

#### LUNCH

David McPherson brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 38. Leaders: Kathleen Sensenig 178; Jerry Schreiber 131t; Allan Stavely 296; John Schaffer 440; Ed Stevens 102; Mary Wright 103; Kay Sirco 84; Pat Temple 183; Juliette Cunico 272; Jeanne Schaffer 127; Harlan Van Camp 369; Carla Smith 323t; Carol Selleck 175.

A business session was held to hear committee reports.

#### RECESS

Daniel Davis brought the class to order leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Sally Gwylan 448b; Mary Ann Daly 378b; Allan Stavely 479; Jerry Schreiber 474; David McPherson 203; Kathleen Sensenig 122; Mary Wright 145b; Ed Stevens 535; Pat Temple 171; Carol Selleck 379; Juliette Cunico 300; Carla Smith 317b; Kay Sirco 143; Allan Stavely 106; Mary Ann Daly 428; Harlan Van Camp 492. David McPherson led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman - David McPherson; Secretary - Kay Sirco.

### **CORNELIUS BENJAMIN (BENNIE) KEETON MEMORIAL Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama September 17, 2000**

The twenty-ninth session of the annual Keeton Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Shady Grove Church (Keeton Cemetery) on the third Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 37b. Travis Keeton welcomed everyone, and A.C. McGough led the class in the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A.C. McGough; Arranging Committee - Lena Keeton; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Ashley Keeton 300, 203; Clarence McCool 73t, 68b; Velton Chafin 225t, 144; Gary Smith 565, 31t; Lucy Heidorn 30t, 36b; Wilton Donaldson 111t, 111b; Josie Hyde 189, 200; Linton Ballinger 208, 212; Sara Smith 445, 400; Kermit Adams 384, 391.

## RECESS

A.C. McGough called the class back to order leading songs on pages 147t, 454, and 475. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 99, 78; Gertrude Hannah 318, 112; Warren Steel 411, 65; Judy Caudle 193, 33b; Harrison Creel 348b; Julietta Haynes 209, 211; Max Berueffy 177, 145t; Edith Tate 35, 93.

## LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class together leading song on page 179. Leaders: Elene Stovall 172, 222; John Hyde 124, 61; Lena Keeton, Glenn Keeton, and Gwenn Cornelius 571 (CB), 142, 117, 269; John Merritt 499b, 498; Flarce Creel 270, 460; Jayne Fulmer 273, 186; Lavaughn Ballinger 401, 84, 358; Lisa Geist 532, 542; Larry Ballinger 154, 90; Willodean Barton 416, 290; Brenda Merritt 272, 336; Amber Springfield 155, 299; Glenn Keeton and Max Berueffy 512, 138t; Travis Keeton 274 (for his brother, Wallace Keeton), 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield).

Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A.C. McGough; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

## NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

New Orleans, Louisiana

Thursday, September 21, 2000

The fall session of the Sacred Harp singing held at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in Baton Rouge, Louisiana began with a supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by singing at 7:00 p.m.

The singing was opened by Harry Eskew, who gave a brief singing school and led song on page 49t. Rebecca Caston was elected Chairman and Nancy Van Den Akker was selected as Secretary.

Leaders: Rebecca Caston 312b; Nancy Van Den Akker 535; Darryl Ferrington 331; Chris Bean 45t; Becky Lombard 40; Paul Reaves 442; Jessica McMillan 358; Wanda Gregg 63; Elizabeth Muhleisen 159; Bryan Anthony 161; John Paul Warren 59; Harry Eskew 455; Nancy Van Den Akker 65; Sarah Duncan 354b; Wanda Gregg 460; Jessica McMillan 145t; Darryl Ferrington 38b.

Announcements of area singings were made. Harry Eskew led song on page 62 as the closing song. Becky Lombard dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Rebecca Caston; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

## ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Cottonwood United Methodist Church, Toledo, Illinois

September 23-24, 2000

Saturday, September 23

The sixteenth annual session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at the Cottonwood United Methodist Church, north of Toledo, Illinois with Chairperson Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 171. Chaplain Don Baker offered the morning prayer.

Officers and committees were recognized: Chairperson - Karen Hojnacki; Secretary - Janet Fraembs; Arranging Committee - Terry Hogg, Janet Fraembs, Pete Ellertsen, and Karen Hojnacki on Saturday; Mike Veech, Jan Ketelle, Peggy Brayfield, and Jo An Baker on Sunday; Location Committee - Don Baker; Food - Sue Miller, Don Baker, Jo An Baker, and Doris Steinmetz; Publicity - Janet Fraembs; Signs - Don Bardsley; Registration - Frank Fraembs; Finance Committee - Don Bardsley; Memorial Committee - Lee Steinmetz and John

Ramsey; Social - John Bailey; Chaplains - Don Baker and Don Bardsley; Pitching - Peggy Brayfield, Dave Ressler, and Jim Page. Leaders: Don Baker 354; Terry Hogg 48; Janet Fraembs 82; John Bailey 145b, Peggy Brayfield 87; Mike Veech 101; Jo An Baker 312; Don Bardsley 155; Sue Miller 228; Lee Steinmetz 68; Luke Barker 179; William Shetter 91; Joan Aldridge 63; Pete Ellertsen 510; Bob Meek 384; Gwen King 338; James Page 505; Presley Barker 474.

#### RECESS

The class continued singing with Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 203.

Leaders: Dave Ressler 192; Berkley Moore 495; John Ramsey 329; Dick Dunagan 74b; Lou Kujawinski 535b; John Bailey 218; Joan Aldridge 523; Lee Steinmetz 242; Luke Barker 66; Don Baker 133; Gwen King 107.

#### RECESS

Karen Hojnacki brought the class back to order leading song on page 208.

Leaders: Terry Hogg 212; William Shetter 99; James Page 222; Penny Kujawinski 83t; Presley Barker 122; Pete Ellertsen 89; Mike Veech 540; Dave Ressler 29t; Dick Dunagan 309; Peggy Brayfield 481; Berkley Moore 282; John Ramsey 136; Lou Kujawinski 313; Janet Fraembs 532; Don Bardsley 28b; Bob Meek 358. Chaplain Don Baker asked the blessing, and the class was dismissed.

#### LUNCH

Karen Hojnacki brought the afternoon session together leading songs on pages 480 and 58. Leaders: Penny Kujawinski 515, 316; Terry Hogg 147, 112; Dick Dunagan 273, 378b; Luke Barker 215, 79; John Bailey 340, 436; Joan Aldridge 270; Lee Steinmetz 154, 163b; Don Baker 272, 175.

#### RECESS

Karen Hojnacki brought the class back to order leading song on page 145t.

Leaders: Gwen King 325, 300; William Shetter 167, 150; James Page 216, 200; Presley Barker 324, 142; Pete Ellertsen 473, 72b; Mike Veech 299, 217; Dave Ressler 47b, 186; Peggy Brayfield 385t; John Ramsey 385b; Lou Kujawinski 34b; Berkley Moore 196; Janet Fraembs 512. The Saturday session was brought to a close with Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 347. Chaplain Don Baker offered the benediction.

### **Sunday, September 24**

The Sunday morning session of the convention was called to order by Chairperson Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 49t. The morning prayer was led by Chaplain Don Baker.

Leaders: Mike Veech 59, 58; Janet Fraembs 61, 480; Peggy Brayfield 556, 335; Lee Steinmetz 81t, 309; Penny Kujawinski 82b, 497; Don Baker 82t, 129; Jan Ketelle 168, 368; William Shetter 171, 373; Joan Aldridge 276, 269.

#### RECESS

Karen Hojnacki called the class together leading song on page 198. Leaders: Don Bardsley 86, 147b; John Bailey 46, 548; Martha Lang 448t, 504; John Ramsey 126, 143; Bob Meek 441, 457; Dave Ressler 498, 181.

#### RECESS

Janet Fraembs brought the class back leading song on page 421.

The memorial lesson followed. Lee Steinmetz spoke for the deceased and led song on page 565 for these honored friends: Jack Page - Texas; Karen House - New York; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Marie Aldridge, and Gene Wakefield - Alabama; and Jack Porter. Bob Meek led song on page 323b for these sick and shut-ins: Bob Scorgie - Wisconsin; Philip Page Jr. - New Jersey; Virginia Evans - Illinois; June Porter. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Jim Page 284, 411; Berkley Moore 163t, 73t; Lou Kujawinski 28b, 569b. Chaplain Don Bardsley asked the blessing, and the class was dismissed.

#### LUNCH

David Rust brought the class back for the afternoon session leading songs on pages 146 and 125. Leaders: Penny Kujawinski 455, 101b; John Ramsey 151, 177; Mike Veech 547, 496; William Shetter 183, 313t; Don Bardsley 155, 154; Dave Ressler 122, 277.

#### RECESS

The class was called back with Lori Graber leading songs on pages 163b and 203. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 501, 440; James Page 272, 266; Berkley Moore 71, 270; John Bailey 448b, 532; Lou Kujawinski 178, 515; Ruth White 551, 28t; David Rust 123b, 314; Penny Kujawinski 503, 84; Lee Steinmetz 250; Lori Graber 85; John Ramsey 294; Dave Ressler 107.

Don Bardsley gave the Financial Report. Following announcements of future singings the class shared the parting hand, and the convention was closed in prayer led by Don Bardsley.

Chairperson - Karen Hojnacki; Secretary - Janet Fraembs.

## **GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Morgan County, Alabama**

**September 24, 2000**

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 songs on pages 75 and 143. Carmon Brothers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders and selections were as follows: Arvid Holmes 155, 460; Judy Caudle 76t, 75b; Gordon Wilkinson 34, 434; Eunice Kimbrell 129, 65; David Roberson 100, 340; Betty Wright 569b, 323b; Carmon Brothers 319, 317; Bud Oliver 30t, 145b; Jewel Wootten 565, 31t; Dennis George 64, 57; Marie Guthrie 112, 192.

#### RECESS

The class was reassembled by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 46. Leaders and selections: Brandon Thompson 274t, 335; Larry Ballinger 101t, 425; Hershell King 426t, 97; Clayton Ezell 475, 380; Rhoda Norris 276, 208; Lomax Ballinger 168, 142; S.T. Reed 125, 124; Teresa Ballinger 146, 110; Rodney Ivey 108t, 503; Susan Holmes 313t, 137; Eldagene Roberson 144, 399b; Milford Cobbs 127. Prayer was offered by Hershell King.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order for the afternoon session by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 40.

A memorial session was held. Jonathon Thompson led song number 384 in memory of Willard Hopper. Judy Caudle led song number 448t in memory of the following deceased: Willard Hopper, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, and Aubrey Holmes; and for the sick or shut ins - Mamie Buckelew, Kimmie Holcomb, Glen Cobbs, and Annie Marie Childers. Elder J.L. Hopper made remarks and offered prayer to close the memorial session. Leaders and selections: Jimmy Ballinger 405, 290; Linton Ballinger 300, 299; Nancy Thompson and Briana Thompson 36b, 32t; Carol Newman 373, 358; Lavaughn Ballinger, Jimmy Ballinger, and Teresa Ballinger 63; J.C. Rutledge 105, 496; Susan Harcrow 186, 430; Wilda Holmes 480, 400; Sarah Harcrow 171, 354b; Craig Holmes 68b, 45t; Dan Hopper 163t, 220 (in memory of Marvin Hopper); J.L. Hopper 218, 499.



Milford Cobbs led song on page 62 as the class took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Dan Hopper.

Chairman - Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

## **WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION**

### **Shady Grove Primitive Church, North of Double Springs, Alabama September 24, 2000**

The Winston County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in September, and was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 89. Cecil Wakefield offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 129.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Dawson Adams; Arranging Committee - John Hyde and Josie Hyde; Secretary - Roma Rice.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 99, 235; Cecil Wakefield 282, 480; Corene White 146, 317b; Alonzo Malone 39b, 565b; Julie Poston 278b, 274b; Azilee Adams 337, 34t; Wilton Donaldson 31b, 30t; L.E. Hannah 212, 213t; Faye Donaldson 40, 225t.

#### **RECESS**

Dawson Adams called the class back to order leading songs on pages 48t and 47t.

Leaders: Chris Rice 312b, 384; Eron White 37b, 73b; Clarence McCool 569b, 68b; Emily Jones 74t, 75; Willodean Barton 82t, 101t; Ida Lee Starves 100; Ivalene Donaldson 108t, 145b; Odie Horton 32t; Julietta Haynes 46, 200; John Hyde 313, 535.

#### **LUNCH**

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading song on page 288. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 171, 155; Jayne Fulmer 300, 203; Howard Brady 294, 122; Bernice Phillips 168, 112; Amanda Denson 276, 74b; Pernie Pelfrey 32t, 83t; Travis Keeton 290, 141; Elmer Conwill 44, 31t, 179; Josie Hyde 45t, 43, 104; Cecil Wakefield 159.

Kermit Adams led song on page 49b as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Cecil Wakefield.

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

## **SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH (COOPER BOOK SINGING)**

**Dutton, Alabama**

**Saturday, September 30, 2000**

The annual Cooper Book Singing was held at Shady Grove Baptist Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Chairman Mark Brown at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 49b. The morning prayer was offered by Phil Summerlin.

Leaders: Rex Wilks 47b, 67; Lamar Smith 76b; Dewayne Wootten 85, 288; April Hall 144; S.T. Reed 344, 528b; Coy Ivey 36b, 47t; Hershell King 572, 80b; Loyd Ivey 38t, 540; Max Berueffy 54t, 559; Rhonda Arnold 31t; Milton Oliver 503; Darlene Dalton 199, 543b.

#### **RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Chairman Mark Brown leading song on page 48t. Leaders: B.M. Smith 511t, 511b; Bud Oliver 440b, 573; Pam

Wilkerson 541, 505; Joan Aldridge 500; Jerry Enright 416t, 140; Phil Summerlin 336t, 508; Betty Wright 323b, 410; Opal Wootten and Imogene Bradshaw 430, 279; Freeman Wootten and Olivia Allen 116; Christy Blevins 84, 563; Amanda Carroll 498b, 571; Karen Freund Enright 319, 488b.

Mark Brown led song on page 159 as a memorial lesson and for the sick and shut-ins. Pastor Ralph Heard asked the blessing for lunch.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order for the afternoon session by Chairman Mark Brown leading song on page 515. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 540, 39; Elene Stovall 478; Syble Adams 268b, 574, 133; Stanley Smith 502, 55; John Etheridge 292b, 293t; Billy Williams 286b, 54t; Sandra Jordan 283b; Linda Thomas 225t; Dennis George 522, 552; W.G. Meadows and Myra Dalton 398b, 138t, 381t; Jared George 393t, 392; B.M. Smith 507b; Syble Adams "Nearer Home" (White Book); Linda Thomas 569, "Gone To Rest"; Jerry Enright 98; John Etheridge 184b.

The class was dismissed in prayer by Lamar Smith.

Chairman - Mark Brown; Secretaries - Myra Dalton and Rhonda Arnold.

### **LOUISIANA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Saturday, September 30, 2000**

The eleventh annual Louisiana State Sacred Harp Convention was held at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Elder R.J. Wade opened the singing with prayer. Jim Fields led a brief singing lesson, and then led songs on pages 40 and 47b.

Leaders: Wallace McKenzie 47t, 49b; Nancy Van Den Akker 347, 384; Marvin Miller 63, 45t; Bill Hogan 39t, 171; Elizabeth Muhleisen 163b, 270; Georgia Kanode 358, 348b; Virginia Fields 354b, 68b.

#### RECESS

An election of officers was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Jim Fields; Vice Chairman - Wallace McKenzie; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

Harry Eskew initiated a discussion of spreading Sacred Harp into northern parts of the state. Several people with contacts at Centenary College in Shreveport offered to speak to them about singing there.

The date for the next Louisiana State University singing was discussed, and the Saturday before the fourth Sunday was tentatively chosen.

Leaders: John Kanode 34b, 452b; Harry Eskew 154, 128; Jeff Corbett 81t, 200; Andrew Albers 226, 232.

Susan Spillman spoke of her mother, who was in hospice care and was not expected to be with us much longer. She expressed her intention to hold a memorial service after her mother passed, and invited the singers to come and sing.

Leaders: A.E. Probst 66, 209; Regina Foster 148, 142; Charles Franklin 290, 369.

#### LUNCH

Wallace McKenzie opened the afternoon session with the memorial lesson, leading songs on pages 235 and 268 for the deceased and for the sick and shut-ins. The deceased remembered were: Willie Mosley - Alabama; Irma F. Giffels - Arkansas; Dr. Genter Stephens - Louisiana; Ed Craig - Texas.

Those sick and shut-ins remembered were: Bill Green - Alabama; Susan Fitch - Louisiana; Alcie Craig - Texas. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Nancy Van Den Akker 361; Bill Hogan 192; Elizabeth Muhleisen 37b; Virginia Fields 31t; John Kanode 31b; Harry Eskew 178; Jeff Corbett 53; Andrew

Albers 320; A.E. Probst 479; Regina Foster 85; Charles Franklin 342; Andrew Albers 325; Jim Fields 518; Bill Hogan 239; John Kanode 49t.  
Announcements of local singings were made. James Lee Savoie and Pam Savoie, visitors from Houma, Louisiana, sang "I Need Thee Every Hour" in French. Harry Eskew closed the singing with prayer.  
Chairman - Jim Fields; Vice Chairman - Wallace McKenzie; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

**MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP SINGING  
CONVENTION**  
**Town Hall, Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota**  
**September 30-October 1, 2000**

**Saturday, September 30**

Co-Chairs Kit Pfau and Christine Stevens called the convention to order leading song on page 171. Jim Pfau offered the opening prayer.

Officers for the eleventh session of the Minnesota State Convention are: Co-Chairs - Kit Pfau and Christine Stevens; Treasurers - Matt Wells and Walter Graff; Secretary - Stephen Parker assisted by Jim Pfau and Myles Alexander; Arranging Committee - Kathy Wallace and Matt Wells assisted by Dave Richardson; Memorial Committee - Steven Levine and Kathy Lee; Resolutions Committee - Alice Love, Anne Heider, and Louis Hughes Sr.

Leaders: Keith Willard 82t; Martha Henderson 64; Stephen Parker 32t; Walter Graff 68b; Robin Fox 81t; Paul Landskroener 96; John Rebishke 268; Ian West 84; Dick Levine 66; Marcia Johnson 448t; Richard Popp 324; Mark Ellenberger 107; Everette Denney 146; Kathy Kaiser 384.

**RECESS**

Jim Pfau brought the class back from the first morning break leading song on page 106.

Keith Willard recognized Ruth Brown with a small corsage for her tireless efforts bringing traditional singers to singings outside the South.

Leaders: Gene Hauptman 34b; Allison Dodson 335; Thomas Jefferson Willard 36b; Felicia Stevens 63; Pierre Gingerich 312b; Charlie Obert and Cindy Kisse 178; Anne Heider 532; Jeff Bell 290; Don Clark and Karen Buche Clark (newlyweds) 503; Johanna Fabke 378b; Mirjana Lausevic 370; Myles Alexander 56b; Margo McCreary 344; Peggy Brayfield 188; Ted Mercer 302.

**RECESS**

Paul Wyatt brought the class back to order leading song on page 147b. Leaders: Ted Johnson "Boulder"; Meg Parsons, Jim Parsons, Evva Parsons, and Elise Parsons 313b; James Gingerich 455; Dave Richardson 473; David Lee 34t. The class conducted a brief business session to introduce the Finance Committee and to elect next year's Co-Chairs: Matt Wells and Darlene Dalton. Gordon Olsen offered grace, and the class was then dismissed for lunch.

**LUNCH**

Kathy Wallace brought the class back for the afternoon session leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Matt Wells and Robert Westawker 481; Steven Schmidgall 559 (CB); Richard DeLong 216; Barbara Swetman 390; Nate Green and Norma Green 266; Kelly Beard 359b; Felton Denney 73t; Jeff Sheppard 442; Kelly House 192; Mattie Townsel 313t; Judy Whiting 515; Pearl Guier 448b; Tollie Lee (with two students from the University of Minnesota class) 274t; Scott Schroeder 47b; Leon Ballinger 430; Mike Veech 277; Phillip Denney 300; Jenny Willard 318.

## RECESS

Tim Erickson brought the class back to order leading song on page 499. Leaders: Connie Karduck 218; Louis Hughes 282; Carol Crawford 369; Kathy Lee 143; Steven Levine 474; Beverly Coates 299; Mary Smith 440; Eleanor Haase 217; Teenie Moody 542; Cheryl Foreman 328; David Cooper 159; Eliza Cavanaugh 30t; Lou Cotney 189; Denise Kania 350; LaRue Allen 426b; Shelbie Sheppard 327; John Bailey 454; Gordon Olsen and Midge Olsen 198.

Kit Pfau and Christine Stevens led song on page 566 as the closing song, and David Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

## Sunday, October 1

Co-Chairs Kit Pfau and Christine Stevens called the convention to order leading song on page 48t. Tollie Lee offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gordon Olsen 39t; Denise Kania 36b; Jenny Willard 99; Eleanor Haase 269; Scott Schroeder 497; Cathy Lutz 290; Dean Slaton 362; Wendy Popp 472; Bruce Coates 163b; Judy Hauff 434; Helen Brown 373; Steve Warner 171; Carol Buche 504; John Seaton 47t; Michael Moore and David Lee 429.

## RECESS

Steven Schmidgall brought the class back to order leading song on page 59.

Leaders: Julie Vea 411; Doug Stapleton 551; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Jeff Colby 347; Laura Densmore 74b; Joanne Hoover 280; James Page 505; Lisa Grayson 419; Daphene Causey 304; Ruth Cooper 86; Eric Morgan 58; Anna Pfau 198; Bruce Holmes 146; David Lee and Kathy Lee 128; Leon Ballinger 490.

## RECESS

Midge Olsen brought the class back to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Louis Hughes and Steven Schmidgall 270; Connie Karduck 498; Tollie Lee and Ramona Lee 417.

Tollie Lee took a moment to sing through a song he has been writing for the Minnesota people.

Kathy Lee and Steven Levine conducted the memorial lesson. Kathy Lee began by calling to mind the relationships represented by the names on the memorial list. Some of these were singers not just sinners, and they sat in the chairs we now occupy. Kathy recounted what a joy it was to sit and sing next to people from countries she has never visited. She drew our minds to the presence today of singers from newborn to those in their nineties with the wish that when she reaches her nineties the room and our hearts might be just as full. Kathy also noted that we often say that we found Sacred Harp when, more often, Sacred Harp found us. She then read the memorial list which included: Horace Batchelor, Marie Aldridge, Arnell Henry, Betty Creel Rutledge, Ester Wall Brown, Mary Oden, Hattie Harmon, Lucille Forman, Rosa Hughes, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, and Shelton Williamson - Alabama; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Verla Ross - Florida; George Canright - Indiana; Jack Smith, Dollie Hudgins, Allene Stanford, Lillie Bell Ayers, and J.D. Muse - Georgia; Calvin Fischer, Marion Matters, Stefan Brown, James Walter Young, and John Storm - Minnesota; Cynthia Atkinson - New Jersey; Karen House - New York; Ed Craig and Jack Page - Texas; Jim Janse - Wisconsin; Lucrecia Marchese - Argentina; Ronald Nathan and Mary Brown - United Kingdom.

Kathy Lee led the class in singing 138b for the deceased, and verses two and three in anticipation of our own future membership on the list.

Steven Levine then spoke of how Sacred Harp has so greatly expanded the population of people who sing with him. He recounted his move from Boston to Minneapolis and how at first as he sang with new singers, the voices of the Norumbega Harmony were echoing in his ears and that gradually those echoes

have multiplied by every place he has visited. And it all remains in good harmony. When we sing, these other people are with us who are not here and when we sing, we are with them.

The list of the sick and shut-ins included: Warren Mason and Ms. Mims - Alabama; Sara Curry - California; Dot Garber - Connecticut; Mozelle Sheppard - Georgia; Virginia Evans and Crystal Johnson - Illinois; Owen Gardener - Iowa; John Morris - Maryland; Reba Windom - Michigan; Nathan Stevens and Peg Chamberlin - Minnesota; Jean Carhart and Ward Carhart - Nevada; Philip Page Jr. - New Jersey; Lilia Springer and Bob Scorgie - Wisconsin. Steven Levine led song on page 200 for the sick and shut-ins, and for us all. The memorial was closed.

Paul Wyatt offered grace and dismissed the class for lunch.

#### LUNCH

Matt Wells brought the class back from the lunch break leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Kathy Wallace 77t; Tim Erickson and Mirjana Lausevic 245; Richard Delong 296; Ted Johnson and Marcia Johnson 142; Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard 195; Val Eng 528; Kelly House 196; Glenda Watkins 282; Everette Denney 405; Judy Whiting 147t; Norma Green and Nate Green 400; Eliza Cavanaugh 535; David Cooper and Ruth Cooper 276; Ted Mercer 345b; Robin Fox 500; Barbara Swetman and Laura Densmore 452; Stephen Parker 547; Anne Heider 236; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 176b.

#### RECESS

Steven Levine brought the class back to order leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Allison Dodson 348b; Dave Richardson 467; Don Clark and Karen Clark 501; Kelly Beard 475; Carol Crawford 295; Cheryl Foreman 480; Lou Cotney 172; Ian West 182; Richard Popp and Wendy Popp 175; Paul Wyatt, Gene Hauptmann, Martha Henderson, Alicia Smith, Hans Guttman, Joan Fritz, and Stacey Berkheimer 441; Walter Graff, Paul Landskroener, Todd Mitchell, Monica Mitchell, Eloise Jerome, Janet Crosby, and Michael Shewmaker 137.

The class then attended to final business. Announcements were made.

A raffle was held again this year for a crocheted afghan made by Eloise Jerome, with Janet Zander being the lucky person to have her name drawn.

The Treasurers reported that sufficient funds were collected to meet all the convention expenses.

Secretary Stephen Parker reported that we had 174 leaders: 80 on Saturday and 94 on Sunday. The class took the roll of states and countries in attendance.

There were singers from 19 states: Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. The United States singers were joined by a wonderful group of singers from England and one person from Germany.

The Resolutions Committee comprised of Alice Love, Anne Heider, and Louis Hughes presented the following report:

On behalf of everyone in attendance at this eleventh Minnesota State Sacred Harp Singing Convention, the committee expresses thanks to:

All officers, organizers, and committee members for their hard work with attention to details that helped make this convention a success.

Everyone who helped to provide and serve (and clean up after) the dinners on the grounds.

The staff of Murphy's Landing for the privilege of singing in the Town Hall both Saturday and Sunday.

The Willards for hosting the Saturday evening social, and to everyone who contributed to its success.

Ruth Brown and all who journeyed on the bus.

The singers from near and far who came to help make this singing successful.

We resolve to remember those who could not be with us for whatever reason.

Our forefathers (and foremothers) and others who have preserved this tradition through the generations, and we resolve to do all we can to support and continue the traditions of Sacred Harp singing.

To those who keyed the songs.

All who hosted and housed out-of town guests in their homes.

All the local singers for making everyone feel welcome and part of the growing family of Sacred Harp singers, and we resolve that, God willing, we will meet again next year.

Finally, we thank Almighty God for the gifts of life, health, music, and fellowship.

All reports were accepted as read, and the business session was closed.

Kit Pfau and Christine Stevens led song on page 176t as the closing song, and Keith Willard dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairs - Kit Pfau and Christine Stevens; Secretary - Stephen Parker assisted by Jim Pfau and Myles Alexander.

## **ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, HYATT, AND PUTMAN MEMORIAL**

### **Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama October 1, 2000**

The thirty-fourth session of the annual memorial for Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander, Jimmy Hullett, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brothers, Maudine Alexander, Alvin Alexander, Arville Hyatt, J.B. Lowe, Alton Lowe, and Rev. James Putman was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. Lamar Smith led the morning prayer. Terry Hullett led song on page 129. Leaders: Jewel Wootten and Roie Alexander 72t, 145t, 145b, 348 (for Joy Hullett who is ill); Roy Nelson 283, 168; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 36b; Margie Smith 101t, 499; Milton Oliver 206, 208; Jarrod George 277, 300; Leola Smith 317, 417.

#### **RECESS**

Terry Hullett brought the class back to order leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Carmon Brothers 207, 441; Willie Mae Moon 217, 440; B.M. Smith 225t, 475; Bud Oliver 47t, 68b; Elene Stovall 31t, 384; Dennis George 338, 480; Max Berueffy 313, 112; Randall Smith and Jarrod George 137, 155; Chita Blakeley 56b, 109; Paula Gilmore 75, 30b; Karen Freund 171, 220; Jerry Enright 278b, 77t; Rod Ivey 37b, 573 (CB); Waylon Blakeley 33b, 30t.

#### **LUNCH**

Terry Hullett brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 189. Leaders: Elder Philip Gilmore 73t, 312b; Beecher Yancey 569b, 452; Allison Stovall 436, 454; Eloise Watkins 426t, 426b; Freeman Wootten 128, 448t; Linda Thomas 303, 503; Hubert Nall 40, 186; Susan Harcrow 126, 430; Herby Bailey 70t, 489; Onette Watkins 143, 373; Jerry Enright 42; Karen Freund 216; Dennis George "Sweet Beulah Land".

Terry Hullett and Elder Philip Gilmore led song on page 45t as the closing song. Elder Ricky Harcrow dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairmen - Terry Hullett, Richard Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Elder Philip Gilmore; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore.

**OLD SARDIS CHURCH**  
**Near Lynn, Alabama (County Road 17)**  
**October 1, 2000**

The forty-second session of the Sacred Harp singing at Old Sardis Church was held on the first Sunday in October, and called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. Homer Miles led the morning prayer. Leaders: Travis Keeton 131b, 388; Clarence McCool 138b, 73t; Jim Ballinger 167, 405; Willodean Barton 480, 460; Earl Ballinger 299, 224; Bernice Phillips 168, 112; Wilton Donaldson 111t, 30t; Odie V. Horton 204; Ivalene Donaldson 335, 328; A.A. Malone 300, 448t; Jeanette Tidwell 89, 63; Ashley Keeton 215, 216.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Steve Miles leading song on page 143 in honor of his mother, and song on page 234 in memory of Beatrice Hall.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Steve Miles; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde.

Leaders: Lena Keeton 498 (in memory of Tom Harper), 220; Ila Ingle 434, 436; Julie Poston 421, 101t; Glenn Keeton 120, 225t; Faye Donaldson 430, 270; Edith Tate 187, 336, 532 (by request); Betty Baccus 134, 284, 571 (CB) (in memory of her brother, Gene Wakefield).

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Steve Miles leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Steve Miles and David Berry 146, 63; Elmer Conwill 31t, 179; Larry Ballinger 402, 324; Cecil Sanders 123t; Amber Springfield 371, 391; Harrison Creel 378 (in memory of his father), 35 (in memory of his mother), 111b; Joyce Hubbit 196, 273; Dwight Ingle and Karen Wiggins 85, 445, 294, 358; Dawson Adams 68b, 45t; Josie Hyde 507; Brenda Merritt 200, 475; John Merritt 438, 426t (in memory of Ganus Wakefield); Homer Miles and grandchildren 569, 373; John Hyde 124, 75; Steve Miles and church family 128 (as a special), 480 (by request), 61; Glenn Keeton and Cecil Sanders 470.

The class sang song on page 268 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by James Bennett.

Chairman - Steve Miles; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

**SANTA BARBARA REGIONAL SINGING**  
**Montecito, California**  
**Saturday, October 7, 2000**

About thirty-five singers assembled at the home of Lawrence and Bettine Wallin, high in the beautiful hills above Montecito. Setting up in Lawrence's artist studio, we had a lively sound with hardwood floors and windows on all sides.

Carla Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 31b. Leaders: Carroll Lunsford 111t; Tom Ostwald 268; Erica Smith 269; Norman Gholson 178; Duncan McLeod 475; Jean Olsen 128; Steve Lazicki 39t; Betty Herman 71; Patricia Lazicki 324; Jerry Schreiber 384; Janice Hecksel 30t; Mary Rose O'Leary 318; Steven O'Leary 110; Ron Huss 195; Laura Russell 203; Norman Ruptier 479.

**RECESS**

Rick Russell brought the class to order leading song on page 179. Leaders: Carla Smith 417; Carroll Lunsford 387; Erica Smith 278b; Tom Ostwald 504; Norman Ruptier 346; Duncan McLeod 270; Jean Olsen 106; Steve Lazicki 148; Betty Herman 442; Patricia Lazicki 337; Jerry Schreiber 473; Janice Hecksel 503; Rick Russell 192.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Tom Ostwald leading song on page 159. Leaders: Mary Rose O'Leary 213t; Jeff Vanderbilt 377; Laura Russell 543; Steven O'Leary 340; Ron Huss 535; Rick Russell 497; Carla Smith 202; Carroll Lunsford 426t; Norma Gholson 66; Bettine Wallin 146; Erica Smith 122; Norman Ruptier 354b.

Mary Rose conducted the memorial lesson and led song on page 565b, followed by Carla Smith leading song on page 456.

#### RECESS

Tom Ostwald brought the class to order leading song on page 126. Leaders: Duncan McLeod 208; Laura McMurray 271t; Jean Olsen 421; Steve Lazicki 746; Betty Herman 455; Patricia Lazicki 312b; Jerry Schreiber 254; Janice Hecksel 481; Mary Rose O'Leary 220; Steve Lazicki 95; Laura Russell 317b; Steven O'Leary 207; Ron Huss 344; Rick Russell 373; Steve Lazicki 436. Chairman - Tom Ostwald.

## **TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION** **Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church,** **Near Five Points, Tennessee** **October 7-8, 2000**

### **Saturday Evening, October 7**

The Sacred Harp, 1992 Cooper Revision was used for this singing.

The sixth annual session of the Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 85, followed by prayer. Tim Reynolds led song on page 293b.

Leaders: Clayton Ezell 300, 108; Gordon Wilkinson 63, 220; Wanda Capps 515, 503; Brenda Merritt 559, 137 (in memory of Virgil Phillips); Sandie Scott 571 (in memory of Judge Ottis Knippers), 408; John Merritt 138, 263; Samuel Sommers 180, 574; Marilyn Burchett 229; Bud Oliver 573, 572.

#### RECESS

Milton Oliver brought the class back to order leading song on page 505. Leaders: Ann Jett 222; Marie Guthrie 497, 192; Gary Smith 31t, 81; Margie Norwood 405, 451; David Roberson 239, 203; Sara Harwell 128, 31b; Earl Ballinger 292, 176; Elder J.L. Hopper 245, 350; Eldagene Roberson 144, 142; Harrison Creel 54t; Henry Cobb 72, 68t; Sarah Smith 288, 290; Shelley Capps 73t; Clayton Ezell 38t (by request); John Merritt 39, 478, 392 (all by request).

Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led song on page 132 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper closed the session with prayer.

### **Sunday, October 8**

The singing was from The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision.

Tim Reynolds called the convention to order by leading song on page 312b.

Gordon Wilkinson offered the morning prayer. Tim Reynolds led song on page 171.

Leaders: Gordon Wilkinson 34b, 73t; Sandie Scott 40, 475; David Roberson 340, 222; Sarah Smith 318, 384; Clay Mattox 119 (requested by his wife in memory of their grandson, Nathaniel Kaiser); Marilyn Burchett 335, 66; Samuel



Sommers 473, 112; Eldagene Roberson 215, 203; Gary Smith 34t, 565b; Larry Ballinger 49t, 78; Arlene Richardson 168, 143; Henry Guthery 120, 39b.

#### RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back together by leading song on page 81.

The convention went into a business session with the following officers retained or appointed: Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkinson; Secretaries - Marilyn Burchett and Sandie Scott; Arranging Committee - Clayton Ezell and Shelley Capps; Memorial Committee - Gary Smith and Paige Hunter. Tim Reynolds concluded the business session by reading some excerpts from a report of the sixth session of an earlier form of the Tennessee State Convention held at George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee on October 7-8, 1944. Participants included: George Pullen Jackson, Irving Wolfe, and Lonnie Odem. Lodging for the convention was provided by the college at a cost of seventy-five cents per night with the convention paying twenty-five cents per night. The total cost to the convention was eleven dollars.

Leaders: Lomax Ballinger 101t, 144; Margie Norwood 100, 147t; Harrison Creel 342, 111b; Milton Oliver 314; Henry Cobb 68b, 159; John Merritt 358, 499; Flarce Creel 503, 475; Gravis Ballinger 300, 91; David Carlton 278b, 48t; Edith Tate 35, 532; Earl Ballinger 530, 500; Judy Caudle 302, 385b.

#### LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 313b, 278t, and 312t; followed by Ann Jett leading 269 and 327.

Gary Smith and Anita Shaddix (filling in for Paige Hunter) presented the memorial lesson. Gary Smith talked about the feeling of family that exists among Sacred Harp singers and the number of losses we, as a family, have suffered this past year, and led song on page 163b for those who had passed away in the last year.

Henry Guthery led song on page 119 in memory of Nathaniel Kaiser, ten year old grandson of Clay Mattox, who passed away in September.

Anita Shaddix led song on page 480 for the sick and shut-ins to conclude the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Brenda Merritt 436, 336; Bud Oliver 47t (in memory of Virgil Phillips), 426; Linton Ballinger 208, 217; Wanda Capps 299, 142; Laurens Blankers 551, 515b, 147t; Marie Guthrie 434, 411; Charlotte Plunkett 143; Paige Hunter and Clayton Ezell 45t; Vella Bea Ezell Gillespie and Clayton Ezell 335; Laris Ezell and Clayton Ezell 358; Ezell family 294; Anita Shaddix 235b, 405; Hershell King 97; Shelley Capps 30t; Samuel Sommers 24 (by request), 457.

Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led song on page 87 as the closing song. Harrison Creel closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman - Timothy Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkinson; Secretaries - Marilyn Burchett and Sandie Scott.

### **WALKER CATES AND HERBERT BROWN MEMORIAL Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama October 8, 2000**

The annual Walker Cates and Herbert Brown Memorial was held at Muscadine Methodist Church on the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 32t. Roy Nelson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 75; B.M. Smith 225t, 73t; Shelbie Sheppard 105, 365; Margie Smith 494, 101t.

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

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 142; Mary Florence Smith 300, 155; Jimmy Cates 137, 332; Carlene Griffin 77b, 122; John Plunkett 318, 192; Daphene Causey 200; Hugh McGraw 185, 448b; Glenda Watkins 124, 45t; Roy Nelson 81t, 128.  
RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 222. Leaders: Tommy McGraw 72b, 475; Charlene Wallace 388, 130; Don Clark 350, 343; Leola Smith 234, 384; Lonnie Rogers 143, 560; Pearl Guier 59, 303; Earlis McGraw 163t, 345t; Karen Clark 77t, 171; Nancy Allen 146.

#### LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 208. Leaders: Judy Mincey 501, 485; Bobby Jackson 378b, 274t; Lee Rogers 84, 358; Don Bowen 178, 66; Reba Norton 177, 327; Jimmie Denney 61, 68b; Eunice Webb 480, 551; Everette Denney 405, 426t; Fallon Dyer 401, 269 (in memory of Lessie Cates); George Garner 168; Rene Greene 217, 220; Felton Denney 231, 523; Pam Nunn 224, 196; Lou Cotney 218, 172; Virginia Dyer 193, 528; Phillip Langley 112, 298; Alice Edwards 104, 73b.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. Felton Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

### HARPER MEMORIAL SINGING

#### Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Alabama October 8, 2000

The annual Harper Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in October, and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Glenn Keeton leading songs on pages 37b and 32t. Elder Philip Gilmore led the morning prayer. Glenn Keeton led song on page 64.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson - Ashley Keeton; Vice Chairman - Joshua Keeton; Secretary - Jimmie Gilmore; Arranging Committee - Jimmie Gilmore and Arthur Gilmore; Memorial Committee - Jimmie Gilmore; Chaplain - Elder Philip Gilmore. Leaders: Ashley Keeton 347, 168; Joshua Keeton 30t, 30b; Patricia Mauldin 63, 146; Billy Williams 297, 448b; A.A. Malone 183, 300; Tyler Montgomery and Ashley Keeton 68b, 294; Paula Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 47t, 75; Clarence McCool 111b, 569b; Buell Cobb 138b, 33b.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Josie Hyde leading songs on pages 39b and 43. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 36b, 290; David McGenty 323b, 31t; Cora Sweatt 127, 312b; Willodean Barton 480, 498.

The Harper memorial lesson was led by Arthur Gilmore, Jimmie McGough Gilmore, Philip Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, Joe Gilmore, Leslie Gilmore, Ila Harper Ingle, Karen Ingle Wiggins, Josie Harper Hyde, Joshua Keeton, Ashley Keeton, Tyler Montgomery, Rebekah Gilmore, John Gilmore, and Grace Gilmore leading songs on pages 235, 392, and 45t for all the deceased Harper family members and for friends who are sick and shut-ins.

The blessing on the noon meal was offered by Marlin Beasley after a good morning of singing praises to God.

#### LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Ashley Keeton leading song on page 196. Leaders: John Hyde 61, 275b; Vernice Phillips 112, 143; Jim Brady 40, 155; Marlin Beasley 426t, 512; Ivalene Donaldson 270, 129; Elmer Conwill 475, 44; Faye Donaldson 78, 299; Chuck Beasley 73t, 101t; Wilton Donaldson 317, 56t; Amanda Denson and Mary McAnnis 56b, 274t; Amber Springfield 391; Amber Springfield and Tatum McArthur 503; Leslie Gilmore and Joe Gilmore 371, 405, 442.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Ila Ingle and Karen Wiggins leading songs on pages 500 and 440. Leaders: John Beasley 348b, 354b; Lena Keeton 137; Lena Keeton and Joshua Keeton 269; Travis Keeton 441, 200; A.C. McGough 454, 571 (CB); Jimmie Gilmore, Arthur Gilmore, and Ashley Keeton 505 (CB); Jimmie Gilmore and Arthur Gilmore 34 (for her parents, Garnsey and Ethel McGough); Jimmie Gilmore, Philip Gilmore, and Joe Gilmore 276; Philip Gilmore 30t, 47b; Elder Garnsey McGough, Ethel Harper McGough, and Jimmie McGough Gilmore 288, 283.

Announcements were made. A welcome was extended to everyone to come back again next year. A thank you was given to everyone for their love, support, and efforts in keeping this singing alive and ongoing.

Joshua Keeton and Ashley Keeton asked all to stand for the closing prayer offered by Richard Mauldin. The class was dismissed.

Chairperson - Ashley Keeton; Vice Chairman - Joshua Keeton; Secretary - Jimmie Gilmore.

## CHESNUT GROVE CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

October 8, 2000

The seventy-fourth session of the annual Chesnut Grove Sacred Harp Singing was held on the second Sunday in October. The singing was called to order by Co-Chairmen Chris Carroll and Jenny Wootten leading songs on pages 82t and 111t. Pastor Steve Lea welcomed the congregation and led the morning prayer. Chris Carroll and Jenny Wootten led songs on pages 101t and 48t. Leaders following: Billy Thompson 488b (CB), 511 (CB); Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 343b; Coy Ivey 511t (CB), 505 (CB); Dewayne Wootten 143; Betty Wright 347, 410t; Myra Dalton 56t, 47t; Henry Johnson 278t, 278b; Morene Brown and Mark Brown 68b, 515; Allison Ivey 448t, 99; Elene Stovall and Coy Ivey 39b, 59.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Chris Carroll and Jenny Wootten leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Terry Wootten 129, 270; Winnie Blevins and David Ivey 136, 358; Brenda Carroll 28b, 299; Christy Blevins 147t; Rodney Ivey 58, 61; Aaron Wootten 45t; Shawn Carroll 186, 171; Dennis George 475, 480; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamie Wootten 87. Brother Ralph Heard asked the blessing for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Chris Carroll and Jenny Wootten leading song on page 128. Jenny Wootten led "Sweet Beulah Land" for the memorial lesson and for the sick and shut-in.

Leaders: Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 145t; Cheyenne Ivey 354b; Linda Sides 81t, 74b; Cassie Franklin 74t, 448b; Jackie Tanner 378t, 317b; Sheila Wootten 29t; Ralph Heard 535; Cindy Franklin 498, 200; Marlon Wootten and Shane Wootten 97; Claudene Townson 277; Nate Green and Norma Green

388; Eloise Wootten 282; Charlotte Heard 503; Charles Stiefel and Dennis George 47b; Coy Ivey, David Ivey, and Rodney Ivey "Trusting" (WB); Chris Carroll, Jenny Wootten, and Oliver Jenkins 559 (CB). After announcements the class was dismissed with prayer by Pastor Steve Lea.  
Co-Chairmen - Chris Carroll and Jenny Wootten; Secretary - Myra Dalton.

## **NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**Ithaca, New York  
October 13-14, 2000**

**Friday, October 13**

The twelfth annual New York State Convention was held at the Bethel Grove Community Building, Ithaca, New York, on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in October. The Friday evening session was called to order by Eric Bean leading song on page 34b.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Eric Bean; Vice Chair - Juanita Heyerman; Secretaries - Thom Metzger and Donna Abrahams; Arranging Committee - Barbara Swetman and Gina Balestracci; Chaplain - Cuba Ray.

Leaders: Barbara Swetman 31b; Thom Metzger 200; Ginny Huszagh 474; George Seiler 183; Laura Densmore 350; Paula McGray 36b; Laura Timmerman 146; Pat Geritz 47t; Richard Schmeidler 66; Denise Morris 524; Mary Kay Friday 38b; Stephanie Levy 178; Bernard Collard 479; Eileen Metzger 114; Michael Kaye 163b; Ginnie Ely 328; Tom Tucker 42; Mary Ann Morrison 228; Bob Parr 131t; Roland Hutchinson 446.

### **RECESS**

The class reassembled with Eric Bean leading song on page 148. Leaders: Jean Seiler 273; Dan Hertzler 189; Cathy Tucker 344; Gina Balestracci 419; Donna Abrahams 532; Ernie Blake 163t; Tim Wheeler 30b; Hal Kunkel 333; Deanna Anderson 106; Anne Kazlauskas 110; Hugh Anderson 40; Guy Bankes 327; Hinton family 81t; Nancy Crawford 335; Juanita Heyerman 122; Scott Luscombe 315; Dennis Leipold 475; Jim Ulrich 497; Eric Bean 260; Bernard Collard 362; Tom Tucker 510; Mary Kay Friday 147b; Donna Abrahams 209; Thom Metzger 383; Cathy Tucker 236.

Ginny Huszagh led the closing prayer.

**Saturday, October 14**

The class reassembled with Eric Bean leading song on page 46.

Eric Bean began the singing school by leading 49b and continued with 87, 294, 155, 178, 268, and 48t.

### **RECESS**

Eric Bean continued the singing school by leading song on page 45t. Singing school leaders then instructed the class with the following songs: Denise Morris 128; Paula McGray 73t; Ginnie Ely 38b, 47b, 155, 445; Eric Bean 46, 480. Barbara Swetman gave the blessing.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called together with Eric Bean leading song on page 217. Leaders: Juanita Heyerman 159; Jim Ulrich 168; Barbara Swetman 203; Diane Mennella 314; Stephanie Levy 497; Mary Kay Friday 91; Bradford West 426b; Donna Abrahams 474; Margaret Bornick 442; Hugh Anderson 551; Kelly House 475; Ginny Huszagh 220; Cathy Tucker 385b; Ronald Bornick 186; Denise Morris 506; Dennis Leipold 384; Laura Timmerman 235b; Jean Seiler 222; Richard Schmeidler 147t; Nancy Crawford 229; Dan Hertzler 503; Ellie Soler 277; Laura Densmore 408; Gina Balestracci 182.

## RECESS

The singing resumed with Eric Bean leading song on page 569. Leaders: Bob Parr 496; Deanna Anderson 481.

Bernard Collard of the United Kingdom gave the memorial lesson and told an intriguing story illustrating the importance of death as a way out of this world and into the next.

Laura Densmore read the names of the deceased, and Dan Hertzler led song on page 30b in remembrance of: Marie Aldridge, Rosa Hughes, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips - Alabama; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Dollie Hudgins - Georgia; Kathy Benforado - Massachusetts; Bennet Hertzler - New Mexico; George Berger, Pamela Carson, Karen Hamilton, Karen House, Matt Savoie, and Linda Wolkenbreit - New York; Bill Ackerman - Vermont.

Guy Bankes read the names of the sick and shut-in, and Tom Tucker led song on page 510 for: George Belliveau, Bryce Butler, Dot Garber, Ken Gardner, Betsie Gardner, Peter Henkel, Harriett Henry, Priscilla Hertzler, George A. Seiler of California, David Todd Spiak, Edward Swetman and Marlys Swetman. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Patricia Garrett 48b; George Seiler 122; Eileen Metzger 77; Susan Hengelsberg 59; Michael Kaye 28b; Ginnie Ely 454; Diane Mennella and Marsha Tucker 547; Kelly House 236; Mary Ann Morrison 191; Bradford West 99; Tim Wheeler 377; Jim Ulrich 300; Pam Good 106; Scott Luscombe 324; Ellie Soler 143.

## RECESS

The singing resumed with Eric Bean leading song on page 430. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 352; Anne Kazlauskas 284; Marsha Tucker 86; Guy Bankes 549; Thom Metzger 428; Hal Kunkel 401; Bernard Collard 63; Tom Tucker 457; Roland Hutchinson 553; Juanita Heyerman 114; Stephanie Levy 198; Barbara Swetman 196; Mary Kay Friday 180; Donna Abrahams and Edith Berger 142; Hugh Anderson 299; Nicola Collett 131t; Cathy Tucker 144; Ron Bornick 84; Dennis Leipold 85; Katherine Collett 178; Laura Timmerman 34t; Jean Seiler 312b.

## DINNER

Eric Bean brought the evening class together by leading song on page 47t. A portion of the class was then devoted to singing new and out-of-book songs.

Leaders: Gina Balestracci "Ten Thousand Charms" (Kunkel); Roland Hutchinson "Liberty's Trumpet" (Hutchinson); Barbara Swetman "The Good Old Way, Second" (Wattersons and Stokes), "The Stone Forever Stands" (Metzger and Kunkel); Guy Bankes "Relly's Third" (Hutchinson); Dan Hertzler "Mount Hope" (Hertzler); Bernard Collard "Psalm Sixty-Nine" (Jarvis), "Babylon Streams"; Thom Metzger "The Fire That Goes Before" (Metzger); Laura Densmore 98 (CB); George Seiler and Edith Berger 117; Bob Parr 456; Richard Schmeidler 254; Nicola Collett 146; Gina Balestracci 112; Katherine Collett 1 (EH); Tim Wheeler 313b; Michael Kaye 31t; Ginnie Ely 373.

Eric Bean led song on page 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. George Seiler closed the convention with a prayer.

Chairman - Eric Bean; Vice Chair - Juanita Heyerman; Secretaries - Thom Metzger and Donna Abrahams.

## MCWHORTER MEMORIAL

**Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama  
Saturday, October 14, 2000**

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, and was called to order by Johnny Wright leading songs on page 59 and 63. B.J. Harris offered the morning prayer. Johnny Wright led songs on pages 35 and 49b.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Johnny Wright; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Mary Florence Smith 45t, 72b; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 33b; Alice Edwards and Hester Edwards 104, 73b; Glenda Watkins 100, 282; George Garner 186, 222; Teenie Moody 40, 171; Sloman twins 112, 360.

#### RECESS

Johnny Wright brought the class to order leading song on page 84. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 61, 68b; Eunice Webb 47t, 58; Evelyn Harris 155, 82; Roy Nelson 105, 283; Inez Chandler 108, 274t; Jimmy Cates 37b, 317b; Laura Clawson 217, 27; Corene Laminack 59, 32t; Shelbie Sheppard 43, 288; Felton Denney 299, 143; Lou Cotney 300, 212; Walter Hamrick 111t, 112.

#### LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 225t. Leaders: B.J. Harris 303, 503; Josephine Denney 127, 145b; Jeff Sheppard 185, 97; Sloman twins 215, 358; Laura Clawson 95; Walter Hamrick 79; Mary Florence Smith 111t (in memory of Allene Stanford), 111b; Teenie Moody 78; George Garner 480; Eunice Webb 569b; Jimmie Denney 313t; Evelyn Harris 159; Roy Nelson 274b; Lou Cotney 172; Felton Denney 489b; Shelbie Sheppard 66; B.J. Harris 347; Josephine Denney 354b; Jeff Sheppard 410t (for Lewis Norton); Sloman twins 460; Hester Edwards, Alice Edwards, Reba Norton, Eunice Webb, Lois Bowman, and Ezma Lee Hale 45t (representing the Kerr family); Reba Norton and Glenda Watkins 373.

Lonnie Rogers led song on page 318 as the closing song. Felton Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Johnny Wright; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

## **TRI-STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)**

**Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Hoboken, Georgia  
Saturday, October 14, 2000**

We began by singing song on page 103. Jimmy Carter opened the convention by welcoming everyone to Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church and led song on page 571. Morning prayer was offered by Johnny Lee. Elder Clarke Lee read Psalms 98: 4-5 and led song on page 535t. David Lee led us in singing the scale and then led song on page 68b. Leaders: Amy Lee and Julie Lee 39; Kathy Lee 283b; Johnny Lee 563; Kathryn Keller 146; Louis Hughes 138b; Kit Pfau 47t; B.M. Smith 38t; Reba Dell Windom 559; Job Driggers 74t; S.T. Reed 74b; Dave Gibson 290; Allen Fannin 393; Tim Jones 440b; Charles Franklin 176.

#### RECESS

Clarke Lee called the class back together leading song on page 128. Leaders: Riley Lee 485; Jim Pfau 449; Bob Bonnell 511b; Mary Elizabeth Lee, Anna Pfau, and Gretchen Pfau 505; Bud Oliver 515; Jenny Steuver 63; Dick Levine 77t; Agnes Farris 378t; Alice Bejnar 455t, 455b; Otis Hester 220; Jenny Willard 572.

#### RECESS

David Lee called the class back together leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Jason Deal 54t; Hunter Hale 268t; Judy Mincey 411; Steven Levine 270; John

Etheridge 149; Joe Nall 211; Stephanie Steuver 40; Wilburn Ellison 447t; Tollie Lee 84; Don Clark 566; Charles Brewer and Jamie Yonkin 489; Don Bowen 199; Russ Scholz; Karen Clark 421.

#### LUNCH

Clarke Lee called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 137.

Leaders: Josh Devane 484b; Syble Adams 478; Tor Bejnar 175; Carol Selleck 208; Jesse Roberts 182; Paul Wyatt 239; Darlene Dalton 277; Bryant Lee 38b; Lee Bradley 343b; Tommie Spurlock 183; Eric Brough 573; Hannah Roberts 553; Ruel Lee 276; Les Singleton 45t; Gail Doss 196; David Lee 378t.

#### RECESS

David Lee called the class back together leading song on page 388. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Jr. 444b; Lee Rogers 500; Frank Hattaway 138t; Blake Morris 152; Martha Henderson 451b; Matt Wells 28b; Fay Baird 361; Bill Farris 401; Keith Willard 140; Coy Ivey and Eloise Wootten 222; Hubert Nall 299; Margaret Spurlock 112; Carolyn Carter 367; Winston Jones 134; Marlon Wootten 395b; Stanley Smith 524.

Jimmy Carter and Elder Clarke Lee thanked everyone for coming and called for announcements of upcoming sings. The next session of the Tri-State Convention will be held at the Walton County Shrine Building in Defuniak Springs, Florida on Saturday before the third Sunday in October in 2001. Jimmy Carter and Elder Clarke Lee led song on page 488b as the closing song. Elder Tollie Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Secretary - Amy Lee.

## YELLOW SPRINGS

### Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, Ohio

Saturday, October 14, 2000

The twenty-first semi-annual Yellow Springs singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Linda Coppock leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Fred Todt 49t; Martha Lang 30; Claire Outten 65; Eloise Clark 300; Debbie Hall 299; Sheryl Pockrose 565, 564; Joseph Pimentel 155, 497; Jo Schultz 454, 66; David Rust 314, 123b.

#### RECESS

Claire Outten called the class to order leading song on page 163. Leaders: Laurel Cornel 31t, 143; John Bealle 335, 240; Rich Overturf 159, 480; Marlene Rust 52t, 203; Sue Axtell 69; Jim Tipps 127; Rick Arnest 126, 479; Fred Todt 542, 180. Sue Axtell gave a blessing for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The singers were called back to order by Claire Outten leading songs on page 47 and 112t. Leaders: Linda Coppock 38b, 196; Debbie Hall 528, 532; Martha Lang 282, 146; Eloise Clark 313b, 209; Sylvia Thomas 324, 444; Eric Conrad 117, 70b; Joseph Pimentel 269, 178; Fred Todt and Joseph Pimentel 504, 448t; Fred Todt 236.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Claire Outten leading song on page 334. Leaders: Sheryl Pockrose 455; Michael Darby 86, 569b; Laura Russell 515, 81; Jo Schultz 198; David Rust 333; Laurel Cornel 149; John Bealle 546; Rich Overturf 373; Sue Axtell 547.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Claire Outten leading song on page 173. Leaders: Greg Howard and Rich Overturf 457; Eric Conrad and Greg Howard 275t; Jim Coppock 174, 186; Michael Darby 107; Laura Russell 312b; Rick Arnest 277.

Eloise Clark asked us all to remember Chris Cox who was unable to be with us due to an injury.

Claire Outten led the closing song on page 347, and Linda Coppock offered a closing prayer.

Fred, Joseph, and Claire, who have contributed immeasurably to Sacred Harp in Ohio, are all moving away and we wish them a fond farewell.

The next Yellow Springs singing will be held on the first Saturday after Easter.

Chairman - Claire Outten; Arranging - Eloise Clark; Secretary - Debbie Hall.

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION - OREGON**

**Sellwood Community Center, Portland, Oregon**

**October 14-15, 2000**

**Saturday, October 14**

The eighth annual session of the Oregon portion of the Pacific Northwest Convention was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in October. Chairman Peter Irvine convened the class at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 59 and then led the opening prayer.

Officers and committees for the convention are as follows: Chairman - Peter Irvine; Vice Chairman - David Hough; Treasurer - Katharine Hough; Secretary - Marie Zaworski; Arranging Committee - Suzanne Denker, Jean Murphy, Jill Accetta, and Bruce Rowland; Registration - Marie Zaworski, James Brock, Kate Moore, Karen Willard, David Zaworski, and Katharine Hough; Finance - Katharine Hough and Meg Larson; Chaplains - Sharla Hulsey and David Zaworski; Food - Anna Maria Nygren; Housing - Kate Moore.

Peter Irvine introduced his good friend, Tim Eriksen, who led a singing school until noon. Tim Eriksen generously shared his knowledge of Sacred Harp history and his love of its spirit and traditions and graciously spent the week prior to the convention in the Pacific Northwest leading workshops for Sacred Harp singing. Pastor Sharla Hulsey asked the blessing upon the food, and the class was recessed.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Bruce Rowland leading song on page 75. Leaders: David Hough 32t; Marie Zaworski 37b; Katharine Hough 496; Peter Irvine 144; Joanne Hoover 196; Jack Lofton 200; James Brock 120; Sally House 503; Caleb Hardy 268; Hugh McGuire 394; Kitty Kagay 477; Karen Willard 497; Reed Schilbach 324; Tim Eriksen 47b; David Wright 442; Tom Payne 73t; Kshama Ananthapura 270; Sharla Hulsey 148; Audrey Karabinus 159; Kate Moore 551; Anne Huckins 344; Fran Ross 178.

### **RECESS**

Karen Willard called the class back leading song on page 175. Leaders: Ken Cofield 66; John Carson 290; Hardin King 72b; Jean Murphy 455; Kathy Vlach 143; David Jensen 86; Bruce Rowland 532; Tom Payne 108b; Sally House 31t; David Hough 137; Caleb Hardy 117; Tim Eriksen 236; Marie Zaworski 515b; Kshama Ananthapura 282; Phill Wisor 49b; Joanne Hoover 475; Kitty Kagay 74b; Katherine Hough 408; Peter Irvine 340; Jack Lofton 198; James Brock 350; Hugh McGuire 95; Peter Irvine 171.

Announcements were made and the class was dismissed.

Saturday evening there was an informal singing from the *Cooper Book* at the home of Marie and David Zaworski. About 30 singers attended.

### **Sunday, October 15**

The Sunday morning session was called to order by Tim Eriksen leading song on page 448b. Pastor Sharla Hulsey led the opening prayer. Leaders: Karen Willard



82t; Phill Wisor 319; Joanne Hoover 142; Peter Irvine 56b; Katharine Hough 569b; James Brock 145b; Kitty Kagay 216; Jack Lofton 163t; Marie Zaworski 36b; Hugh McGuire 352; Kathy Vlach 280; Bruce Rowland 282; David Hough 384; Sharla Hulsey 35; Ken Cofield 269; Pat Nida 76b; Anna Maria Nygren 34b; John Carson 38b; Reed Schilbach 61; David Landazuri 85; Audrey Karabinus 331; Anne Huckins 163b; Fran Ross 380.

#### RECESS

Ken Cofield called the class back to order leading song on page 47. Leaders: Jane Grant 361; David Wright 230; Hardin King 45t; Kate Moore 268; Leigh Van Sickle 40; Sally House 178; Kshama Ananthapura 33b; Tim Eriksen 448t; Karen Willard 547; John Kellermann 77t; Phill Wisor 179; Joanne Hoover 81t.

The memorial lesson was presented at this time. Peter Irvine called to mind those people who were not able to attend because of illness or any other reason; read the list of names; and led song on page 75 in their honor. Those remembered were: Ruth Larkin, Celia Olson, Muzetta Backus, and Virginia Tylor - Oregon; Arvid Denker - Washington; Barbara Wipfler and Martha Taylor - California; Thurman Nall - Alabama; James Flood - Mississippi.

Peter Irvine and Tim Eriksen talked about the important relationships and deep level of connections made by attending other singings and getting to know singers from other areas.

Tim Eriksen read the names of those who have passed away: James Luoto, Richard Cooney, Al Clementson, Pat Wells, and Bob Larkin - Oregon; Ron Lang - Washington; Fran Johnson and H.B. Johnson - New Mexico; Dario Landazuri and Ursula Rauskolb - California; Lucille Lembke - Minnesota; Freeman Davidson - Kansas; Marie Aldridge, Virgil Phillips, Eugene Wakefield, Ruby Phillips, Herbert Phillips, Willie Mosley, Horace Batchelor, and Alice Williams - Alabama; Allene Stanford and Dollie Hudgins - Georgia; David Ferrall - Florida; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Katharine Brooks - Massachusetts; Karen House - New York.

Tim Eriksen introduced Sally House, mother of Karen House, who read a statement about her daughter. Her comments concluded with the thought that our loved ones are often the "fa" in our lives-that living without them is like living without a foundation-but coming together in singing fills in the "fa" and helps to heal our grief. Karen's father, Reese, then joined Sally in the center of the square, and Tim Eriksen led song on page 318. Over thirty people from the community came to support Karen's mother and father during this memorial lesson in their daughter's memory. The memorial lesson was closed.

Kshama Ananthapura led song on page 277. Pastor David Zaworski offered a blessing for the gathering and the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Phill Wisor leading song on page 495. Leaders: Katharine Hough 217; James Brock 144; Kitty Kagay 383; Jack Lofton 53; Marie Zaworski 112; Hugh McGuire 302; Kathy Vlach 122; Jean Murphy 189; Bruce Rowland 99; Katharine Hough 378b; David Hough 566; Sharla Hulsey 535; Jill Accetta 64; Ken Cofield 276; Anna Maria Nygren 37b; Pat Nida 72; John Carson 278b; Reed Schilbach 312b; David Landazuri 299; Audrey Karabinus 369.

The convention then went into a business session to hear committee reports. Treasurer Katharine Hough reported that due to generous giving both days, the expenses of the convention had been met.

Resolutions Committee Report: This convention recognizes and gives thanks to:

- 1) Almighty God who brought us here safely to sing our praises to Him; and everyone who traveled far and near to lend their voices to this convention;
- 2) All officers of the convention who gave of their time and energy to make this convention a success;
- 3) Those who brought, cooked, arranged, or provided food;
- 4) Those who arranged or provided housing for all of the out-of-town singers who chose to stay in homes;
- 5) The Joe Beasley Memorial Fund. This fund contributed to the costs of putting on three of the Sacred Harp workshops leading up to the convention, including two events in Portland (one for home-schooled children and one at Humboldt Elementary School) and one event in Enterprise, Oregon;
- 6) Those who offered a prayer and assisted in anyway;
- 7) Marie and David Zaworski for opening their home on Saturday night for more singing.

It was further reported that during the two days of the convention 101 people from six different states were registered. Forty leaders led 122 songs.

Announcements of other singings were made. The business session was closed.

#### RECESS

Hugh McGuire called the class back to order leading song on page 123t. Leaders: Anne Huckins 313b; Fran Ross 551; David Jensen 263; Suzanne Denker 504; Jane Grant 147t; David Wright 542; Hardin King 457; Kate Moore 107; Leigh Van Sickle 114; Sally House 347; Peter Irvine 228; Phill Wisor 300; Tim Eriksen 203; Kitty Kagay 101.

Chairman Peter Irvine led song on page 62 as the closing song, and all that wished took the parting hand. Tim Eriksen led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Peter Irvine; Vice Chairman - David Hough; Treasurer - Katherine Hough; Secretary - Marie Zaworski.

### **REID MEMORIAL** **Old County Line Church, Corner, Alabama** **October 15, 2000**

The eighty-first session of the Reid Memorial singing was called to order by Chairman Harrison Creel at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 335. The morning prayer was offered by Clayton Ezell. Harrison Creel led song on page 317. The singing is permanently organized.

Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 30t, 88t (in memory of her mother, Marie Aldridge); Teenie Moody 171; Clayton Ezell 421, 425; Jeff Sheppard 392, 316; Bickett Howton 373, 436; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 84; Ivalene Donaldson and Willard Donaldson 426t, 39b; Velton Chafin 57; Karen Ivey 217, 203; Karen Ivey and Max Berueffy 532 (by request); Richard Mauldin 63, 36b.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by Kenneth Tate leading songs on pages 343 and 119 (for Ray Tate). Leaders: Odie Horton 403, 200; Jarrod George 300, 358; Mary Florence Smith 302, 334; Roy Nelson 522, 318; Amber Springfield 192, 391; John Hyde 75; Lisa Geist 344, 150; Richard Ivey 399b; Mark Brown 49b.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by Chairman Harrison Creel leading song on page 498. Leaders: Henry Guthery 558; Julie Tate 35; Leola Smith 283; Ashley Keeton 441, 389; Gordon Wilkinson 475; Edie Richardson and Edith Tate 159; Paula Springfield 297, 408; Larry Ballinger 91; Dennis George 355; Travis

Keeton 388; Laura Clawson 142, 76b; Charlotte Richardson McCarn 100; Billy Williams 450; Amanda Denson 250; Willodean Barton 416.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Chairman Harrison Creel leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 512; Mark Brown "Sweet Beulah Land" (for Ray Tate); Shelbie Sheppard 282; Henry Johnson 378b; Stuart Ivey 189; Ann Jett 503, 37b (in memory of Tommy Creel); L.E. Hannah 187; Jackie Tanner and Cindy Franklin 270; Max Berueffy 73t; Danny Creel 269; Brenda Merritt 470, 196; Nathan Green and Norma Green 544, 410b; David Ivey 352; Clarissa Springfield 166, 445; Earl Ballinger 155; Josie Hyde 507; Johnny Humber 340; Milton Oliver 314; Flarce Creel 384; Buell Cobb 30b; Wanda Capps 33b; Ila Ingle 442; John Merritt 240; Julie Poston 101t; Gravis Ballinger 110; Elene Stovall 430; Edith Tate 212, 275b, 42.

Chairman Harrison Creel led song on page 348b as the closing song. Glenn Keeton offered the closing prayer.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Lucy Heidorn; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin.

### **SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING** **Embry Hills Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia** **Saturday, October 21, 2000**

The twenty-fourth annual Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October at Embry Hills Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Plunkett leading song on page 49t. Bryan Black led the opening prayer. Leaders: John Plunkett 32t; Helen Bryson 316, 112; Laura Akerman 34, 543; Kelly Morris 47b, 114; Eric Tweedy 66, 532; Don Bowen 99, 171.

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

Chairperson - Helen Bryson; Vice Chairman - Andy Morse; Secretary - Laura Akerman; Memorial Committee - John Plunkett and Jeannette DePoy; Finance - Don Bowen and Andy Anderson; Arranging - Kelly Morris and Doug Allison; Locating - Bryan Black.

Leaders: Helen Bryson 47t; Liz Bryant 270, 475; Bernard Collard 503, 474; Cathy White 159, 84; Andy Morse 203, 189; Judy Mincey 384, 34t.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Andy Morse leading song on page 480. Leaders: Frances Mary D'Andrea 148, 318; Andy Anderson 63, 117; Carri Grindon 547, 58; Jeremy York 245; Charlene Wallace 276, 224; Al Grindon 86, 40; Virginia Douglas 496, 68; David Yeager 523, 143. Eric Tweedy asked the blessing on the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Helen Bryson leading song on page 82.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 222, 231; Jeannette DePoy 39b, 542; John Hollingsworth 240; Malinda Snow 455, 501; Katherine Yntema 479, 324; Larry Woodring 186, 107.

John Plunkett presented the memorial lesson and led songs on pages 145 and 61 for the deceased. Those remembered were: Jack Smith, Vedic Touchstone, Dollie Hudgins, Karen House, and Harold White.

Jeannette DePoy remembered the shut-ins and led song on page 566 for: Mozelle Sheppard, Charlotte Allison, Revy Williamson, Gladys McGraw, and Roy Morse. Bryan Black closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Karen Morris 383, 37; John Whittemore 38, 535; Susan Posey 145, 178; Fran Adams 358, 68b; Richard DeLong 410t, 35; Bryan Black 215; Bernard Collard 452, 454; Laura Akerman 192.

The singing closed with the officers leading song on page 62, and John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Helen Bryson; Vice Chairman - Andy Morse; Secretary - Laura Akerman.

### **COY PUTNAM MEMORIAL** **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama** **Saturday, October 21, 2000**

The annual Coy Putnam Memorial Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Hershell King leading song on page 59. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - Jack Jordan; Arranging Committee - Carmon Brothers and Faye Nell Jordan; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

Leaders: Hershell King 101t; Carmon Brothers 134, 135; Irene Jordan 569, 405; Elder Matt Jordan 565, 480; Arvid Holmes 49t; Gordon Wilkinson 145t, 460, 498; David Light 274, 192; Wilda Holmes 384; Elder Dan Hopper 385b, 323b, 54 (in memory of Ester Wall Brown); Sandra Light 143, 354b.

#### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Hershell King leading song on page 97. Leaders: Ramona Light 340, 421; Savannah Kelly 235; Elder J.L. Hopper 343, 341, 218; Ron Crocker 523; Andrew Crocker 128, 127; Amy Crocker 48t, 471; Marcena Wilkinson 61, 155; Rhoda Norris 177, 322; J.C. Rutledge 568, 105.

#### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was brought to order by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 441 and 312b. Leaders: Hermon Wilkinson 434, 277, 215; David Light 110; Gordon Wilkinson 475; Lyles Burke 168, 137; Elder Dan Hopper 129; Ron Crocker 49b; Gordon Wilkinson 358; Elder Dan Hopper 389.

Elder Dan Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - Jack Jordan; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

### **JORDAN'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH** **Newell, Randolph County, Alabama** **October 22, 2000**

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. Rev. Julian Murphy, pastor of the church, offered the opening prayer. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 101t, followed by B.J. Harris leading songs on pages 303 and 503.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - B.J. Harris; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith and Pam Brown.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 298; Mary Florence Smith 123t, 81t; B.M. Smith 145, 222; Glenda Watkins 124, 410t; Jeff Sheppard 336, 318; Everette Denney 490, 489b; Syd Caldwell 390 (in memory of Rosa Hughes and Vedic Touchstone),

481 (for Dan Brittain); Shelbie Sheppard 290, 142; Rodney Ivey 155, 475; Evelyn Harris 47t, 82t.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by B.J. Harris leading song on page 143. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 235, 358; Eunice Webb 436, 406; Bernard Collard 480, 63; Don Bowen 73t, 39b; Elene Stovall 430, 99; Max Berueffy 272, 278b; Tabitha Murphy 45t, 59; Hans Guttmann 270, 34b.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 335. Leaders: Roy Nelson 97, 274t; Stuart Ivey 196, 206; Ruth Daniel 278t. Mary Florence Smith presented the memorial. B.M. Smith led song on page 284 for the following deceased: Nadine Murphy, Robert Melton Murphy, Annie Mitchell, Dorothy Murphy, Helfin Murphy, Vedic Touchtone, Evelyn Williams, and Arthur Heard. Syd Caldwell led songs on pages 177 and 306 in memory of Rosa Hughes, Velma Richardson, Vedic Touchstone, and Don Wilkerson.

Judy Mincey led song on page 50b for the sick and shut-ins, and the memorial was closed with prayer led by Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 47b, 267; Sherrell Durand 127, 159; David Ivey 309; Geraldine Rice 269, 224; Frank Bell and Pam Brown 339, 119; Karen Ivey 313t, 569; Judy Mincey 540; Tabitha Murphy 128; Stuart Ivey 189, 182; Bernard Collard 28t, 84; Syd Caldwell 442, 171 (in memory of J.L. Edge and Carl Hughes); Max Berueffy and Karen Ivey 532; Hans Guttmann and his mother 299, 178; Pam Brown and Frank Bell 341, 354.

Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 340 as the closing song. B.J. Harris dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - B.J. Harris; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

## **SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION**

**Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas**

**October 28-29, 2000**

**Saturday, October 28**

The fall meeting of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met on the fifth weekend of October at Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church in Austin, Texas. Chairman Leon Ballinger called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. by leading song on page 32t. Rev. Verlon Stiefel of Fyffe, Alabama offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Leon Ballinger 59; Secretary Pat Blundell 40; Dick Steil 72, 39; Emmie Morris 112, 189; Kevin Powell 536, 239; Catherine Rogan 276, 222; Al Rogers 63, 575; Fr. Ronald Baker 148, 508; Sue Hanson 49t, 142; Bruce Coates 571, 572; Beth Todd 68t, 505; Frank Price 135, 573; Edith Owen 511t, 511b. Leon Ballinger appointed Gary Rogan, Beverly Coates, and B.E. Matthews as the Memorial Committee.

#### RECESS

Vice Chair Mike Moseley brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 270 and 171. Leaders: Tom Owen 543b, 183; Doris Hanks 444, 442t; Bernard Collard 287, 300; Ophelia Matthews 82, 447t; Joe Todd 125, 137; Amanda Owen 371, 411; David Yeager 49b, 143; Gary Rogan 132, 567; Sarah Coates

522, 76b; Dale Redmon, Jr. 514, 274; Beverly Coates 38b, 421; Gaylon Powell 552, 240. Kent Singleton offered prayer for lunch.

#### LUNCH

Mike Moseley brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 290. Leaders: John Baker 120, 101b; Cheryl Foreman 497, 470; Robert Handel 230b, 268b; Mary Bachmann 225t, 38t; Tom Owen "Beulah Land" (by special request) (arranged in four note style by Olivia Powell); Olivia Powell 168, 450; Scott Curran 73t, 186; Myra Palmer 110, 203; Morris Nelms 79, 159; Jeb Owen 99, 559; George Jones 513t, 558b; Diane Ross 155, 434.

#### RECESS

Leon Ballinger brought the class to order leading song on page 217. Leaders: David Polacheck 47b, 324; Terre Schill 102, 134; H.P. O'Mary 335, 343b; Curtis Owen 149, 372; Mark Richards and son, Zachary Richards 45, 39; Vivian Rogan 100, 507b; John Morris 98, 163t, Reed Coates 129, 212; Donald Ross 90, 93; B.E. Matthews and Verlon Stiefel 395b, 563; Ryan Ross 500, 329. Leon Ballinger and Mike Moseley led song on page 282 as the closing song. Curtis Owen dismissed the class with prayer.

#### Sunday, October 29

The Sunday morning session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Leon Ballinger leading song on page 87. Judge Don Ross offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 422b; Mike Moseley 442; Pat Blundell 505t; John Morris 36b; Diane Ross 168; Bruce Coates 312; Myrl Jones 142; Ryan Ross and Kara Dolan 196; Emmie Morris 215; Jeb Owen 216; Liz Rogan 203; Mary Bachmann 478; Reed Coates 222; Cheryl Foreman 63; Robert Handel 36t; Mrya Palmer 414; B.E. Matthews and Joyce Sandlin 578 (Joyce Sandlin signed the words); Terre Schill and Donna McClure 112; Zack Rogan 143; Mary Stiefel 220; Curtis Owen 198; Amanda Owen 182.

#### RECESS

Mike Moseley brought the class to order leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Joe Todd 375; Vivian Rogan 484b; Morris Nelms 365; Verlon Stiefel 511t, 511b; Sarah Coates 192; Bernard Collard 427; Martha Aiken 324; David Yeager 451b; Beth Todd 89; David Polacheck 288; Beverly Coates 392; Dick Steil 268t; Olivia Powell 235; Scott Curran 189; Doris Hanks 384; Don Ross 423; Catherine Rogan 186; Al Rogers 449; Edith Owen 47t; Gaylon Powell 140.

Gary Rogan presented the memorial lesson and read from II Timothy 4:5-7. As the list of names for singers and friends that have passed away during the last year was read, those singers who were personal friends to the deceased rose in honor of their memory. Those remembered were: Judy Nieth, Vesta Ellis, Ed Craig, Lacy Leopard Taylor, and Christine Wilson Stolls - Texas; Vedic Edge Touchstone and Jack Smith - Georgia; Eugene Wakefield, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, and Marie Aldridge - Alabama; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Susan Fitch - Louisiana; Karen House - New York; David Terry Davis - Virginia. Beverly Coates led song on page 285t for the deceased.

B.E. Matthews led song on page 507 for the sick and shut-in singers who were not in attendance: Elder Billy Moseley, Mildred Edmonds, Alcie Craig, Verna Powell, James Day, Lorene Hutcheson, Francis Daniels, Ophelia Matthews, Viola Jones, Lawson Smith, Junior Smith, Marie Smith, and Pat Day - Texas; Jim Ballinger - Alabama; Bill Herthington - Oklahoma. The memorial was closed. Tom Owen offered the prayer for lunch.

#### LUNCH

Vice Chairman Mike Moseley called the class back to order for the afternoon session with song on page 376. Leaders: Kevin Powell 200; Dale Redmon, Jr.

540; Tom Owen 424; Gary Rogan 313; Mary Owen 145b; George Jones 369; Joyce Sandlin 571; Al Rogers 45t; Beth Todd 475; Morris Nelms and Mary Bachmann 393; Myra Palmer 522; Bernard Collard 217; Joe Todd 122; Myrl Jones 183; Jeb Owen 450; Reed Coates 331b; Terre Schill 406; John Morris 174; Cheryl Foreman 280; Bruce Coates 491; Emmie Morris 306; Robert Handel 336t; Dick Steil 358; Olivia Powell 128; David Polacheck 38b; Beverly Coates 489; Scott Curran 290; Catherine Rogan 171; Doris Hanks 515; Gaylon Powell 408; Pat Blundell 243t.

After announcements of future singings, the officers then closed the convention by leading song on page 62. Bruce Coates dismissed the class with prayer.

The spring 2001 meeting of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention will be held at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Caldwell County, McMahan, Texas on the fifth weekend of April, April 28-29, 2001.

Chairman - Leon Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Mike Moseley; Secretary - Pat Blundell.

## **BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Heard County, Georgia** **Saturday, November 4, 2000**

The fall singing at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County, Georgia was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, and was called to order by Everette Denney leading songs on pages 59 and 49t. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Felton Denney 50b, 31t; Josephine Denney 145t, 145b; Bernard Denney 64, 335, 164; Evelyn Harris 155, 89; Everette Denney 405; Bobby Jackson 81t, 32t; George Seiler 68b, 84, 268; Max Berueffy 30t, 30b, 460; Allen Fannin 406, 82t.

### **RECESS**

Felton Denney brought the class to order leading song on page 63.

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

Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney;

Secretary/Arranging Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 33b, 186, 348b; Jean Seiler 72b, 217, 142; Bud Oliver 42, 73t, 39b; Becky Hefner-Camp 312b, 277; Hugh McGraw 423; Lou Cotney 172, 189; Lee Rogers 332, 347, 454.

### **LUNCH**

Felton Denney brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 503.

Leaders: Don Bowen 34b, 37b, 77b; Charlene Wallace 139, 276; B.J. Harris 452b, 225t, 303; Judy Mincey 515b, 475; Jeff Sheppard 350, 351, 313t; Eunice Webb 436, 569b; Lloyd Toney and Jean Seiler 82t, 82b; Teenie Moody and Alicia Green 78, 300, 430; George Seiler 480; Max Berueffy 208; Bud Oliver 39t; Allen Fannin 448b; Lee Rogers 425b; Judy Mincey 34t; Bud Oliver and Max Berueffy 270; Lonnie Rogers 45t.

Announcements were made. Everette Denney led song on page 146 as the closing song. Rev. Lloyd Toney dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

**ALVIS BROTHERS AND B.I. WOOD MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Attalla, Alabama**  
**Saturday, November 4, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for Alvis Brothers and B.I. Wood was held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church in Attalla, Alabama on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. Ron Crocker brought the class to order leading song on page 378t. Hershell King offered the morning prayer. Ron Crocker led song on page 146.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Ron Crocker; Vice Chairman - Randall Smith; Secretary - Hazel Brothers; Arranging Committee - Ella Ruth Chamblee and Ruby Brothers. Leaders: Andrew Crocker 274t, 128; Seth Crocker 143, 39b; Amy Crocker 48t, 49b; Douglas Conn 61, 278b; Judy Caudle 175, 313t; Doris Brown, Billie Dean Waid, and Gloria Hutchens 144, 63, 566; Phil Brothers and Chase Tanner 274, 358; Helen Lambert 106, 332; J.L. Hopper 145t, 540; Deborah Ritch 89, 168.  
**RECESS**

Ron Crocker brought the class to order leading song on page 129. Leaders: Linda Thomas 489, 471; Rhoda Norris 460, 137; Danielle Crocker 49t, 457; Carmon Brothers 172, 340; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 145b, 452; Hershell King 35, 410t; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 343b.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Ron Crocker leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Joseph Ritch 133, 354b; Hazel Brothers, Kathy Brothers, Phil Brothers, Lavell Brothers, Brenda Brothers, Rodger Brothers, Sherry Tanner, Chase Tanner, Randy Brothers, Lynne Brothers, and Brandy Brothers 100, 373, 45t; Carmon Brothers, Billie Dean Waid, Doris Brown, and Gloria Hutchens 146, 348b; Carmon Brothers 339, 277 (in memory of J.L. Oden and Mary Oden); Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 571 (CB), 501 (CB) (for the sick and shut-ins); Carmon Brothers 544b; Helen Lambert and Bernice Greer 235 (in memory of Ervin Brothers), 75 (in memory of Clarence Smith and Pearlle Smith); Randall Smith 36b (to commemorate the wedding anniversaries of Lamar Smith and Mary Smith, married 64 years, and Carmon Brothers and Ruby Brothers, married 60 years).

Ron Crocker led song on page 84 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother J.L. Hopper.

Chairman - Ron Crocker; Vice Chairman - Randall Smith; Secretary - Hazel Brothers.

**HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**South of Bremen, Georgia, off Highway 27 and I-20**  
**November 5, 2000**

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, Sr. offered the morning prayer.

Charlene Wallace led song on page 105 (for Joyce and Jap Walton). Leaders: Carlene Griffin 97; Judy Henry 77t; Phillip Langley 460; Don Bowen 283; Debra Langley 480; Tokay Schumake 569b; Margie Smith 101t; Richard Driver 155; David Yeager 68b; Nancy Yeager 49t; Andy Anderson 178; John Plunkett 562; Jeremy York 285t; Henry Schuman 344; Tommy McGraw 72b; Henry Johnson 278b; Mary Florence Smith 383.



A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin. Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry were appointed Arranging Committee and Secretary, respectfully.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 225t (for his mother, Gladys McGraw). Leaders: Sheri Taylor 215; Myron House 421; Judy Mincey 538; Bobby Jackson 274t; Ted Mercer 468; Lee Rogers 220; Jan House, Ann McCleary, and other students from State University of West Georgia 284, 159; Jean Seiler 106; B.M. Smith 475; Jeff Sheppard 332; Robby Rivers and Hugh McGraw 49b; Edmund Golladay and Hugh McGraw 426t (in memory of Edna Marie Bell Golladay); Johnny Wright 145; Teenie Moody 384; Eloise Watkins 426b; Norma Green and Nate Green 175; T.J. Stewart 124; Cindy Cole 358; Lucille Gunnels 218; Kenneth DeLong 511; Lonnie Rogers 318; Richard DeLong 542; Shelbie Sheppard 385b; Jeannette DePoy 213.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Elder Homer Benefield leading songs on pages 56t and 45t. Leaders: Buell Cobb 103; Amanda Denson 320; Martha Ann Stegar 63; Bonnie Flowers 172; George Seiler 122; Allen Fannin 546; Scott DePoy 102; Estelle Flowers 389; Louis Hughes, Sr. 540; Eric Tweedy 131t; Andy Morse 183; Mildred Patterson 146; Felton Denney 387; Everette Denney 405; Nick Griffin 96; Josephine Denney 143; Liz Bryant 492; Donna Duke 189; Jimmie Denney 313t; Danny Griffin and Tommy McGraw 476 (in memory of their grandfather, Buford McGraw).

#### RECESS

The class was called together with Charlene Wallace leading song on page 171. Leaders: Estelle Flowers and Jeff Sheppard 388; Ted Mercer 345; Richard DeLong, Joan Collins, and Lisa Loftin 339; Richard DeLong and Joel Griffin 39b; Allen Fannin 448t; David Yeager and Nancy Yeager 452; Jean Seiler and George Seiler 299; Henry Schuman 111b; Scott DePoy 270; Don Bowen 521; Jeremy York 31t; Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard 29b (for Polly Moore). Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin led song on page 46 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry.

### **MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING** **Near Double Springs, Alabma** **November 5, 2000**

The ninety-fifth 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 48. Bobby Robbins offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Kenneth Tate; Arranging Committee - John Hyde; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 399b; Gladys Bonds 77, 74; L.E. Hannah 172, 500; Roma Rice 290, 297; Linton Ballinger 81, 82; Elmer Conwill 44, 45; Beatrice Moore 123, 137; Kenneth Tate 270, 454; Willodean Barton 482, 460; Henry Guthery 431, 527; Larry Ballinger 109, 71; Odie Horton 108, 192; Gravis Ballinger 101, 457.

#### RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading song on page 75. Leaders: Corene White 314, 171; Bobby Robbins and Lavaughn Ballinger 79, 294; Doyle Bailey 143, 147; Julie Tate 35, 421; Julie Poston 343b, 145b; Lisa Geist 155, 54b; Shelley Capps 512, 74; Faye Donaldson 371, 224; Sherry Guthery 340, 58.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 31. Leaders: Ashley Keeton 300, 349; Edith Tate 157; Lavaughn Ballinger 63; Flarce Creel 275b, 318; Glenn Keeton 535, 503; Harrison Creel 498, 111b; Margaret Keeton 282, 285 (in memory of her sister, Juanita Whitman); Amber Springfield 452, 276; Jayne Fulmer 210 (in memory of her father, Andrew Shaddix), 196 (in memory of her sister, Pat Shaddix); Kenneth Shaddix and Jayne Fulmer 358; Billy Williams 497, 84; Cecil Wakefield 159, 268; Dawson Adams 328, 68b; Debra Wakefield 432, 391; Edith Tate 532, 73; Josie Hyde 475, 477.

Travis Keeton led song on page 499b as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Kenneth Tate; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer.

### **SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION** **Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, Cordele, Georgia** **November 5, 2000**

The eighty-first session of the South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Timothy Meeks leading songs on pages 59 and 383. Chaplain Jon Robinson offered the opening prayer.

The following committees were appointed by Chairman Timothy Meeks:

Arranging Committee - Mary Brownlee; Nominating committee - Wesley Haley and Robert Meeks; Memorial Committee - Rita Haley and Mary Brownlee.

Leaders: Rita Haley 63, 268; Jon Robinson 196, 155; David Grant 154, 518; Coy Ivey 48t, 47t; Bud Oliver 145, 73; Rodney Ivey 82t, 101t; Max Berueffy 89, 317; Reba Dell Windom 145t, 186; Greg Holmes 72b, 81t.

#### RECESS

Timothy Meeks called the class to order leading song on page 274t. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 147t, 68b; Timothy Haley 117, 384; Sumner Ellis 354, 373; Myrtice Meeks 129, 491; Raymond Hamrick 136, 85; Richard Johnson 273, 454; Brittany Rewis 45t, 59.

The business session was held with the following officers duly elected to serve for the coming year: President - John Hollingsworth; Vice President - David Grant; Secretary/Treasurer - Rita Haley; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Joyce Harrison; Chaplain - Jon Robinson. The new officers' terms begin at the end of this session. The singings for 2001 were reviewed. The Warner Robins, Georgia singing held on the first Sunday in July was cancelled.

#### LUNCH

Timothy Meeks opened the afternoon session with songs on pages 235 and 236. Leaders: Marjorie Robinson 318, 569b; Bob Meeks 73b, 323b; Kay Robinson 127, 46; Worth Ellis 87; Martha Johnson 361, 172; Sharon Hamrick 276, 269; Bonnie Rewis 157, 460; Stephen Meeks 341, 490; Joyce Harrison and Patty Dancy 523, 503.

#### RECESS

Timothy Meeks brought the class to order leading song on page 358.

The memorial lesson was held. The entire convention was dedicated to the memory of Mildred Johnson Dumas of Georgia who was Secretary/Treasurer of

the South Georgia Convention for many years. Mildred Dumas and her husband, Harry Dumas, were faithful supporters of Sacred Harp. The silk flower arrangement in Lebanon Church was placed as a symbol of the high esteem the South Georgia Convention holds for her. Gene Shelly of Georgia was also remembered. Wesley Haley led song on page 120 for the deceased.

Mary Brownlee came forward to present the following shut-ins: Doris Haley, Otis Hester, Polly Hester, Gladys McGraw, and Sara Akin; and led song on page 47b in honor of those mentioned. The memorial lesson was concluded.

Leaders: Luanne Turner 515, 147t; Opal Holloway 334, 274t; Lamar Robinson 34t, 138b; Wesley Haley 122; Mary Brownlee 350; Max Berueffy, Bud Oliver, and Rodney Ivey 270.

Jon Hollingsworth led song on page 62 as the closing song. Jon Robinson offered a closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

President - John Hollingsworth; Vice President - David Grant;

Secretary/Treasurer - Rita Haley; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Joyce Harrison;

Chaplain - Jon Robinson.

## **IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Nashville, Tennessee**

**Saturday, November 11, 2000**

The sixteenth annual Sacred Harp singing at Immanuel Baptist Church was called to order on Saturday before the second Sunday in November by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 73b. Darrell Holley offered the morning prayer. Tim Reynolds led song on page 171.

Leaders: Gordon Wilkinson 512, 112; Warren Steel 215, 411; Darrell Holley 354b, 569b; Hibbard Thatcher 49b, 178; Anne Steel 209, 318; Sandie Scott 117, 40; Laurens Blankers 147t, 145t; Sarah Smith 290, 288; Michael Penny 30t, 75.  
**RECESS**

Clayton Ezell brought the class back together leading song on page 300. Leaders: Bob Simmons 198, 361; Emilee Ketterman and Rachel Gedeon 45t, 405; Pam Beziat 133, 59; Dennis George 277, 29t; Lewis Frost 34b, 452; Gary Smith 31t, 565b; Bill Anderson 49t, 457; Seth Holloway 388, 294.

### **LUNCH**

Warren Steel brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 179. Leaders: David Carlton 148, 86, 442; Ron Jagger and Seth Holloway 159, 87; Gary Smith and Stacy Jagger 68b, 81t; Tommy George and Tonya George 354b, 454; Marilyn Burchett 551, 36b; Clayton Ezell 475, 480, 182; Michael Penny 33t, 336; Sarah Smith, Ron Jagger, and Stacy Jagger 72b, 135; Dennis George and Tommy George 319; Anne Steel 39t, 61; Gordon Wilkinson 498; Warren Steel 400, 278b, 269.

Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led song on page 82t as the closing song. Hibbard Thatcher closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman - Timothy Reynolds; Secretary - Sandie Scott.

## **SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SINGING**

**Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm,**  
**Dodgeville, Wisconsin**  
**Saturday, November 11, 2000**

The fourteenth annual Southern Wisconsin Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November, and was called to order by Jim Page leading song on page 47t. Joyce Anderson led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Dick Dunagan 369; Jan Ketelle 168; Gordon Olsen 277; Peggy Brayfield 28t; Michael Moore 333; Melanie Hauff 316; Jeff Bell 569b; Colette Miller 524; Matt Wells 39t; Lisa Grayson 29t; Paul Wyatt 107; Jo Dell Albi 74b; Francis Gurtz 125; Janet Fraembs 481; Jim Crawford 448b; Martha Henderson 442; Ted Johnson 200; Midge Olsen 171.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Dick Dunagan; Chaplain - Joyce Anderson; Secretary - Val Dunagan; Arranging Committee - Paula Goode, Joyce Anderson, and Johanna Fabke; Memorial Committee - Peter Vea, Julie Vea, and Marcia Johnson.

#### RECESS

Dick Dunagan called the class to order leading song on page 312. Leaders: Kathy Kaiser 163t; Kristin Irving 370; Dean Slaton 216; Terry Hogg 212; Judy Hauff 488; Ted Mercer 430; Carol Crawford 207; Lee Steinmetz 250; Marcia Johnson 436; Joan Yeatman 143; Jim Hecke 186; Eleanor Haase 352; Mike Veech 350; Kathy Wallace 147t; Jim Page 573. Joyce Anderson led the prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

Dick Dunagan called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 284. Leaders: Val Dunagan 306; Jacob Affelter 34b; Julie Vea 291; Gordon Olsen 99; Peggy Brayfield 455; Michael Moore 319; Melanie Hauff 444; Joyce Anderson 354b; Jeff Bell 453; Colette Miller 368; Jan Ketelle 220; Matt Wells 81t; Lisa Grayson 222; Paul Wyatt 432.

The memorial lesson was held with Peter Vea reading the names of the deceased and sick and shut-in. Julie Vea led song on page 288 for the deceased: Jack Page - Texas; Dollie Hudgins and Vedic Touchstone - Georgia; Jim Jansen - Wisconsin; Lorene Fraembs - Kentucky; Norman Graven - Iowa; Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, and Marie Aldridge - Alabama. Marcia Johnson led song on page 179 for the sick and shut-in: Cecilia Hansen and Karen Hojnacki - Illinois; Randy Wells - Florida; Philip Page, Jr. - New Jersey; Bob Scorgie - Wisconsin; Sara Curry - California. The memorial was closed.

#### RECESS

Dick Dunagan called the class to order leading song on page 475. Leaders: Johanna Fabke 378b; Jo Dell Albi 419; Francis Gurtz 448; Lee Beaty 72b; Janet Fraembs 512; Jim Crawford 551b; Martha Henderson 124; Ted Johnson 181; Midge Olsen 269; Kristin Irving 63; Dean Slaton 285t; Terry Hogg 454; Judy Hauff 434; Ted Mercer 299.

#### RECESS

Carol Crawford brought the final session to order leading song on page 178. Leaders: Kathy Kaiser 142; Lee Steinmetz 163b; Marcia Johnson 547; Joan Yeatman 479; Jim Hecke 496; Eleanor Haase 503; Mike Veech 504; Kathy Wallace 315; James Page 272; Julie Vea 209.

Announcements were made, and thanks were expressed to potluck Co-Chairs Julie Vea and Carol Enseki. Dick Dunagan led 69t as the closing song. Joyce Anderson led the closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Dick Dunagan; Secretary - Val Dunagan.

## **DALLAS COUNTY ANNUAL SINGING** **First Primitive Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas** **Saturday, November 11, 2000**

The Dallas County Annual Sacred Harp Singing was held at the First Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Gary Rogan leading songs on pages 49t and 56t. Jeb Owen

offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 39t; Gaylon Powell 442; Scott Curran 112; Diane Ross 34b; Kelly Beard 291; Josh Rogan 240; Myrl Jones 302; Reed Coates 352; Donald Ross 349; Ernestine Pipkin 203; Catherine Rogan 220; Bruce Coates 569; Edith Owen 548; D.J. Hatfield 212; Beverly Coates 318; Myra Palmer 208; Curtis Owen 137; Sarah Coates 228; H.P. O'Mary 73b; Mike Moseley 134.

#### RECESS

Gary Rogan called the class back by leading song on page 384. Leaders: Tom Owen 107; Esther Huckaby 36b; Leon Ballinger 354; Susan Pope 143; Jeb Owen 472; Vivian Rogan 535b; Landis Powell 47t; Amanda Owen 344; Zach Rogan 142; William J. Reynolds 159; Mary Bachmann 569t; Morris Nelms 348b; Annie Kinzier 119; Avon Miller 564; Marianne Owen 565; Billy Huckaby 282; Liz Rogan 273; Ann Milner 276; Michelle Rogan 196; Gaylon Powell 86; Scott Curran 209; Diane Ross 455; Kelly Beard 368; Josh Rogan 532; Myrl Jones 426b; Reed Coates 217; Donald Ross 475; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Catherine Rogan 480; Bruce Coates 313b; Edith Owen 150; D.J. Hatfield 250. Curtis Owen offered prayer for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Bruce Coates called the class to order by leading song on page 40. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 328; Myra Palmer 441; Beverly Coates 362; Ray Mullins 325; Terre Schill 234; Curtis Owen 331; Sarah Coates 270; H.P. O'Mary 274t; Mike Moseley 198; Tom Owen 528; Susan Pope 157; Leon Ballinger 269; Jeb Owen 306; Vivian Rogan 84; Landis Powell 163t; Amanda Owen 178; Zach Rogan 268; Mary Bachmann 369; Morris Nelms 45t.

#### RECESS

Gary Rogan called the class back together by leading song on page 155. Leaders: Avon Miller 466; Billy Huckaby 335; Liz Rogan 163b; Ann Milner 280; Gaylon Powell 236; Scott Curran 448t; Diane Ross 497; Kelly Beard 278b; Josh Rogan 419; Myrl Jones 189; Reed Coates 222; Donald Ross 58; D.J. Hatfield 481; Myra Palmer 436; Terre Schill 218; Leon Ballinger 490.

Gary Rogan led song on page 120 as the closing song. Elder Clifford Gowens dismissed the class with a prayer.

Secretary – Cheryl Foreman.

## **JAMES RIVER CONVENTION**

**Richmond, Virginia**

**November 11-12, 2000**

**Saturday, November 11**

The ninth annual James River Convention was held on the second Sunday and Saturday before in November. The Saturday session was held in Spence Hall, Second Baptist Church. The Sunday session was held at the Varina Masonic Lodge.

The class was called to order by Blake Morris leading song on page 32t. Gail Doss, outgoing Chairman, greeted the class and led song on page 84. The morning prayer was led by Chris Sepic.

Leaders: Patricia Temple 103; Mary Wright 270; Don Polaski 40; Brad Hunnicutt 35; Jo Schultz 198; Stephen Holland 99; Art Broadus 523b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman - Patricia Temple; Vice Chairman - Jim North; Secretary - Mary Wright; Treasurer - Sandra Hack Polaski.

Leaders: Chris Sepic 86; Mary Ann Daly 146; Doron Henkin 144; Kelly Macklin 157; Tom Ivey 504; Guy Bankes 497; Craig Baughan 178; Mary De

Nys 229; Henry Bizzell 452; Stephen McMaster 142; Katharine Manning 545; John delRe 542; Paula McGray 459.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by John delRe leading song on page 85. Leaders: Gail Doss 400; Brad Hunnicutt 148; John Daniel delRe 274t; Miriam Kilmer 378; Blake Morris 505; Tim Slattery 192; Stephen Holland 107; Leslie Alperin 268; Fred Beardsley 475; Katharine Manning 298; Frank Evans 300; Jo Schultz 532; Art Broadus 480; Mary Ann Daly 383; Chris Sepic 350; Tom Ivey 501; Joni Seidenstein 278b; Doron Henkin 203; Adrian Mariano 183; Sandra Hack Polaski 318; Craig Baughan 569; Mary De Nys 201. Carol Clarke offered the blessing for lunch.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Guy Bankes leading song on page 155. Leaders: Fred Beardsley 474; Mary Wright 290; Henry Bizzell 127; Kelly Macklin 528; Paula McGray 291; John delRe 29t; Don Polaski 454; Stephen McMaster 446; Patricia Temple 566; Stephen Holland 282; Jo Schultz 503; Brad Hunnicutt 31; Katharine Manning 110; Blake Morris 57; Leslie Alperin 209; Art Broadus 515; Mary Ann Daly 74.

#### RECESS

Chris Sepic brought the class to order leading song on page 287. Leaders: Frank Evans 38t; Tom Ivey 114; Sarah Davie 384; Joni Seidenstein 496; Adrian Mariano 430; Gail Doss 269; Doron Henkin 450; Guy Bankes 276; Henry Bizzell 49; Mary De Nys 267; Craig Baughan 66; Kelly Macklin 348t; Fred Beardsley 143; Don Polaski 217; Blake Morris 141; Sandra Hack Polaski 102; John delRe 360; Stephen McMaster 77b; Patricia Temple 313b.

Announcements were made. Carol Clarke dismissed the class with prayer.

A late afternoon session organized by Blake Morris featured new music and music from sources other than *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition.

#### **Sunday, November 12**

The Sunday session was called to order by Blake Morris leading song on page 73b. Don Polaski gave the opening prayer. Patricia Temple greeted the convention and led song on page 141.

Leaders: Guy Bankes 556; Donna Abrahams 496; Adrian Mariano 481; Tom Tucker 164; Lynda Hambourger 492; Tom Ivey 510; Cathy Tucker 327; Frank Evans 163b; Miriam Kilmer 479; Tim Slattery 171; Joni Seidenstein 148; John Fedderson 550; Paula McGray 83b; Doron Henkin 254; Sandra Hack Polaski 186; Henry Bizzell 45t; Mary De Nys 378b.

#### RECESS

Joni Seidenstein brought the class to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Kelly Macklin 365; Craig Baughan 117; John Daniel delRe 163t; Mary Wright 314; Gail Doss 567; Don Polaski 351; John delRe 83t; Blake Morris 228; Stephen McMaster 232; Patricia Temple 376; Guy Bankes 441; Donna Abrahams 260; Adrian Mariano 198; Peter Pate 203; Tom Tucker 189; Lynda Hambourger 347; Tom Ivey 66; Frank Evans 191; Miriam Kilmer 344; Cathy Tucker 480.

#### RECESS

Don Polaski brought the class to order leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Tim Slattery 497; Joni Seidenstein 312b; John Fedderson 513; Doron Henkin 71; Sandra Polaski 168; Henry Bizzell 159; Mary De Nys 385b; John Daniel delRe 433; Kelly Macklin 218; Craig Baughan 229; John delRe 212; Mary Wright 354b. Don Polaski led the blessing for lunch.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Kelly Macklin leading song on page 30. Leaders: Don Polaski 47b; Blake Morris 297; Stephen McMaster 180; Patricia Temple 312t; Guy Bankes 361; Donna Abrahams 28t; Adrian Mariano 542; Peter Pate 543; Tom Tucker 473.

Craig Baughan presented the memorial lesson and read a Civil War soldier's prayer as encouragement to the sick and shut-in: Jonathan Hunter-Kilmer - Virginia; Anne Kilmer-Hillis - Florida; Peter Henkel - Michigan. Those who have suffered the loss of loved ones were urged not to look back as what is done is done, but instead look forward to unfading glory. The deceased who were remembered: Karen House - New York; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Mildred Smith - Virginia; Marie Davie - Minnesota; Jack Smith - Georgia; Bill Thun - Florida. The lesson was closed with the singing of song on page 122.

Leaders: Lynda Hambourger 448t; Frank Evans 87; Cathy Tucker 144; Gail Doss 440; Tim Slattery 52; Joni Seidenstein 504; John Fedderson 436; Sandra Polaski 268; Mary De Nys 335; Kelly Macklin 61; Mary Wright 495; John delRe 333; Don Polaski 128.

Sandra Polaski gave the Treasurer's Report. Monies collected were enough to meet expenses.

Joni Seidenstein of the Resolutions Committee recognized those without whom the convention would not have been a success:

- 1) The Lord for safe travel and the ability to sing;
- 2) Pitching by Blake Morris, Paula McGray, Doron Henkin, John Fedderson;
- 3) Arrangements by Stephen McMaster and John delRe;
- 4) George Tutwiler for his exceptional efforts in the kitchen;
- 5) Chaplains Chris Sepic, Carol Clarke, and Don Polaski;
- 6) Facilities arrangements by Mary Wright for Second Baptist Church and Joe Norton for the Varina Masonic Lodge;
- 7) Memorial lesson by Craig Baughan;
- 8) Barbara Alexander for publicity; Norma Morris at the registration desk; and Judy North for bookmarks, fliers, and registration forms.

Leaders: Stephen McMaster 28b; Peter Pate 269; Donna Abrahams 114; Guy Bankes 474; Patricia Temple 315.

Chaplain Don Polaski gave the benediction. Song on page 62 was sung as a closing. The class was dismissed.

The James River Convention will meet next year on the second Sunday and Saturday before in November, November 10-11, 2001.

Chairman - Patricia Temple; Vice Chairman - Jim North; Secretary - Mary Wright.

## **OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH** **Oxford, Alabama** **November 12, 2000**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Hill Baptist Church on the second Sunday in November was called to order by B.J. Harris leading songs on pages 59 and 45t. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer. Pearl Guier led songs on pages 40 and 49b; B.J. Harris 503.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee - Pearl Guier.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 446, 392; Evelyn Harris 30t, 335; Dennis George 288, 285t; Betty Wright 569b, 235b; Bud Oliver 176t, 42; Josephine Denney 405, 81; Rodney Ivey 358, 222; Eunice Webb 58, 480.

## RECESS

B.J. Harris brought the class to order leading song on page 303. Leaders: Louis Hughes 32t, 565; Charlene Wallace 274t, 276; Mark Brown 349, 348b; Cindy Tanner 217, 208; Everette Denney 490, 84; Lou Cotney 172, 218; Milton Oliver 403, 318; Elene Stovall 142, 436; Max Berueffy 201, 272; Reba Norton and Glenda Watkins 282, 124; John Plunkett 68t, 416; Flora Skinner 434, 426b.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by B.J. Harris leading song on page 147t. Leaders: Henry Johnson 77b, 418; Bonnie Flowers 77t, 458; Felton Denney 299, 155; Karen Ivey 192, 120; Richard Ivey 138t, 270; Cassie Franklin 316, 99; Estelle Flowers 475, 406; Jackie Tanner 182, 76b; Edith Tate 73t, 187; Chip Ward 383, 442; Karen Reaves 148, 410t; David Ivey 154, 141; Shelbie Sheppard 484, 505; Rodney Ivey 358 (requested by Mr. and Mrs. Maddox), 186, 384 (led for Ruth Brown); Jeff Sheppard 209 (for Mary Florence Smith), 146 (for Gladys McGraw); Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Louis Hughes 57 (for Polly Moore). Announcements were made. B.J. Harris led song on page 46 as the closing song. Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

## **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING** **Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois** **Saturday, November 18, 2000**

The second annual University of Chicago/Hyde Park Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Kiri Miller leading song on page 59. Jim Swanson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Suzanne Flandreau 276; Cathryn Baker 481; Jim Helke 441; Bill Hamblin 47b; Marcia Johnson 340; Orwin Youngquist 38t; Violet Stark 66; Rachel Adelstein 250; Al Frank 362b; Kiri Miller 56b (for D.J. Hatfield, a founding member of the singing who could not attend).

The business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Kate Lingley; Vice Chairman - Ariel Weinberg; Arranging Committee/Secretaries - Natalia Cecire and Suzanne Flandreau; Chaplain - Jim Swanson; Memorial Committee - Mark Miller and Matt Wells.

Leaders: Kate Lingley 297; Ariel Weinberg 65; Doug Stapleton 36b; Randy Neufeld and Susan Geil 178; Matt Wells 300; Melanie Hauff 68t; Nick Pasqual 565b; Bruce Holmes 146; Anne Heider 192; Jacob Affalter 504; Ted Mercer 202; Jim Swanson 181; Steve Warner 84; Judy Hauff 377.

## RECESS

Kate Lingley called the class together leading song on page 284. Leaders: Ted Johnson 536; Mark Miller 201; Kelly Brest van Kempen 335; Cathryn Baker 384; Matt Wells 203; Steve Warner 547; Violet Stark 30t; Anne Heider 171; Doug Stapleton 200; Natalia Cecire 538; Jacob Affalter 236; Marcia Johnson 368; Orwin Youngquist 107; Kiri Miller 179; Melanie Hauff 485; Rachel Adelstein 306; Al Frank 113; Susan Geil 81; Randy Neufeld 148.

## LUNCH

Ariel Weinberg opened the afternoon session leading song on page 117. Leaders: Jim Helke 33b; Lisa Grayson 112; Jason Osik 122; Ted Johnson 501; Nick Pasqual 76t; Doug Stapleton 137; Sue Kessell 218; Suzanne Flandreau 32t; Ted Mercer 278b; Kelly Brest van Kempen 312b; John Seaton 147t; Bruce Holmes 472; Kate Lingley 172; Judy Hauff 196; Mark Miller 269; Jim Swanson 224;



Dean Slaton 212; Marcia Johnson 454; Jacob Affalter 569b; Matt Wells 497; Kiri Miller 430; Jim Helke 186.

The class held a memorial lesson in memory of loved ones and friends deceased during the past year, and to remember those in poor health. Mark Miller led song on page 47t for the deceased: Marie Aldridge, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips - Alabama; Ed Craig - Texas; Dollie Hudgins and Vedic Touchstone - Georgia; Isabel Arnold (Kiri Miller's grandmother) - Massachusetts; Jim Jansen - Wisconsin; Aris Terli and Eileen Holmes (Bruce Holmes's mother) - Illinois; Ray Schlabach - Ohio.

Matt Wells led song on page 28b for the sick and shut-in: John Flandreau and Judith Dievendorf - New York; Madeleine Steel - Mississippi; Miriam Pasqual and Cecilia Hanson - Illinois; Randy Wells - Florida; John Morris - Maryland. The Memorial Committee led song on page 348b to conclude the memorial lesson.

#### RECESS

Kate Lingley called the class back together with song on page 63. Leaders: Natalia Cecire 50t; Sue Kessell 365; Nick Pasqual 569; Kelly Brest van Kampen 480; John Seaton 68b; Lisa Grayson 349; Ted Mercer "Millbrook"; Jason Osik 86; Mark Miller 29t; Melanie Hauff 215; Ted Johnson 419; Dean Slaton 361; Susan Geil 220; Randy Neufeld 155; Judy Hauff 436; Al Frank 360; Kiri Miller and Laura Koepke 270.

After announcements the officers led song on page 347 as the closing song. Jim Swanson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Kate Lingley; Vice Chairman - Ariel Weinberg; Secretaries - Natalia Cecire and Suzanne Flandreau.

### **CROSS ROADS MEMORIAL North of Tallapoosa, Georgia Saturday, November 18, 2000**

The annual Cross Roads Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by George Garner leading song on page 59. C.W. Garner offered the evening prayer. B.M. Smith led song on page 30t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman - George Garner; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Miranel Swafford; Arranging Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Kaley Morris 119; Belinda Stansbery 101t; Miranel Swafford 32t; Charlene Griffin 49b; Lenna Davidson 37b, 335; Inez Chandler 354b; George Garner 457; Kaley Morris 279; Miranel Swafford 348b (in memory of her father, Gilbert Pope); B.M. Smith 225t (for Lonnie Rogers and Vivian Rogers); Belinda Stansbery 290; Margie Smith 68b; Inez Chandler 452b; Charlene Wallace 61; Cynthia Fielder 496.

#### RECESS

B.M. Smith called the class to order leading song on page 144. Leaders: Sara Roberts 334; Inez Chandler 490; George Garner 47t; Sara Roberts 46; Charlene Wallace 87; Lee Rogers 100; George Garner 569b; Miranel Swafford 565; B.M. Smith 503, 448b; Kaley Morris 312t; Sara Roberts 358; B.M. Smith 285t. Inez Chandler led song on page 405 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - George Garner; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Miranel Swafford.

**COLUMBUS FAREWELL SINGING**  
**Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, Columbus, Ohio**  
**November 19, 2000**

A special singing was held at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in Columbus, Ohio on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in honor of Fred Todt and Joseph Pimentel who are departing at the end of November to pursue new careers in Belgium. Fred Todt is one of the founders of the Columbus Sacred Harp group and Joseph Pimentel has sung with the Columbus group for a number of years.

Eric Conrad brought the class to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: BettyLise Anderson 163t; Laura Weber 163b; Michael Darby 31t; Brad Oglesby 31b; Fred Todt 28t; Joseph Pimentel 189; Jim Ferguson 268; Laura Russell 107; Eric Conrad 142; Jeff Franklin 34b; John Bealle 217; Barbara Bowers 266; Eloise Clark 313b; Donna Ferguson 234; Catherine Kohn 569b; BettyLise Anderson 504; Laura Weber 515; Anna Sylvester 198.

**RECESS**

Eric Conrad called the class back to order with song on page 148.

A business meeting followed and officers were chosen: Chairman - Eric Conrad; Secretary/Arranging - Michael Darby; Treasurer - Laura Russell; Chaplain - Brad Oglesby.

Leaders: Leslie Kent 299; Michael Darby 114; Joseph Pimentel "Ten Thousand Charms" (NH); Brad Oglesby 48t; Gary Hay 48b; Jim Ferguson 542; Laura Russell 113; Eric Conrad 300; Jeff Franklin 523; Chloe Maher 189; Katie Zukof 410t; Judith McDowell 188; Barbara Bowers 497; Eloise Clark 475.

**RECESS**

Eric Conrad brought the class to order leading song on page 186. Leaders: Chandler York 99; John Bealle 240; Donna Ferguson 491; Anna Sylvester 236; Lorraine Sawyer 335; Laura Weber 287; Leslie Kent 455; Laura Russell 535; BettyLise Anderson 86.

**RECESS**

Eric Conrad called the class to order leading song on page 117. Leaders: Catherine Kohn 178; Don Plummer 200; Michael Darby 334; Fred Todt, Lorraine Sawyer, Leslie Kent, Jeff Franklin, and Michael Darby 155 (original members of the Columbus singers); Joseph Pimentel 269; Gary Hay 306; Brad Oglesby and Chandler York 365; Jim Ferguson 532; Nancy Schnack 324; Sylvia Thomas 344; Chloe Maher 267; Eric Conrad 70b; Chandler York 318 (requested by Joseph Pimentel); Eric Conrad, Michael Darby, Laura Russell, and Brad Oglesby 273 (requested by Fred Todt).

Announcements were made. It was noted that singers from Northeast, Central and Southwest Ohio were present. The singing was closed with song on page 347. Brad Oglesby dismissed the class with prayer giving special thanks for the gifts that Fred Todt has brought to the Columbus Singers and asking special blessings on Fred and Joseph as they leave for their new home in Belgium. A potluck dinner followed the singing.

Chairman - Eric Conrad; Secretary - Michael Darby.

## **HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Calhoun, Georgia  
November 19, 2000**

The annual singing held at Harmony Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in November was called to order by Chairman Judy Mincey leading song on page 59. Ed Smith offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 31t; Ed Smith 114, 101b; Jeannette DePoy 47t, 171; Andy Anderson 31b, 117; Cathy White 503b, 159.

In a business session the class voted to retain the same officers: Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers. The following committees were appointed: Arranging - Cathy White and Jeannette DePoy; Finance - Don Bowen; Memorial - Judy Mincey.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 286; Don Bowen 38t, 39b; Susan Smith 47b, 240; John Hollingsworth 68b, 230; Linda Sides 39t, 448t; Bob Mitchell 348b, 45t.

### **RECESS**

Judy Mincey brought the class to order leading song on page 501. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 32t, 30t; Floyd Peters 82t, 100; Charlene Wallace 40, 61; Richard DeLong 83b, 104; Lee Rogers 145b, 475; Laura Akerman 498, 189; Liz Bryant 270, 384.

Judy Mincey concluded the session with a brief memorial remembering those who have passed away or who are sick and shut in.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was opened by Samson Smith leading "In That Morning" from the Old School Hymnal. Leaders: Judy Mincey 68b (by request); Ed Smith 101, 144; Liz Bryant 145t; Susan Smith 177; Andy Anderson 225t; Don Bowen 113; Lee Rogers 112, 425; Laura Akerman 34t; Coy Coggins 335; Bob Mitchell 235; Judy Mincey 515b.

The class closed with song on page 62. Ed Smith dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers.

## **ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION**

**Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church,  
Birmingham, Alabama  
November 25-26, 2000**

**Saturday, November 25**

The one hundred-first 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. Henry Johnson called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. leading song on page 59. Elder Edwin Farris offered the morning prayer.

Henry Johnson extended a warm welcome to everyone, read quotes from B.F. White, and led song on page 390.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 225t; Linda Thomas 33b; Elene Stovall 99; Harrison Creel 348b; Max Berueffy 37b; Jackie Tanner and Cindy Tanner 217; Becky Browne 142; Don Bowen and Rodney Ivey 475; Willie Mae Moon 470; Bud Oliver 39b; Charlene Wallace 147t; Ted Mercer 564; Michele Cull 496; Felton Denney 489; Jo Dell Albi 28t; Reba Dell Windom 224; Lomax Ballinger 460; Liz Bryant and Bill Stewart 384; Jerry Enright 378b; Lynne deBenedette 216.

### **RECESS**

Henry Johnson brought the class to order leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 176b; Mary Florence Smith 276; Linton Ballinger 81t; Jenny Willard

426b; Everette Denney 405; Mary Elizabeth Lee 209; Richard Mauldin 72b; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Keith Willard 112; Nate Green and Norma Green 473; Travis Keeton 426t; Laura Clawson 362; Berkley Moore 26; Karen Clark 497; Judy Mincey 538; Karen Ivey and Richard Ivey 208; Lee Rogers 185; Kelly House 192; John Etheridge 189; Cassie Franklin 220.

#### RECESS

Dennis George and Rodney Ivey brought the class together leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Hershell King 441; Edith Tate 336; Clarke Lee 391; Judy Caudle 361; Bob Cull 178; Jeannette DePoy 229; Dennis George and Betty Wright 454; B.M. Smith 182; Amber Springfield and Ashley Keeton 299; Bob Meek 270; Louis Hughes 76b; Tish Crocker 47b; Gary Gronau 137.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading song on page 196. Leaders: Dave Ressler 122; Allison Ivey 300; Danny Creel 383.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers with the following elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretaries - Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall; Arranging Committee - Bud Oliver, Max Berueffy, and Cassie Franklin; Memorial Committee - Linton Ballinger, Ruth Brown, and Jewel Wootten; Finance Committee - Rodney Ivey, Don Bowen, and Richard Ivey; Resolutions Committee - Amber Springfield, Keith Willard, and Jerry Enright; Chaplain - Harrison Creel. End of business session.

Leaders: Mattie Townsel 68b; Merle Mateika 82t; Bill Dunn 160b; Hubert Nall 186; Bill Stewart 36b; Ruth Wyers and Tish Crocker 490; Teenie Moody 428; Terry Hullett 29t; Elsie Moon and Flarce Creel 73t; Glenn Keeton 503; Chip Ward 442; Mary Neville 163b; J.L. Hopper 304; Stuart Ivey 436; Naomi Morse 272; Seth Houston 146; Aubrey Barfield 551.

#### RECESS

David Ivey brought the class to order leading song on page 114. Leaders: Seth Holloway 388; Katie Shimizv 181; David Yeager 410t; Karen Freund 278b; Richard DeLong 349; Larry Gordon 183; Denice Burleson 218; Buell Cobb 417; Coy Ivey and Karen Ivey 532; Danny Creel, Wanda Capps, Ann Jett, Cindy Tanner, and Cassie Franklin 342; Bill Hogan 198; Velton Chafin 97; Dr. Julietta Haynes 200; Gary Smith and Mark Kubrych 569b; Leon Ballinger 120; Tommie Spurlock 430; David McGinty 34b; Sarah Beasley Smith 108t.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton, Jeff Sheppard, and Harrison Creel led song on page 111b as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

#### **Sunday, November 26**

The Sunday morning session began with Chairman Glenn Keeton leading song on page 32t. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 64; Jeff Sheppard 61; Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall 217, 186; Bud Oliver and Cassie Franklin 73t, 42; Max Berueffy 177; Rodney Ivey, Don Bowen, and Richard Ivey 182, 384; Jewel Wootten, Ruth Brown, and Norma Green 482, 101t, 176t; Amber Springfield 155; Keith Willard 100; Jerry Enright 77t; Ken Tate 37b; Milton Oliver 314; Samuel Sommers 477; Margie Smith 313t; B.J. Harris 303; John Plunkett 213b; Floy Wilder 327; Evelyn Harris 47t; Carmon Brothers 112; Lola Crowder 278b.

#### RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading song on page 75. Leaders: Bonnie Flowers 542; Stuart Ivey 298; LaRue Allen 551; Tommie Spurlock 565; Estelle Flowers 220; Thomas Willard 98; Larry Gordon 168; Aubrey Barfield 306;

Ashley Keeton 283; Freeman Wootten 48b; Judy Mincey 540; Gary Gronau 222; Becky Browne 304; Buell Cobb 425; Allison Stovall 454; Berkley Moore 171; Mary Neville 480; Betty Wright 323b.

#### RECESS

Jackie Tanner brought the class to order leading song on page 299. Leaders: Coy Ivey, David Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Allison Ivey 475; Mattie Townsel 48t; Gary Smith, Stefan Trenner, and Mark Kuprych 31t; Henry Johnson 70b; Jeannette DePoy 339; Bill Dunn 166.

Ruth Brown, Jewel Wootten, and Norma Green presented the memorial lesson. Ruth Brown talked about the fellowship of Sacred Harp singers and the loss of singers during the past year. She presented her theme by using verses from different songs.

Jewel Wootten read the list of the remembered deceased: Allene Stanford, Vedic Touchstone, Jack Smith, Dollie DeLong Hudgins, Lillie Belle Ayers, and J.D. Muse - Georgia; Arthur Phillips, Marie Aldridge, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Herbert Phillips, Ester Wall Brown, Rosa Hughes, Raymond Fannin, Willard Hopper, Mary Oden, Horace Batchelor, Shelton Williamson, Lucille Forman, Arnell Henry, and Gene Wakefield - Alabama; Karen House - New York; Fred Knavert - Maryland; John Cawley - Indiana; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Douglas Campbell - Michigan; Ed Craig - Texas; Verla Ross - Florida.

Richard DeLong led song on page 285t and spoke of the deceased and their love for Sacred Harp music.

Norma Green read the names of the sick and shut-ins: John Henry Busby, Tommye Denson Mauldin, Lonnie Rogers, Vivian Rogers, Katherine Benefield, Mozelle Sheppard, Lucille Tolbert, Pauline Childers, Ms. Mimms, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Eloise Watkins, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Wood Moore, Polly Moore, Woodie Walker, Ruby Wilks, Warren Mason, Gladys McGraw, Revy Williamson, Mavis Price, Annie Brothers, and Lillie Lybrand. Becky Browne led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins. Ruth Brown led the first verse of "Amazing Grace" with the tenors singing while the other parts hummed. Louis Hughes closed the memorial with prayer.

#### LUNCH

Glenn Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 46. Leaders: B.M. Smith 273; Lynne deBenedette 430; Cindy Tanner 198; Richard DeLong 550; Kelly House 236; David Ivey 172; Ted Mercer 151; Reba Dell Windom 216; Mary Florence Smith 302; Dennis George 434; Shelbie Sheppard 28b; Dave Ressler 455; Hubert Nall 34b; Willie Mae Moon 354t; Karen Freund 56b; Seth Houston 203; Jenny Willard 422; David Yeager 523b; Naomi Morse 504; Bill Stewart 452; Lee Rogers 474; Edith Tate 35; Harrison Creel and Flarce Creel 512; Liz Bryant 546; Laura Clawson 282; Louis Hughes 448t; Chip Ward 142; Jo Dell Albi 385t; Nate Green and Norma Green 393; Karen Ivey, Allison Ivey, Elene Stovall, and Allison Stovall 192; Sarah Beasley Smith 129.

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

The Finance Committee report was given by Linda Thomas. Balance brought forward \$1,970.52; interest from CD \$92.18; collection \$1,359.05; total \$3,421.75. Expenditures: supplies \$140.13; food \$443.31; gift to the church \$250.00; cleaning of church \$75.00; minutes \$60.00. Total expenses \$968.44. Balance after expenses \$2,453.31. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the report as given.

Elene Stovall reported that 184 songs were led and 125 leaders were registered from 14 states and 3 countries during the two-day convention. States and countries represented were: Alabama - 63; Georgia - 25; Vermont - 8; Kentucky -

5; Missouri - 4; Illinois - 3; Minnesota - 3; Rhode Island - 3; Florida - 2; Indiana - 2; Michigan - 2; Tennessee - 1; Texas - 1; Massachusetts - 1; Germany - 1; Canada - 1.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Keith Willard.

"On behalf of the class of the one hundred-first annual Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention, we offer great thanks to all who have made this convention a success:

- 1) To Almighty God for the gifts of life, health, and for fellowship through our music;
- 2) To our loved ones who have preserved this sacred tradition through the generations;
- 3) To the members, and especially Elder Edwin Farris of Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church, for welcoming us into their church;
- 4) To everyone who participated in preparing the wonderful meals and refreshments;
- 5) To the officers and committees of the convention for their leadership;
- 6) To those who came from near and far to take part in this convention; and
- 7) To the local singers who have made everyone feel at home."

The business session was closed.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton, Jeff Sheppard, and Harrison Creel led song on page 62 as the closing song. Harrison Creel closed the convention with prayer.

Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretaries - Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall.

## **WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL (GANUS, WILFORD, AND CLIFFORD)**

**Mt. Vernon (King School House), Natural Bridge, Alabama  
November 26, 2000**

The thirtieth session of the Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 33b. Linton Ballinger led the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 75.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Roma Rice.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 285t; Linton Ballinger 335, 144; Willodean Barton and Ida Lee Starnes 108t, 145t; Ivalene Donaldson 145b; Earl Ballinger 155, 460; Jayne Fulmer 186, 300; Wilton Donaldson 317, 30t; Lavaughn Ballinger 63, 84; Julietta Haynes 216, 430; Leon Ballinger 212, 268; Kermit Adams 302, 99.

### **RECESS**

Elmer Conwill called the class to order leading songs on pages 172 and 179.

Leaders: Teresa Ballinger 146, 110; Debra Wakefield 426t (for Hazel Wakefield), 546 (in memory of Wilford Wakefield and Fayrene Wakefield), 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield); David Ballinger 480, 100; Joyce Hubbitt 73, 209; Larry Ballinger 56t, 425; Betty Baccus 392, 396; Gravis Ballinger 124, 34b; Henry Guthery 189, 475.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 64. Leaders: Chris Rice 282, 183; Cecil Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Wendel Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Faye Donaldson, Julie Poston, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, Mary Alice Wakefield, and Debra

Wakefield (family of the late S.L. and Catherine Wakefield) 333, 168, 134; Josie Hyde 222, 412; Faye Donaldson 371, 270; Helen Langston 143, 391; Dawson Adams 47t, 68b; Clara Stults 290, 59; Mary Alice Wakefield 61, 138 (in memory of Gene Wakefield); Julie Poston 108b (in memory of Gene Wakefield), 101t; Wendel Wakefield 421, 159; Betty Baccus and Mary Dunkin 405, 112, 111b (for David Wakefield); Cecil Wakefield 153, 208; Larry Wakefield 569, 339; Roma Rice 225t, 104 (for John Hyde).

Travis Keeton led song on page 73t for John Hyde and as the closing song. Cecil Wakefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

## **FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)**

**Panama City, Florida**

**December 2-3, 2000**

**Saturday, December 2**

The thirty-third session of the Florida State Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in December at the Holiday Inn in Panama City, Florida. The class was called to order by Chairman Don Clark leading song on page 59. David Lee led the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Etheridge 82; Bud Oliver 47; Aubrey Barfield 404; Jewell Rowland 142; Tollie Lee 84; B.M. Smith 563; Alexandra Makris 49t; Tor Bejnar 175; Nancy Van Den Akker 394; Russ Scholz 57; Mary Elizabeth Lee 40; Coy Ivey 63; Amber Springfield 511b.

**RECESS**

John Etheridge brought the class to order leading song on page 133. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 384; Frank Hataway 443b; Kathy Lee 115b; George Cox 395b; Betty Wright 54; Louis Hughes 38t (for Harrison Creel); Karen Clark 478; Kennon Smith 189; Wanda Capps 505; Ernest Cockcroft 49b; Elene Stovall 559; Bob Bonnell 75; Mattie Townsel 186.

**RECESS**

Chairman Don Clark brought the class to order leading song on page 45t. Leaders: Reba Dell Windom 573; Hershell King 572; Elsie Moon 555; Alice Bejnar 337; Velson Chafin 377b; Jenny Willard 140; David Lee 128; Ann Jett 515; Max Berueffy 344; Robert Handel 41; Cecile Cox 282; Cheryl Foreman 132; Nate Green and Norma Green 225. The class was dismissed for lunch with the singing of 369 and prayer offered by Tim Smith.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was brought to order by Don Clark leading song on page 422b. Leaders: Joe Nall 214; Edith Tate 73; Keith Willard 391; Cassie Franklin 292b; Milton Oliver 503; Genny Whitworth 136; Glenn Keeton and Ashley Keeton 137; Mark Brown "Sweet Beulah Land" (by request), 571; Alice Mosley 343; Agnes Farris 410; Tommie Spurlock 574; Margaret Spurlock 268t; Bill Farris 401; Victoria Aplin 87.

**RECESS**

Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 145t. Leaders: J.A. Mosley 542; Juanita Hill 313; Bill Aplin 275; Eva Padgett 156; Stacy Miller 384; Jeff Sheppard 286b; Ramona Lee 367 (by request); David Lee 288 (by request for Irma Shirah); Cassie Franklin 98 (by request for Tommy Barfield); Aubrey Barfield 198 (for Mamie Riley).

Don Clark led song on page 100 as the closing song. Bill Aplin dismissed the class with prayer.

### Sunday, December 3

The Sunday morning session was brought to order by Chairman Don Clark leading song on page 32. Glenn Keeton offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Don Clark 99; First Vice Chairman John Etheridge 51; Second Vice Chairman Bud Oliver 440; Secretary Jewell Rowland 341; Aubrey Barfield 522; B.M. Smith 222; Tollie Lee 550; Alexandra Makris 348; Regina Grayson 300; Nancy Van Den Akker 139; Coy Ivey 449; Leon Ballinger 507b; Amber Springfield 192; Frank Hataway 138t; Kathy Lee 171; George Cox 108t; Betty Wright 323b.

#### RECESS

Don Clark brought the class back to order leading song on page 115b. Leaders: Louis Hughes 381; Jenny Willard and Keith Willard 199; Karen Clark 336t; Julie Lee 82; J.A. Mosley 526; Wanda Capps 142.

The Memorial Committee, Shelbie Sheppard, Elsie Moon, and Tommie Spurlock, presented the memorial lesson. Shelbie Sheppard spoke to the class, using texts from songs, with emphasis on there being "One More River To Cross". She led the chorus from the song on page 290 and then read the list of names of those deceased: Gene Wakefield, Marie Aldridge, Arnell Henry, Willie Mosley, Rosa Hughes, James Theo Grayson, Lucille Forman, Shelton Williamson, Arthur Phillips, Roy Beard, Horace Batchelor, Juanita Whitman, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, and Herbert Phillips - Alabama; Fayrene Wakefield - Mississippi; Karen House - New York; Susan Fitch - Louisiana; Jack Smith - Georgia; Ed Craig - Texas; Robert Berueffy - Washington; Sue Galloway, H.C. Price, and Verla Ross - Florida. Elsie Moon led song on page 414b especially for Marie Aldridge. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 38t for all the deceased and song on page 137 in special remembrance of Virgil Phillips.

Tommie Spurlock led song on page 179 for the sick and shut-ins: Miss Mimms, Warren Mason, Lucille Tolbert, Harrison Creel, Flarce Creel, Eloise Watkins, Thurman Nall, Woodie Walker, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Polly Moore, Wood Moore, and Chrystene Lacey - Alabama; Pauline Childress - Michigan; Lane Albritton and John Barfield - Florida; Jim Pfau - Minnesota; Alcie Craig, Mildred Edmonds, Kelly Beard, and Ernestine Pipkin - Texas. Tollie Lee closed the memorial with prayer.

Bud Oliver led song on page 270. As the custom of this convention, the class sang song on page 369, and Mark Brown offered the noon prayer.

#### LUNCH

John Etheridge brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 332. Leaders: Mattie Townsel 138b; Elizabeth Labato 276; Bill Aplin 424; Reba Dell Windom 505; Elene Stovall, Max Berueffy, and Reba Dell Windom 559, 203; Velton Chafin 114b; David Lee 488t; Cecile Cox 274; Cheryl Foreman 53; Nate Green and Norma Green 540; Tim Jones 47t; Milton Oliver 54t; Eva Padgett 536; Jeff Sheppard 497; Russ Scholz 489; Tommie Spurlock 183; Victoria Aplin 503; Aubrey Barfield 358 (for Pauline Pruett); Emmie Lou Grayson and David Lee 487b.

A business session was held. The officers for next year (2001) were presented: Chairman - Bud Oliver; First Vice Chairman - Reba Dell Windom; Second Vice Chairman - Mark Brown.

Bud Oliver, Reba Dell Windom, and Don Clark led song on page 62 as the closing song. David Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Don Clark; Secretary - Jewell Rowland.



## SIXTH ANNUAL JOSEPH JACKSON BEASLEY MEMORIAL SINGING

Concord Primitive Baptist Meeting House, Winfield, Alabama  
December 9-10, 2000

### Saturday, December 9

The Sixth Annual Joseph Jackson Beasley Singing was called to order at 10:00 by Marlin Beasley leading 34t, 49b. Opening prayer was offered by George Seiler. Marlin Beasley then led 129. Leaders: Travis Keeton 48t, 37b; John Beasley 47b; George Seiler 68b, 49t, 31t; Richard Schmeidler 34b, 84; Brenda Pena 39b, 77b; Becky Beasley Briggs 100, 101t; Sandie Scott 28b, 40; David Carleton 82t, 86; Jean Seiler 72b, 99; Charlotte Ehrmann 47t, 73b; Kiri Miller 81t, 74b; Frances Beasley Lee 30t, 59; Gary Smith 565, 163; Julietta Haynes 46, 58.

### RECESS

Class was called to order by Cora Beasley Sweatt leading 73, 127. Leaders: John Beasley 67; Travis Keeton 61, 146; Marlin Beasley 144; George Seiler 159, 122; Richard Schmeidler 31b, 66; Sarah Beasley Smith 108t, 406; Brenda Pena 147t, 523b; Elsie Beasley 192, 460.

### LUNCH

Class was called back to order by John Beasley leading 123t, 119. Leaders: Becky Beasley Briggs 335, 405; Sandie Scott 408 (for Marilyn Burchett), 475; David Carleton 102, 134; Jean Seiler 273, 277; Elsie Beasley 318, 217; Charlotte Ehrmann 569b, 503; Kiri Miller 300, 282; Seth Holloway and Ron Jagger 388, 354b; Cecil and Wynelle Sanders 255t; Julietta Haynes 216, 65; Gary and Sarah Beasley Smith 290, 145; Ron and Stacy Jagger 45t, 72b; Marlin and Juanita Beasley 143, 63; Cora Beasley Sweatt 312b, 274t. Closing song: John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler 347. Prayer by George Seiler.

### Sunday, December 10

Class was called to order by Chairman John Beasley leading 31b, 32t. Prayer by Chaplain George Seiler. Class was organized with officers Chairman John Beasley, Vice chairman Richard Schmeidler, Secretary Gary Smith, Chaplain George Seiler, Arranging Committee Glenn Keeton and Amber Springfield, Memorial Committee Jean Seiler and Brenda Pena. Richard Schmeidler led 34b, 84. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 101, 425; Jean Seiler 87, 85; Tim Reynolds 108b, 223; Charlotte Ehrmann 147t, 454; George Seiler 268, 168; Sandie Scott 117, 340; Richard Schmeidler 120, 66; Kiri Miller 179, 442; Guy Bankes 350, 441; Brenda Pena 225t, 225b; Warren Steel 284, 411.

### RECESS

Class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 64, 503. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 300, 99; Julia Poston 145b; A.A. Malone 112, 183; Ivalene Donaldson 275b. Memorial Lesson was led by Jean Seiler and Brenda Pena led 566 for John Hyde, John Hocutt, Marilyn Burchett, A.C. McGough and for Tommy Dawson, the mother of Richard Maudlin and the daughter of Tom Denson, who has recently entered a nursing home. Jean Seiler then presented the lesson for the deceased. She said: "this time to remember and sing for those who have passed on is very special to us. It helps us to celebrate their lives, to mourn their passing, and to feel their spirit still with us as we sing. And it helps us to find comfort amid our grief, and to comfort each other. Some of those for whom we sing today have left us much too soon, like our friend Karen House. Others have led a long and full life, like Virgil and Ruby Phillips. Yet we know that for each one of them, all is well. George and I have been especially grateful for this reassurance as his father's life came to an end four weeks ago today. His father

was at peace, and was ready to go and eager for release. Many of the Sacred Harp tunes reflect this acceptance, and bring us comfort. We would like to sing 384, Panting for Heaven, which is also especially appropriate for this Joe Beasley Memorial Singing because it was sung here for Joe when he passed on." George Seiler then joined Jean and led 384 for the following deceased: Karen House, New York; Virgil and Ruby Phillips, New York; Rosa Hughes, Alabama; Marie Aldridge, Alabama; George A. Seiler, California; Gene Wakefield, Alabama; Karen Hamilton, New York; Judge Ottis Knippers, Tennessee; Fayrene Wakefield, Mississippi; Elizabeth Arnold, Massachusetts; and Susan Garber, Connecticut. The Memorial Lesson was closed with prayer by George Seiler. Leaders: Flarce Creel 475; Linton Ballinger 81t; Julietta Haynes 218, 440; Wilton Donaldson 30t; Edith Tate 532, 73t; Travis Keeton 235, 480.

LUNCH, with grace returned by George Seiler.

The class was called to order by John Beasley leading 317. Leaders: L.H. and Estelle Gilmore 379, 376; Larry Wakefield 343b, 569b; Ida Starnes 145b, 45t; Harrison Creel 111b, 378b; Amber Springfield 391, 299; Gary Smith 565b, 31t; Dustin McGowan 354; Ann Beasley Ballard 380; Buell Cobb 138b; Becky Beasley Briggs 33b, 348b; Ricky Beasley 445, 39b; Cora Beasley Sweatt 49b, 46; Marlin Beasley 336. George Seiler gave a brief report on the activities of the Joe Beasley Memorial Fund. Elsie Beasley 192, 460; David Beasley 72b, 68b; Alvin Beasley 81t, 108t; Sarah Beasley Smith 141, 176t (for Cathryn Baker); Marlin and Juanita Beasley 144, 373; Charles Ballard, Rose Beasley, Kirby Sweatt and Mike McGowan (with George Seiler) 159; Ann Beasley Ballard and Amber Springfield "Great Roll Call". After announcements, John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler led 48. Class was closed with prayer by George Seiler.

John Beasley - Chairman; Richard Schmeidler - Vice Chairman; Gary Smith - Secretary.

## 1999 AND 2000 DEATHS

This list is compiled from the names submitted for the Memorial Lessons in the 1999 and 2000 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 1999

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 1999 minutes.

#### Listed by Date

01-10-99	Horace DeLong	Georgia
01-18-99	Roxy Haney Duffy	Georgia
01-25-99	Alice Washburn	Alabama
01-00-99	Ray Lindeke	Washington
01-00-99	B.B. Mattox	Alabama
02-25-99	Lela Hamilton	Tennessee
02-26-99	Annie Sanders	Alabama
02-00-99	Bill Johnson	North Carolina
03-02-99	Maude Keeton	Alabama
03-05-99	Essie Calvert	Alabama
03-08-99	Harold Fair	Tennessee
03-08-99	Leon Ed Denson	Tennessee
03-27-99	Flossie Jones	Alabama
03-27-99	Cecil Gilland	Alabama
04-01-99	Ellis Ward	Alabama
04-07-99	Florence Williams	Georgia
04-29-99	Richard Allison	Indiana
05-30-99	Lillie Austin Owen	Alabama
05-00-99	Nicole Schnarr	New Jersey
05-00-99	Lucille Hershbine	New Jersey
05-00-99	Tom Schuman	New York
05-00-99	Don Jolly	California
05-17-99	Mrs. Ebert	New York
06-05-99	Elder Roy Avery	Alabama
06-08-99	Eunice Rosalie Darnell	Georgia
06-12-99	Vester Jones	Alabama
06-17-99	Antoinette Swetman	Alabama
06-19-99	Ralph Heath	Alabama
06-21-99	Chris Randgaard	Minnesota
06-00-99	Abraham Press	New York
07-09-99	Lindberg Lacy	Alabama
07-13-99	Ruth Redding	Georgia
07-29-99	J. L. Oden	Alabama
07-29-99	Mary Vivian Kemp	New York
08-07-99	Trudie Jenkins Mayers	Mississippi
08-18-99	Elaine Smith	Massachusetts
08-29-99	Gerry Armstrong	Illinois
08-00-99	Akram Scott	New York
09-02-99	Lamana Bice	Alabama

09-30-99	Durward Scarborough	Mississippi
10-09-99	Franklin Burkhart	Florida
10-12-99	Ed Wright	New Hampshire
10-14-99	Kathy Benforado	Massachusetts
10-00-99	Janice Glanzrock	New York
10-00-99	Peggy Neal	West Virginia
10-00-99	Glenn Hinsdale	Washington
11-09-99	Kenneth Recher	Indiana
11-15-99	J. Gordon Gilkey	Georgia
11-16-99	Kathleen Austin Perdue	Georgia
11-28-99	Dollie Hudgins	Georgia
11-00-99	Elizabeth Hinsdale	Washington
11-00-99	Wilma Hastings	California
11-00-99	Sam Croft	California
12-22-00	Erskin Norton	Alabama
12-25-99	Ron Lang	Washington
12-30-99	Ed Craig	Texas

**Listed by State (\* — see above list for date)**

***Alabama***

Bertha Adams  
 \*Elder Roy Avery  
 \*Lamana Bice  
 Clara Black  
 Mildred Burton  
 \*Essie Calvert  
 Ellen Charles  
 Troy Cole  
 Lela Crider  
 Kim Dixon  
 Francine Evans  
 Claudie Freeman  
 Jim Freyder  
 Joycie Green  
   Fortenberry  
 J.V. Gilbert  
 \*Cecil Gilliland  
 Bobby Hale  
 \*Ralph Heath  
 Rena Mae Henson  
 Bernice Johns  
 Dura Johnson  
 \*Flossie Jones  
 \*Vester Jones  
 \*Maude Keeton  
 Jim Keel  
 Fairy Kerr  
 George Lacey  
 \*Lindberg Lacy  
 Claudine Lancaster  
 E.E. Kilgo  
 Glen Lacey

Alton Lowe  
 \*B.B. Mattox  
 Athel McCain  
 Sudie McCain  
 Sara McCool  
 Thelma Murphree  
 \*Erskin Norton  
 \*J.L. Oden  
 \*Lillie Owen  
 Rosa Lee Owens  
 Randall Parker  
 John Phillips  
 Mrs. Rufus (Lydia)  
   Phillips  
 Weldon Redman  
 Winnie Reeves  
 \*Annie Sanders  
 Eloise Sellers  
 Alberta Skinner  
 Elbert Smith  
 \*Antoinette Swetman  
 Jim Teel  
 Dr. Clyde Terrell  
 Sherry Thomas  
 Bernice Walker  
 \*Ellis Ward  
 \*Alice Washburn  
 Adrian Watson  
 Gerald Watson

***Arizona***

Maurice Faubion

***California***

David Ackles  
 Joe Belzer  
 Perrie Bentson  
 John Campbell  
 Scott Carlson  
 Mei Chang  
 Dick Croft  
 \*Sam Croft  
 Martha David  
 Lorrie DeLoach  
 Martha Fitzgerald  
 Stanley Grams  
 Isabel Hanson  
 \*Wilma Hastings  
 \*Don Jolly  
 Ruby Lowe  
 Fr. Vincent Martin  
 Bill Moritz  
 Harry Mullikan  
 Gary Parker  
 Helen Quick  
 Gladys Ritch  
 S. Rodman  
 Robert Shaw  
 Gayla Stafford  
 Betty White

**Connecticut**

Sharon McLeod  
Bill Murray

**Florida**

Perry Arndt  
\*Franklin Burkhardt  
Helen Cruz  
Libby Dukes  
Phillip H. Lee, Jr.  
Gertrude Teusink

**Georgia**

Grady Abney  
Gerila Atkinson  
Mrs. Kermit Cavender  
Hulett Cole  
Lois Daniel  
Mary Frances Dannals  
\*Eunice Rosalie  
Darnell  
\*Horace DeLong  
\*Roxy Duffy  
Ruth Gammon  
\*J. Gordon Gilkey  
\*Dollie Hudgins  
Jessie Janney  
Mae King  
Frank Lee  
Lois Parmer  
Michael Pate  
\*Kathleen Austin  
Perdue  
Laura Poove  
\*Ruth Redding  
Becky Rogers  
Ople Rodgers  
M.F. Smith  
Ruby Starr  
Sadie Wilkson  
\*Florence Williams  
Bobby Williamson  
Bonnie Wood  
Roy Wyatt, Jr.  
Willard Yated

**Illinois**

Marguerite Anderson  
\*Gerry Armstrong  
Elaine Berman  
Andrew Thomas Berry  
Tony Colon

Dolores Doss  
Jean Farwell  
Robert Hartung  
Henry Knepler  
Pat McCauley  
Bob Moran  
Scott Oliver  
Elaine Rast  
Mary Salzer  
Nelle Shelby  
Luther Shelton  
Lawrence J. Steger  
Cherie Stephans  
Dorothy Wells

**Indiana**

\*Richard Allison  
\*Kenneth Recher  
Howard Rush  
Ray Valliant

**Iowa**

Norman Graven

**Kentucky**

Sara Barnes  
Lorene Fraembs  
George Noe  
Robert Noe

**Maine**

Eunice Bostwick  
E.J. "Sam" Holt

**Maryland**

Henry Romanowski  
Doris Rovark

**Massachusetts**

Ada Arkanase  
Winston Bates  
Kathy Benforado  
Ken Benforado  
John Colt  
John Fleagle  
Frank Hurst  
John Marinelli  
Elaine Smith  
William Von Arx

**Minnesota**

Florence Becker  
Frances Friedrich  
Emily Gross

Ernie Mishler  
Thomas Perry  
Chris Randa  
\*Chris Randgaard  
Dan Walsh  
Janet White

**Mississippi**

Louise Hogan  
Chester Hollingsworth  
Gaither Jones  
\*Trudie Jenkins  
Mayers  
Inez McGuire  
Johnny Porter  
Louise Probst  
\*Durward Scarborough  
Bessie Rigdon Todd

**Missouri**

John A. Fries

**Nevada**

Harris Nitsky

**New Hampshire**

\*Ed Wright

**New Jersey**

Gloria Berchielli  
Lois Brown  
Andy Cappon  
Ellen Gottfried  
\*Lucille Hershbiner  
Peter Husick  
Helen Salowey  
Nicole Schnarr

**New York**

Phyllis Antos  
Joe Bailey  
Louis Cosen  
Elizabeth Crocker  
Jim Dease  
Mrs. Ebert  
\*Janice Glanzrock  
Dorothy Kelly  
\*Mary Vivian Kemp  
David McCall  
Penny McCall  
Carleen Moreno  
\*Abraham Press  
Barbara Prudhomme  
\*Tom Schuman

\*Akran Scott  
Ursula Woodfield

### ***North Carolina***

\*Bill Johnson  
Elizabeth Peterson

### ***Ohio***

Bob Bergman  
Glenn Conrad  
Robert Evans  
Bill Judd  
Aleene Poole  
F. Sawyer

### ***Oklahoma***

Scharlene Nesler

### ***Oregon***

Bob Cuyler  
Joe Smith  
Frank Soifer

### ***Pennsylvania***

Bessie Buffington  
Jo Durbin  
Anna Jacob  
Charles Lichtenwalner  
Spencer Nelson  
Stanley W. Metz

### ***Rhode Island***

Marjorie Hollorhan  
Tom Perry  
Paul Trainor

### ***South Dakota***

Mabel Baloun  
Bertha Christensen  
Leonard Schlenker

### ***Tennessee***

\*Leon Ed Denson  
\*Harold Fair  
\*Lela Hamilton  
Spencer Hand  
Joe R. Moore

### ***Texas***

Gerald D. Arthur  
Luna Batson  
Dorothy G. Blake  
Petra Bushell

Willia Cole  
\*Ed Craig  
Richard Daniels  
Johnny Deason  
Bob Evans  
Gordon Fisher  
Annie D. Frank  
Buddy Fowler  
Lawrence W. George  
Craig Gilliland  
Lillie Griffith  
Leland Harris  
Marjorie E. Jones  
Essie Leopard  
Eva Mae Monk  
Emma Jean Moore  
Joe Nelson  
Jack Page  
Leedell Pepper  
Ollie Reed  
Paul Rhodes  
Lizzie Rousseau  
Larry Schutz  
Frank Taylor  
Lum Tountgate  
Santiago Triveo  
Mary Welch

### ***Utah***

Andrea Gentry  
Craig Landvatter

### ***Vermont***

Ken Hildick

### ***Virginia***

Pat Burkholder  
Jim McCarty  
George Moore  
Suzita Cecil Myers  
Joan Ruben

### ***Washington***

\*Elizabeth Hinsdale  
\*Glenn Hinsdale  
Tom Hudson  
\*Ron Lang  
\*Ray Lindeke  
Dean Mescoe  
Ruth Noel  
Jason Sweetland

### ***West Virginia***

\*Peggy Neal

### ***Wisconsin***

Jim Jansen  
George Lippl  
Pat Lippl  
Ellen C. Nussbaum  
Harold Thomas  
Janice Yokeum

### ***Canada***

Winston Bissessar  
Judith Haines  
Nila Madgidoff

### ***England***

Pat Carter  
Mary Caruthers  
Edesher Gavikanidze  
Anne Mitson  
Phillip Poole  
John Thick  
Sylvia Whiting  
Mel Williams

### ***Ireland***

Jarlath Concanno

### ***State Unknown***

Kathy Ask  
Shirley Boskey  
Evelyn Brasher  
Ellis W. Bullock  
(1899-1999)  
Ruth Cox  
Edward Gallagher  
Bill Hoffman  
Stas Karnitsky  
Jim Kell  
Stanley Kubrick  
Claudia Slivinski  
Stanley Slivinski  
Anna Lander  
Wilhelmina Moyer  
Ted Pankey  
Tom Parounek  
Steve Rogers  
Steve Shikles  
Jeff Shikles  
Jack Stedman

## DEATHS 2000

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2000 minutes.

### Listed by Date

01-11-00	Betty Creel Rutledge	Alabama
01-12-00	Barb Mowbray	Unknown
01-18-00	Susan Fishburn	Iowa
01-25-00	Lillie Belle Ayers	Georgia
01-30-00	David Terry Davis	Maryland
01-00-00	Ethyl Andrews	Washington
01-00-00	Dodge Wiggins	New Mexico
01-00-00	Dario Landazuri	California
02-08-00	Ruby Cole Webb	Alabama
02-16-00	Ester Wall Brown	Alabama
02-24-00	Verla (Mrs. T.H.)	Florida
02-24-00	Earl Adams	Washington
02-00-00	Kenneth Kirkland	Washington
02-00-00	Maxine Harmon	Oregon
03-11-00	Myrline Faircloth	Georgia
03-12-00	Lawson Burgess	Alabama
03-13-00	Alice Williams	Alabama
03-18-00	Mary Oden	Alabama
03-29-00	Virgil Phillips	Alabama
03-31-00	Fayrene Wakefield	Mississippi
04-01-00	Reese Bailey	Georgia
04-11-00	Eloise Tolleson Edwards	Alabama
04-21-00	Theo Grayson	Alabama
04-27-00	Elder James D. Embry	Georgia
04-30-00	J.D. Muse	Georgia
05-15-00	Allene Lambert Stanford	Georgia
05-18-00	Lucille Forman	Alabama
05-19-00	Willard Hopper	Alabama
05-20-00	Carlos White	Alabama
06-12-00	Karen House	New York
06-13-00	Shelton Williamson	Alabama
06-17-00	Horace Batchelor	Alabama
06-19-00	Rosa Hughes	Alabama
06-28-00	Don Wilkerson	Oklahoma
07-31-00	Willie Mosley	Alabama
08-06-00	Marie Creel Aldridge	Alabama
08-16-00	Ruby Phillips	Alabama
08-16-00	Herbert Phillips	Alabama
09-12-00	Eugene Wakefield	Alabama
09-21-00	Susan Garber	Connecticut
09-28-00	Jack Smith	Georgia
09-00-00	Nathaniel Kaiser	Tennessee
10-07-00	Susan McKenzie Fitch	Louisiana
10-19-00	Vedie Edge Touchstone	Georgia
10-20-00	Roy Beard	Alabama
12-05-00	Annie Mae Smith	Texas

**Listed by State (\* — see above list for date)**

***Alabama***

\*Marie Creel Aldridge  
Isabel Arnold  
Sybil Baird  
Marjorie Barker  
\*Horace Batchelor  
\*Roy Beaird (92 years  
old)  
Lamana Bige  
Audie Black  
Bera Bradford  
\*Ester Wall Brown  
Shirley Lowe Brown  
\*Lawson Burgess  
Rev. Hubert Calvert  
John Cawley  
Pauline Cobbs  
Talmadge Cobbs  
\*Eloise Tolleson  
Edwards  
Charlie Elmore  
Ward Elmore  
Raymond Fannin  
\*Lucille Forman  
Elbert Freeman  
Jimmy Godsey  
Michael Godsey  
Mertice Hood Graham  
Charles Grant  
Vada Grant  
\*Theo Grayson  
Hattie Harmon  
Arthur Heard  
Arnell Henry  
Aubrey Holmes  
\*Willard Hopper  
\*Rosa Hughes  
Pauline Humphrey  
Carroll Ivey  
Geneva Jones  
Everett Kilgoe  
Gertie Knight  
Lester Light  
Alice Meadows  
Patsy Merritt  
Alice Mitchell  
\*Willie Mosley  
Dorothy Murphy  
Helfin Murphy  
Nadine Murphy

Robert Melton  
Murphy  
Hazel O'Dell  
\*Mary Oden  
Arthur Phillips  
\*Herbert Phillips  
\*Ruby Phillips  
\*Virgil Phillips  
Faye Nell Pollard  
Kathleen Austin  
Purdue  
Rev. James Putman  
Waylon Roach  
\*Betty Creel Rutledge  
Alta Self  
Lois Sheldon  
Gertie Harbison Smith  
Thelma Speigle  
Stella Stricklin  
Edna Thomas  
Polly Thomas  
Horace Upton  
Patrick Waddell  
\*Eugene Wakefield  
\*Ruby Cole Webb  
Margaret Whitaker  
\*Carlos White  
Julia White  
\*Alice Williams  
Evelyn Williams  
\*Shelton Williamson  
Eugene Wright  
Walter Wyers

***Arkansas***

Irma Giffels

***California***

Arthur Allen  
\*Dario Landazuri  
Ursula Rauskolb  
Merion Stevens  
Sam Zukerman

***Colorado***

Marvin Meyere

***Connecticut***

Helen Desmond  
\*Susan Garber  
Dorina Holt

Barbara Keany

***D.C.***

Jim O'Connor

***Florida***

Charles Cofone  
David Ferrall  
Larry Napier  
Lonny Napier  
\*Verla (Mrs. T.H.)  
Ross  
Ivey Stickland

***Georgia***

\*Lillie Belle Ayers  
\*Reese Bailey  
Flora Bells  
D.A. Brock  
Ed Caldwell  
Mildred Dumas  
\*Elder James D.  
Embry  
\*Myrline Faircloth  
Lamar Harrison  
Mercedes Cagle  
Lambert  
Lindsey May  
Cortez McGraw  
Ellie McGraw  
\*J.D. Muse  
Gene Shelly  
\*Jack Smith  
\*Allene Lambert  
Stanford  
\*Vedie Touchstone  
Sadie Wilkerson

***Illinois***

Jeff Hamon  
Eileen Holmes  
Alice Kuiper  
Fred Potrue  
Aris Terli

***Indiana***

George Canright  
John Cawley

***Iowa***

\*Susan Fishburn



**Kansas**

Freeman Davidson  
Cindy Shely

**Kentucky**

Nelly Martin

**Louisiana**

\*Susan McKenzie Fitch  
Dr. Genter Stephens

**Maryland**

\*David Terry Davis  
Marsha Foster  
Dick Hedges  
Frances Hoffman  
Fred Knavert

**Massachusetts**

Katharine Brooks  
Peg Brown  
Jean Hosmer  
Tom Lapan  
Paul Leblance  
Barbara Lisa Mears  
Irene Rybicki

**Michigan**

Douglas Campbell

**Minnesota**

Stefan Brown  
Marie Davie  
Calvin Fischer  
Lucille Lembke  
Marion Matters  
John Storm  
James Young

**Mississippi**

Walter Dansby  
Ruby Easley  
Neva Dee Mayes  
Agnes Hollingsworth  
\*Fayrene Wakefield

**Missouri**

Margaret Hensley  
Harold Johnston  
Helen Kelly  
Charlotte Munch  
Barbara Scudder  
Esther Rottmann  
Marie Stone

**Nebraska**

Lannis Groft  
Deanna Isaacson

**New Jersey**

Cynthia Atkinson  
Carolyn D. Avins  
Agnes Judge  
William Medford  
Nicole Shnarf

**New Mexico**

Tina Hand  
Ben Hertzler  
Fran Johnson  
H.B. Johnson  
\*Dodge Wiggins

**New York**

Karen Hamilton  
\*Karen House  
Harriet Thompson

**North Carolina**

Elizabeth Place Berry  
Edward Lowe  
Nancy Carol Metz  
Richard G. Partin  
Dick Tarrier  
Fred Wardlow

**Ohio**

Ray Schlabach

**Oklahoma**

\*Don Wilkerson  
Medy Wantland

**Oregon**

Stella Bunyard  
Marge Butler  
Janet Campbell  
Al Clementson  
Richard Cooney  
\*Maxine Harmon  
Jake Harris  
Bernadine Kittelson  
Bob Larkin  
James Luoto  
Roger McGowne  
Barbara McReeny  
Pat Wells

**Pennsylvania**

William Demorest  
John Glover, Jr.  
Laura Sherman  
Molly Trieb  
Grant Wesner  
Heywood Williams

**Rhode Island**

Estes Benson

**Tennessee**

\*Nathaniel Kaiser (age  
10)

**Texas**

Jack Benoit  
Don Denton  
Vesta Ellis  
Mark Maines  
Emory Matthews  
Judy Nieth  
Era Porta  
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Christine Wilson Stolls  
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