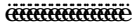


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- **Breaks** Indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized as shown, and on a line by themselves.
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January-October singings

The 15th of the following month.

November singings

The Friday following the singing.

December singings

The 2nd Sunday in December, 5pm (Central time). Singings held after the 2nd Sunday will be in the following year’s book.

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2017 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

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January

First Sunday and Saturday before

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

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

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

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

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

Sun., 1st—Shady Grove Annual Singing—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—The first Sunday of each year ✦

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th, 6:00 p.m.—Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial Singing—Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—Saturday night before the second Sunday in January ✦

Sun., 8th—Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial—Camp Ground Methodist Church, 24581 County Road 49, Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north onto County Road 49—Dutch Treat Singing—Meals are served at the church for a very reasonable price.

Sun., 8th—Anniversary Singing—9:30 a.m.—Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, 3501 N Kilbourn Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60641—Info: Terry Cunningham

Sun., 8th—Cork, Ireland—New Compositions, Christian Harmony, and Cooper Book singing—Info: corksacredharp.com

Sun., 8th—Helms-Bayne Memorial—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Ozark, Alabama—Cooper Book—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Stanley Smith

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th—Auburn Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—St. Dunstons Episcopal Church, 136 E. Magnolia Ave, Auburn, Alabama—Info: Karen Clark

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—All-California Sacred Harp Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Convention rotates: Los Angeles (2017); San Francisco (2018); San Diego (2019);—Info: Laura Boyd Russell (Los Angeles), Jennie Brown (San Francisco) and Carla Smith (San Diego)

Sun., 15th—Creel Memorial Christian Harmony Singing—Old County Line Church—near Corner, (Jefferson County), Alabama †

Sun., 15th—Faircloth Memorial—Union Hill Singing Hall, Hwy 177, 9 miles from Hwy 79, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—Cooper Book—Info: Aubrey Barfield

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st—Digswell Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—Digswell Village Church, Warren Way, Digswell, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire—

Info: Steve Fletcher or Martin Williams

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—W.L. Green Memorial and Baldwin County Cooper Book Singing—9:30 a.m.—Stapleton, Alabama—Info: Bill Hogan

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Keystone Convention—Location rotates and will be announced, Pennsylvania—10:00 a.m.—

Info: Pennsylvania Sacred Harp website or Ruth Wampler

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews St., Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett

Sat., 28th—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—Saturday before the first fifth Sunday of year—Info: Velton Chafin †

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

Sat., 28th—Liberty Church—Henagar, Alabama—Singing School—2:00 – 5:00 p.m.—Info: Rodney Ivey or David Ivey †

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Australian Convention—Sydney—Info: Shawn Whelan and Natalie Sims

Sun., 29th—Ivey Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: David Ivey or Rodney Ivey †

Sun., 29th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock †

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Rotunda Singing—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Alabama Department of Archives and History—between Adams and Washington streets, Montgomery, Alabama—Lunch provided with \$5.00 donation—Four books used: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp*—

Info: Bill Hogan / Joey Brackner

Sat., 4th—Baylor University Singing—Truett Seminary Great Hall, Baylor U, Waco, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: David Music

Sun., 5th—Burnham and Brown Memorial—9:00 a.m.—Wesley Foundation—Jacksonville (Calhoun County), Alabama—Driving north on Hwy. 21, go through the square—Once past Mountain Street, look for the Wesley Foundation building on the left. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch—

Info: Pearl Guier

Sun., 5th—Central Music Convention—Cooper Book—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Info: Wayne Jones

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Minnesota State Midwinter Singing—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Location to be announced—Info: Matt Wells or mnfasola.org

Sat., 11th—East Sandwich Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Community House at the East Sandwich Friend's Meeting House, East Sandwich, Massachusetts—Info: Justin Levi

Sat., 11th—Sanders Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—Info: Velton Chafin +

Sat., 11th—Emory University—10:00 a.m.—Cannon Chapel—Decatur, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or atlantasacredharp.org

Sun., 12th—Lincoln's Birthday Singing—1:00 p.m.—University of Chicago—Ida Noyes Hall—Chicago, Illinois—(Note: this singing is in connection with Folk Festival and will alternate with first, second, or third Sunday)—Info: Rochelle Lodder

Sun., 12th—Elder Roy Avery Memorial Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Tallapoosa County, Alabama +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—Alabama Collegiate Singing—9:30 a.m.—Canterbury Episcopal Chapel and Student Center, 812 5th Ave, Tuscaloosa, Alabama—Info: Nikos Pappas

Sat., 18th—Panhandle Pioneer Museum—*Cooper Book*—Blountstown, Florida—Info: Russ Scholz

Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th—Pacific Northwest Convention—9:30 a.m.—Ballard Homestead, Seattle, Washington—Singing school and singing on Saturday, and all day singing on Sunday—Info: Kate Coxon or chair@pacificnwsacredharpsingers.org

Sun., 19th—State University of West Georgia Singing—10:00 a.m.—Food Service Building (Z-6), 1061 Maple St, Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—J.L. White Sacred Harp/Eclectic Harmony I and II—10:00 a.m.—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Laura Akerman +

Sat., 25th—South Yorkshire Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—Wood Lane Countryside Centre, Wood Lane, Stannington, Sheffield, United Kingdom—Info: Sarah West

Sat., 25th—Troy All-Day Singing—*Cooper Book*—Pioneer Museum, north of Troy on west side of Hwy 231, Troy, Alabama—Info: Ken S. Sundberg

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Texas State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Coker United Methodist Church, 231 E. North Loop Road, San Antonio, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Mike Hinton, Janie Short

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

March

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 3rd—Sun. Mar. 5th—Ireland Sacred Harp Convention—Friday evening singing school—Saturday and Sunday singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Cork, Ireland—Info: www.corksacredharp.com/convention

Sat., 4th—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Thomaston (Upson County), Georgia—From square in Thomaston—Turn west on Georgia Alternate Highway

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

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

Sat., 4th—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—Pullen Memorial Baptist Chapel, 1801 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, North Carolina—Info: Kathy Kaiser

Sat., 4th—Arie and Mona Galloway Memorial—Cooper Book—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama

Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th—Ohio State Convention—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—First Sunday and Saturday before in March—Convention usually alternates between Dayton (2016), Cincinnati (2017), Columbus (2018)—Info: <http://ohiosacredharp.ej345.com> or John Bealle

Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th—Elder Gerald Hand Memorial and Tucson Singing—9:30 a.m.—rotates between Las Cruces, New Mexico (2017) and Tucson, Arizona (2018)—1991 Edition—Info: Paige Winslett

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

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Smith Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—New Harmony Community Center—Smith County, Texas—Northwest of Tyler on Farmers Market Rd. 724 in the New Harmony community—Between State Hwy. 64 and 110—*Cooper Book and 1991 Edition*—Info: Gaylon Powell

Sat., 11th—Olympia All-Day Singing—Olympia, Washington—Info: Marla Beth Elliott

Sat., 11th—John Etheridge Singing (in Memory of Winston Jones and Doss Bryan) (*Cooper Book*)—Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Opp (Covington County), Alabama—10 miles north of Opp on Hwy. 331—Info: Wayne Jones, Tim Jones

Sat., 11th—Sussex Shape Note Singing—Staplefield Village Hall, Crawley, West Sussex, UK—Info: Tony Singleton/Jill Thompson

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—Missouri State Convention—9:30 a.m.—St. John's United Church of Christ—Pinckney, Missouri—11.5 miles west of Marthasville, on Hwy. 94—Info: Karen Isbell or Becky Browne or Paul Figura

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—9:30 a.m.—Location to be announced, Northampton, Massachusetts—Info: Linda Shea or Christine Andrews

Sun., 12th—Oxford Singing—Oxford (Lafayette County), Mississippi—Powerhouse Community Arts Center, University Ave. at South 14th Street—9:45 a.m.—Info: Warren Steel

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—Hoboken Annual Singing—9:00 a.m.—Hoboken Elementary School Auditorium—Church Street—Hoboken (Brantley County), Georgia—*Cooper Book*—From U.S. 82 eastbound, turn north on Kelly (at the flashing caution light)—Cross railroad tracks—Turn left on Chicago and enter the parking lot of the school on the right—Info: Riley Lee

Sat., 18th—South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker—10:00 a.m.—Second Presbyterian Church—across from Wofford College—Spartanburg, South Carolina—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—Lunch on your own.—Info: Robert Kelley

Sat., 18th, 6:00 p.m.—Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama †

Sun., 19th—Robbins Memorial—Cooper Book—Opp, Alabama—11 miles south of Opp on Hwy 331, turn on County Road 20, 1 mile west to church—Info: Mike Jones

Sun., 19th—Godsey Sisters and Sandra Spradlin Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—10:00 a.m.—Shady Grove Church—Double Springs (Winston County), Alabama †

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—Higher Ground Singing—10:00 a.m.—United Campus Ministries, 321 N 7th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana—Info: Darrell Swarens

Sat., 25th—Pittsburgh Regional All-Day Singing—Wilkins School Community Center, 7604 Charleston Ave, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—
Info: Gerald Hoffman or Penny Anderson

Sat., 25th—Vermont All-Day Singing—Weybridge Elementary School Common Room, 210 Quaker Village Road, Weybridge, Vermont—Note: Singing is on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March, unless it's Easter, then it's a week earlier—Info: Debby Moody

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Georgia State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—Take I-20 to Georgia, exit 11—U.S. Hwy. 27 south for about 13.5 miles—turn right on Oak Grove Road—Go about ½ miles—turn left on Oak Grove Church Road and go about ½ miles. Church is on the left—Info: Philip Denney

Sun., 26th—Tom Woodham-Ezzie Hartzog Memorial—Cooper Book—Union Hill Singing Hall, Hwy 177, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—
Info: Russ Scholz

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Iowa All-Day Singing—Blue Point Church at the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds, 425 East Street, South, Grinnell, Iowa—Singing held on Saturday before the first Sunday in April—Info: Eric Saylor

Sat., 1st—Jones Memorial Singing—Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Opp (Covington County), Alabama—0.5 miles west of Hwy 299 (Martin Luther King Expressway) on Hwy. 84—from North on Hwy 299, turn right on Hwy 84, from South, turn left—Info: Mike Jones, Wayne Jones

Sat., 1st—Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, 503 Brewer Drive, Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee—From I-65—take Exit 74A (Old Hickory Blvd. east) turn left onto Edmondson Pike (2.2 mi.), turn right on McMurray Dr. (1.1 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. From I-24, take Exit 59 and go left on Bell Rd, turn right on Nolensville Rd. (3.3 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. (.5 mi.) Church (.6 mi.) Signs will be posted. Saturday before the first Sunday in April—Info: Tim Reynolds

Sat., 1st—Brazos River Singing—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Martin Luther Lutheran Church—202 Luther Lane, Carmine, Texas—20 miles west of Brenham on Hwy 290—Info: Gaylon Powell

Sat., 1st—FaSoLa Omaha All-Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—St. Vincent of Lerin's Orthodox Church, 2502 N 51st St, Omaha, Nebraska—Info: Cindy Miserez

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

Sat., 1st—Sweetwater All-Day Singing—Church of the Mediator, 401 NE Cholokka Blvd., Micanopy, Florida—Info: Jonathan Surrency

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Potomac River Convention—Saturday and Sunday—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Shenandoah Harmony*—The Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia 22066—Info: John delRe

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

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

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 7th 6:30 p.m. ET—Elder Homer Benefield, Katherine Benefield, and Mildred Johnson Memorial—Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, 225 Shiloh Church Rd, Waco, Georgia—Friday night before the second Sunday in April

Sat., 8th—Oxted Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—United Reformed Church, 21 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted, Surrey, UK—Info: Martin Williams

Sat., 8th—State Line Church—9:00 a.m. CT—Cleburne County, Alabama—From west to east—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to the Georgia State Line—*immediately* turn around and come back to first road to the right (Co. Rd. 69)—Go to the second road on the right (dirt—NOT paved—County Road 207) and turn right—Go approximately 500 yards and church will be on left—If you are coming from the east—Go to Georgia State Line and follow the same directions—Info: Pam Nunn

Sat., 8th—New York Regional (Spring)—10:00 a.m.—Rochester Mennonite Meetinghouse, 111 Hillside Avenue, Rochester, New York—

Info: Chris Haller, Thom/Eileen Metzger

Sat., 8th—Barfield Memorial—Cooper Book—Seminole Community Center, 5 miles east of Niceville on Hwy 20—1470 Cedar Street, Niceville, Florida—Info: Aubrey Barfield

Sun., 9th—Palm Sunday Singing—10:30 a.m.—Cumnor Village Hall—Leys Road—Oxford—United Kingdom—Info: Mandy Townsend

Sun., 9th—Antioch Baptist Church—9:00 a.m.—Ider (DeKalb County), Alabama—Take I-59 north—Exit right at Exit 231—Turn left onto Hwy. 40/117—Go 1.4 miles and turn right on Hwy. 117—Go 9.5 miles (You will cross Hwy. 75)—Turn right onto Hwy. 141—Go 3.9 miles—Turn right onto County Road 783 and immediately back left onto County Road 782—Church is on left

Sun., 9th—County Line Church—near Corner, (Jefferson County), Alabama +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th—Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Union Primitive Baptist Church, Goggans, Georgia—Johnstonville Road between I-75 and Barnesville—Info: Harry Eskew

Sat., 15th—Rhode Island All-Day Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Providence Friends Meeting House, 99 Morris Ave, Providence, Rhode Island—

Info: Charles Cofone

Sat., 15th—Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—2237 Guntersville Road, Arab, Alabama—2 miles east of Arab—off Ala. Hwy 69, follow signs

Sat., 15th—Futral, Nelson, and Henry Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church—Goodwater, Alabama—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Hackneyville Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there), go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left. The singing was changed from Sunday to Saturday

Sat., 15th—Jackson, Tennessee Singing—10:00 a.m.—Casey Jones Village, 56 Casey Jones Lane, Jackson, Tennessee—Just south of I-40 at Exit 80A—
Info: Michael Penney

Sat., 15th—Paris Singing—Foundation des Etats-Unis, 15 Bd Jourdan, 75014, Paris, France—Info: leopoldine.guillaume@gmail.com

Easter Sunday

Sun., 16th—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—
Dinner at noon with singing beginning at 1:00 p.m.—South of Hwy. 8—8 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8—Turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left

Sun., 16th—Old Harmony—9:30 a.m.—Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, 3490 County Road 60, Heflin, Cleburne County, Alabama—Approximately 10 miles east of Heflin—Take Exit 210 (Ranburne/Muscadine, exit off I-20)—Take first road on right (County Road 60)—Go 1 mile—Church on right

Sun., 16th—New Haven Singing—New Haven, Connecticut—Info: Ian Quinn

Sun., 16th—Pine Grove Church—9:30 a.m.—Lookout Mountain—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Rodney Ivey †

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—North of Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—From Hwy. 9 in Alpharetta, turn left (west) on Academy (aka Milton) for a block—Turn right on Canton—Follow Canton as it becomes Hopewell Road for about 5 miles to the four-way stop—Turn left to continue on Hopewell Road—Turn left on Birmingham Road—Church is about 2 miles from the intersection on the right

Sat., 22nd—York All-Day Singing—York Friends Meetinghouse, 135 W. Philadelphia St, York, Pennsylvania—Info: Lamar Matthew or Erin Kelly

Sat., 22nd—Pike's Peak Sacred Harp Singing—9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Location to be announced, Colorado Springs, Colorado—Denson and Cooper Books—
Info: Pete Mathewson

Sat., 22nd—Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church Singing—Cooper Book—9:30 a.m.—Frisco City, Alabama—Info: Tim Taylor

Sat., 22nd—Golden Gate Singing—San Francisco Bay Area—Location TBD—
<http://fasola.org/sf/goldengate/>—Info: chair@bayareasacredharp.org

Sat., 22nd—Detroit Singing—9:30 a.m.—Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave—Info: Jamie Yeats

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Rusk County Convention—Saturday—*Christian Harmony*—Sunday—*Cooper Book*, Old Pine Grove Church, Henderson, Texas—
Fourth weekend in April unless falls on Easter, then third weekend in April—
Info: Robert Vaughn or Gaylon Powell

Sun., 23rd—Friendship Church—Winston County, Alabama—Eight miles southeast of Haleyville—On Hwy. 195—Turn south at church sign, go 2 miles, church on left—Going north—look for church sign, go south 2 miles

Sun., 23rd—Alewine-Laminack Memorial—9:30 a.m. CT—St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2213 County Road 14, Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama—Lunch 12:00 noon CT—Take U.S. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north (County Road 35) at post office—Go to County Road 49—Follow County Road 49 north to County Road 14 (Rosewood Community)—Turn right—Go approximately 2 miles—Church on left

Sun., 23rd—Alabama State Cooper Book Convention—Semi-Annual Session—
Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Info: Victoria Aplin

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention—10:00 a.m.—Singing from *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition and *Cooper Edition*—Village Hall—Kegworth, Leicestershire—United Kingdom—0.5 miles SE of M1 junction 24—5 minutes from East Midlands Airport and 45 minutes from Birmingham International Airport—Info: Ian West **NOTE: This singing will be held on the 5th Sunday and Saturday before in April 2017 and 2018.**

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Bob Meek Memorial/Harrods Creek Shape Note Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Harrods Creek Baptist Church—Brownsboro, Kentucky—Held on the weekend before the first Saturday in May (because of Derby weekend). *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition, *Southern Harmony*, and *Cooper Book*—From Louisville—Take I-71 North—Go to exit 14—Turn left—Go 1.5 miles past Christian Church on right—Church will be on left—Info: Michele Cull

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Midwest Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., both days—Chicago, Illinois—Info: Randy Neufeld & Susan Geil or www.chicagosings.org

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

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

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Tues., 2nd—Coffee Springs Singing—*Cooper Book*—Senior Citizens Building, Coffee Springs, Alabama—First Tuesday in May each year

Sat., 6th—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—Burrirt on the Mountain, Huntsville, (Madison County), Alabama—Singing held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May—Info: David Ivey

Sat., 6th—Northwest Arkansas Convention—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—St. John's Episcopal Church—707 W. Central Ave—Harrison, Arkansas—*The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition—Info: Syd Caldwell

Sat., 6th—Augusta Sacred Harp Singing—Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, Martinez, Georgia—Info: Diane Goldman

Sat., 6th & Sun., 7th—Portland Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—The Little Church—5138 NE 23rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon—Saturday singing from the Sacred Harp and Sunday singing from the Christian Harmony—

Info: Anna Stoerch

Sun., 7th—Heath Memorial—*Cooper Book*—Mabson Church, Ozark, Alabama—5 miles east of Ozark on Hwy 36—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Stanley Smith

Sun., 7th—Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson County), Alabama—Info: Syble Adams +

Sun., 7th—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—Info: Glenn Keeton +

Sun., 7th—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Clay County, Alabama—Info: Eugene Forbes +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th—Memphis Singing—Grace Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, 838 Berclair Road, Memphis, Tennessee—Info: Matt Bell

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

Sat., 13th—Boston Singing—10:00 a.m.—Newton Highlands Congregational Church, 54 Lincoln St—Info: Joanna Lampert

Sat., 13th—Mid-Michigan Singing—Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan—Info: Bob Borcharding/Anne Missavage

Sat., 13th—Bristol Singing—10:00 a.m.—Shirehampton Public Hall, Station Road, Shirehampton, Bristol, UK—Info: Matthew Parkinson/bristolsacredharp@gmail.com

Sat., 13th—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—Nauvoo, Alabama—Info: Jimmie Gilmore

Sat., 13th—J.W. Bassett Memorial and Stockholders Meeting—Cooper Book—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Wayne Jones

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 19th p.m., & Sat., 20th—Garden State Singing Convention—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street at Gordonhurst Ave., Montclair, New Jersey—Friday night 7:00-9:30 p.m.—Saturday 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Info: Claire Simon

Sat., 20th—Los Angeles Regional Singing—Angels Gate Cultural Center, Building H, San Pedro, California—Info: homepage.smc.edu/russell_richard/fasola/

Sat., 20th—Mentone Rhododendron Festival—St. Joseph's Church, Mentone, Alabama—Info: Susan Cheronos

Sat., 20th—Providence Singing—10:00 a.m.—Cullman County, Alabama—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church at Providence—Located on eastern side of Cullman County Road 1435.

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

Sat., 20th—Goodshaw Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—Goodshaw Baptist Church, Chapel Street, Goodshaw, Rossendale, Lancashire, UK—Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

Sat., 20th—Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Headland, Alabama—Cooper Book—Hwy 173, 2 miles north of Headland—Info: Kathy Folsom

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

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

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 27th—Mount Pisgah Singing Society—9:00 a.m.—31040 US Hwy 431, Five Points, Chambers County, Alabama 36855—*Cooper Book*—14 miles north of Lafayette and 7 miles south of Roanoke on U.S. Hwy. 431 at Stroud

Sat., 27th—The Piccolo Spoleto Singing—10:00 a.m.—Charleston, South Carolina—Gage Hall, 4 Archdale Street—Info: Michael Walker

Sat., 27th—Gum Pond Singing—9:45 a.m.—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, 2086 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, (Morgan County), Alabama—Singing moved from Sunday—Info: Judy Caudle +

Sat., 27th—Brighton Sacred Harp Singing Day—East Sussex, United Kingdom—
Info: Guy Hayes or Sarah Hill

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—John Merritt Memorial Singing—Old Courthouse
Museum, 1008 Cherry Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi—The Sacred Harp, White
Book, Cooper Book, and Christian Harmony—Info: Mark Davis or Henry McGuire

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Germany Sacred Harp Convention—10:30 a.m.—
Location to be announced—Germany—
Info: Andreas Manz or www.sacredharpgermany.de

Sun., 28th—The Big Singing—10:00 a.m.—*Southern Harmony*—Marshall County
Courthouse on the Square, Benton, Kentucky—Info: Tim Reynolds

Sun., 28th—Rocky Mount Homecoming/Hillabee Sacred Harp Convention—
Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston, Tallapoosa County, Alabama +

Sun., 28th—Beda Church Singing—Cooper Book—20 miles southwest of
Andalusia, Alabama, on Hwy 137 north of Wing, Alabama—Info: Billy Kelley

Mon., 29th—Memorial Day—Jack C. Smith Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.-3:00
p.m.—Oakhurst Baptist Church—222 East Lake Drive—Decatur, Georgia—*The
Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: John Plunkett

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—Lamar and Pickens County Convention—Zion Primitive Baptist
Church—Pickens County, Alabama +

Sat., 3rd—Shaker Meetinghouse and Francis Bliss Memorial singing—Sabbathday
Lake Shaker Village Meetinghouse, New Gloucester, Maine—Info: Barb Ames

Sat., 3rd—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Elba, Alabama—Cooper Book—
approximately 7 miles north of Elba on Hwy 87 just past CR315 (dirt road circles
back to Hwy 87). Church is on left going north—Info: Chip Westbrook

Sat., 3rd—Newcastle upon Tyne Singing—10:00 a.m.—St. Bartholomew's Church
Hall—Station Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom—Singing held
on Saturday following the last Monday in May—Info: Phil and Cath Tyler

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Northern Shenandoah Valley Double All-Day Singing—
10:00 a.m.—singing from the 1991 Edition on Saturday—singing from the
Shenandoah Harmony on Sunday—Location to be announced—
Info: John delRe or Kelly Macklin

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Near
Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia—Info: Phillip Langley +

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Oslo Sacred Harp Singing—Saturday 10:30 a.m.-4:00
p.m.—Uranienborgveien 2 (Yellow house behind the castle)—Oslo, Norway—
Sunday noon-3:30 p.m.—Location to be announced—1991 Edition both days—
Singing school on Friday evening—Info: Camilla Marie Widholm or Oskar Kvasnes

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

Sun., 4th—Liberty Decoration Day Singing—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—
Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—Info: David Ivey +

Sun., 4th—Homecoming Singing—Cooper Book—Shady Hill Church—Andalusia,
Alabama—Info: Edd Bass

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th—New York State Regional Singing—10:00 a.m.—Ithaca Area—Location
TBA—Info: Ginny Huszagh

Sat., 10th—Raymond Hamrick Memorial Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta
Civic Center, South Matthews Street, Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett

Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th—Hopewell Homecoming—9:00 a.m.—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—3596 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama—
Info: Nate Green +

Sun., 11th—June Singing—10:00 a.m.—Alpharetta City Hall Building, 2 Plaza Park, Alpharetta, Georgia—from Atlanta, exit GA400 North at Haynes Bridge—turn left—go to Old Milton Parkway—turn left—turn right on GA9—City Hall/Courthouse ¼ mile on right—Info: Helen Bryson

Sun., 11th—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—3 miles north of Derma—Dinner at noon, singing at 1:00 p.m.

Sun., 11th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—

Info: Elene Stovall, Bridgett Kennedy, or Joan Aldridge +

Sun., 11th (4:00 p.m.) - Thu., 15th (8:30 a.m.)—Camp Fasola—Adult Session—Camp McDowell—Double Springs, Alabama—Community Singing (all are invited) on Wed., June 14th—7:00 p.m.—Info: David Ivey—<http://fasola.org/camp>

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 15th, Fri., 16th & Sat., 17th—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—9:30 a.m.—Alabama Square Dance Association, Friendship Hall, Fultondale, Alabama—Info: Mark Davis

Sat., 17th—Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial—Addington Chapel Methodist Church—Cullman County, Alabama—from I-65 take exit 299-go south on Hwy 69 toward Jasper approximately 10.8 miles—turn right onto County Road 59-go 1.5 miles, church will be on your right.

Sat., 17th—Exeter All Day Singing—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse—Exeter Township—Berks County, Pennsylvania—U.S. 422 to Baumstown—Follow signs to Daniel Boone Homestead—Continue past homestead 1 mile to Meetinghouse Road—Left on Meetinghouse Road 0.2 miles to Meetinghouse on right—Set date of Saturday before the third Sunday in June—Info: Ted Stokes

Sat., 17th—Mt. Adams All-Day Singing—Trout Lake, Washington—The Trout Lake Grange Hall, 2390 Highway 141—Friday night social in Trout Lake—Take I84 east, cross the river at Hood River, drive north on Hwy. 141 about 25 minutes—Info: Melissa Stephenson

Sat., 17th—Leeds All-Day Singing—South Parade Baptist Church, Kirkstall Lane, Headingley, Leeds, UK—Info: Arja and John Copperwheat

Sun., 18th—Zion Hill Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church—Brachfield (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—About 12 miles southeast of Henderson—Take Farm to Market Road 840 toward Brachfield from Henderson—Turn right at the Welch Cemetery on County Road 368—Church is on the left—Always held on Father's Day—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sun., 18th—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—Near Ephesus—Heard County, Georgia—Take Georgia Hwy. 100 south to Ephesus School—Turn left onto Ephesus/Roosterville Road—Go 2.5 miles, turn right.

Sun., 18th—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)—Winston County, Alabama +

Sun., 18th—Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—Macedonia Community (Jackson County), Alabama—4 miles south of Section—7 miles northwest of Fyffe on county road to Section—Info: Dennis George

Sun., 18th—Pleasant Home Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—6107 Eagle Road, Andalusia, Alabama 36420—*Cooper Book*—Info: Ken Kelley

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 24th—The Kermit and Steve Adams Memorial—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama +

Sat., 24th—Live Oak Annual Singing—Cooper Book—South of Vernon, Florida, 5211 Miller Ferry Road—Info: Tim Lanham

Sat., 24th—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Women's Institute Hall—Botley, Oxford, England—Info: Edwin/Sheila Macadam

Sun., 25th—DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, 4490 State Bridge Way, Alpharetta, Georgia—Exit GA400 N at exit 10—Go east for 2.6 miles—turn left at traffic light on to Kimbell Bridge Road (past Chick Fil'a)—take second left into parking lot—Info: Jesse Roberts

Sun., 25th—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama—Five miles south of Jones Chapel off Hwy. 278, turn south onto County Road 940—Church is on the right

Sun., 25th—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama +

July

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Pioneer Valley Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church Chapel, Sunderland, Massachusetts—Info: www.wmsmc.org or Linda Shea

Sat., 1st—Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:00 a.m.—South Malling Parish Church, Church Lane, Lewes, E. Sussex, United Kingdom—Info: Rachel Jordan

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Henagar-Union Convention—Saturday 9:00 a.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Two miles north of Henagar—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: David Ivey +

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

Mon., 3rd—Independence Day Singing—9:00 a.m. CT—Camp Lee, Lakeview Lodge, Anniston, Alabama—from I20, exit 188, turn north to Choccolocco Road turn right, go 2.2 mi. Sign for camp on the left—Lunch is Dutch Treat \$8.00 each

Mon., July 3rd (4:00 p.m.) - Fri., July 7th (9:00 a.m.)—Camp Fasola (Youth Session)—Camp Lee—Anniston, Alabama—Community Singing (all are invited) on Thurs., July 6th—7:00 p.m.—Info: David Ivey / <http://fasola.org/camp>

Tue., July 4th—Independence Day

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 7th & Sat., 8th—Mountain View Singing—Old Mountain View High School, Mountain View, Arkansas—Held on Friday and Saturday following July 4—Info: Dan Brittain

Fri. p.m., 7th & Sat., 8th—Quebec Convention—Location TBA—Quebec, Canada—Info: Chuck Neville

Sat., 8th—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church Singing—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church—2052 Fairview Road, Stockbridge, Georgia—Info: Jesse Roberts

Sat., 8th—Santa Cruz Singing—Live Oak Grange, Santa Cruz, California—Info: Edward Rice

Sat., 8th—Norwich All-Day Singing—10:30 a.m.—St. George's Church Hall, Sprowston Rd., Norwich, UK—Info: Cath Saunt

Sat., 8th—Sydney Singing—Sydney, New South Wales—Australia—Dickson Street Space, 35-39 Dickson Street, Newtown—Info: Elaena Gardner—sydneyshapenote@gmail.com

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—Cullman County Singing Convention—9:30 a.m.—Cullman County Courthouse—Cullman, Alabama

Sun., 9th—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—Preaching at 10:30 a.m.—Lunch at 12:15—Singing 1:15 p.m.—*J.L. White Book* +

Sun., 9th—Rutherford Memorial—Cooper Book—Union Hill Singing Hall, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—Info: Russ Scholz

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th—Walker County Convention—Boldo United Methodist Church, 55 Gray Street, Boldo, Alabama 35504—Info: Velton Chafin or Glenn Keeton

Sat., 15th—Spivey Hall Singing—Spivey Hall—Clayton College and State University—Morrow, Georgia

Sat., 15th—Michiana Singing—9:30 a.m.—Southwest Bible Church, 24899 County Road 40, Goshen, Indiana—Take State Road 119 southwest out of Goshen to County Road 40, turn right. Church is approximately 1/8 mile on right—Info: Samuel Sommers

Sat., 15th—Melbourne All-Day Singing—Melbourne, Australia—Info: Shawn Whelan/Natalie Sims/sacred_harp@yahoo.com.au

Sat., 15th—Gwehelog Sacred Harp Singing—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—Gwehelog Methodist Chapel, nr Usk, United Kingdom—Info: Liam Kirby

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

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

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

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—Cotaco Convention—10:00 a.m.—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—2086 Gum Pond Rd. (Morgan County) Eva, Alabama—Info: Judy Caudle +

Sat., 22nd—Maine Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Union Town House, Townhouse Rd, Union, Maine—Saturday before the last Sunday in July—Info: Kathe Pilobosian or Chris Holley

Sat., 22nd—Swannanoa Gathering Singing—10:00 a.m.—Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina—*The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition/*Christian Harmony/Southern Harmony*—Info: Sarah Kehrborg

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Mt. Zion Memorial—10:00 a.m.—Mt. Zion United Methodist Church—Mt. Zion (Carroll County), Georgia—8.5 miles west of Carrollton on Hwy. 16—Behind school

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Lunsford and Jolly Memorial—Saturday—Trinity Episcopal Church, Escondido, California—Sunday—Adobe Chapel, Old Town San Diego—Info: Carla Smith

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th—Young People's Singing—9:30 a.m.—Denver, Colorado area—Info: Stephanie Fida

Sat., 29th—Cooper Book Singing—Chicago, Illinois—Info: Jim Helke

Sun., 30th—D.H. Mansfield Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Union Town House, Townhouse Rd, Union, Maine—American Vocalist and The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition—Last Sunday in July—Info: Peter Golden or Chris Holley

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

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

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 5th—Eugene Singing—9:30 a.m.—Eugene, Oregon area—Location to be announced—First Saturday in August—Info: Karen Stingle

Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th—Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention—9:30 a.m.—Wilson's Chapel—Southeast of Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—From the southeastern section of 166 (Carrollton bypass) turn south on OLD Newnan Road, at fork, bear left onto Cross Plains Rd—at three way intersection, bear right onto dirt road, Chapel on left. From Alabama—Exit I20 at US Hwy 27, turn right, go about 10 miles, turn left at light onto Linda Lane, continue several miles until light at Old Newnan Road, turn left, after passing Cross Plains on right, keep straight after sharp curve, Chapel on left—Info: John Plunkett

Sun., 6th—Fayette County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama +

Sun., 6th—Bulgar-Cockcroft Memorial—Cooper Book—Red Oak Church, Hwy 55 between Andalusia and Floral, Alabama—Info: Billy Kelley

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th—Calhoun County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Highway 9, one mile north of Bruce, Mississippi—church is on the right.

Sat., 12th—East Kentucky All-Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—Calvary Campus, 31 Stuart Robinson Road, Letcher, Kentucky 41832—from Hwy 15, turn on to Route 7 South at Isom and drive about 10 minutes—Calvary Campus is on the right—Info: Ben Fink

Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Civic Center, 1005 Hwy 64, Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—Info: Robert Vaughn

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 19th—Mt. Rainier Singing—*Cooper Book*—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—Info: Karen Willard

Sat., 19th—*Cooper Book* Singing—Ramah Primitive Baptist Church—Lenox (Conecuh County), Ala.—On County Hwy. 6, about 4 miles west of I-65 near Lenox—Info: Hubert Nall

Sat., 19th—Rome Primitive Baptist Church Singing—10:00 a.m.—5585 Martha Berry Hwy, NE, Armuchee, Georgia—Eight miles north of Rome on US 27—Info: Hayden Arp

Sat., 19th—Kitchens Memorial—Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama—Info: Linda Sides

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

Sat., 19th—Glasgow Singing—Hillhead Parish Church Hall, Glasgow, Scotland—Info: shapenotesscotland@gmail.com

Sun., 20th—Willard Birthday Singing—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—Info: Karen Willard

Sun., 20th—Cleburne County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama—Info: Cecil Roberts

Sun., 20th—Emma Beasley, Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—Info: Marlin Beasley +

Sun., 20th—Cedar Creek Church—Crisp County, Georgia—9 miles southwest of Cordele, off Cordele/Albany Hwy—Take Hwy. 300 from I-75 heading south—Go 11 miles—Church will be on the right.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 26th—Central Ontario All-Day Singing—9:30 a.m. EDT—Detweiler Meetinghouse—3445 Roseville Road—North Dumfries Township (near Kitchener/Waterloo), Ontario, Canada—Info: Pleasance Crawford or Gillian Inksetter

Sat., 26th—Palo Alto Singing—UU Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, California—Info: Dan Harper

Sat., 26th—Cork All-Day Singing—St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Dean Street, Cork, Ireland—Info: corksacredharp@gmail.com

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Mississippi State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Near Forest (Scott County) Mississippi—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, Cooper Book, White Book, and Christian Harmony*—Info: Mark Davis

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Lookout Mountain Convention—9:30 a.m.—Pine Grove Church—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Rodney Ivey +

September

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—New Providence Primitive Baptist Church—Ringgold, Louisiana—1991 Edition and Cooper books—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sat., 2nd—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews Street, Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Oscar McGuire

Sat., 2nd—Maidencreek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport—Berks County, Pennsylvania—Saturday of Labor Day Weekend—Info: Ted Stokes

Sat., 2nd—Covington County Convention—Cooper Book—Pleasant Home Baptist Church, County Road 14 (Eagle Road), Andalusia, Alabama—Singing held at various locations—Info: Wayne Jones

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

Sun., 3rd—Clear Creek West Convention/Mulberry River Convention—County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama—Convention held in even years at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse), Fayette County, Alabama +, and in

odd years at County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama † —

Info: Velton Chafin or Danny Creel

Sun., 3rd—Shiloh-Littlevine Singing—10:00 a.m.—Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church—South of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100—From I-20—Take Exit #5 and go South on Hwy 100—1.4 miles to Shiloh Church Road—Turn right—0.8 miles to church.

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

Mon., 4th (Labor Day)—Shoal Creek Church—9:30 a.m.—Talladega National Forest—Near Edwardsville—Cleburne County, Alabama—From West to East—Take Hwy. 78 east to Heflin and then into Edwardsville—Go through Edwardsville, just past mile marker 183, and turn north onto County Road 61 which is directly across the road from the volunteer fire department. There is a sign for Talladega National Forest—Go 5.6 miles, cross the creek, go 0.4 miles and look for a sign for the church. Turn right at the church sign onto a dirt road leading to the church—Info: Cecil Roberts or Virginia Dyer

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th—Cooper Book Singing—Little Flock Church, Molino, Florida—3218 Molino Road—1.5 miles West of US Hwy. 29—Info: Hubert Nall

Sat., 9th—Pioneer Day Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Gray Court, South Carolina—From the Greenville area, take I-385 south to exit 19, about 11 miles from I-85. Take SC Hwy. 14 to Owings, about 2 miles into Gray Court. Continue through the traffic light for about one quarter mile. Parking area will be on the left, then follow the signs—second Saturday in September—Info: Leon Carnell

Sat., 9th—Cape Meares Singing—Community Schoolhouse, Cape Meares, Oregon—Singing held on Saturday following Labor Day—Info: Betsy Jeronen

Sat., 9th—Rivanna River Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Friends Meeting House, 1104 Forest St., Charlottesville, Virginia—Info: john@virginia.edu

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Camp McDowell, Double Springs, Alabama—Singing on Friday night and Saturday night as well—Meals provided by Camp McDowell for a small fee—Info: Kathy Williams/Linda Sides/Angela Myers

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 16th—New York City All Day Singing—9:30 a.m.—Location TBA—Info: Aldo Ceresa

Sat., 16th—Lee Rogers Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—*Christian Harmony*—Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, 1574 Adams Clarke Road, Commerce, Georgia—Info: John Hollingsworth

Sat., 16th—Illinois State Convention—Texas Christian Church between Clinton and Decatur, Illinois—Saturday before the third Sunday in September—Info: Mark Graber or Terry Hogg

Sat., 16th—Middle Creek Convention—Cooper Book—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Ozark, Alabama—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Stanley Smith

Sat., 16th & Sun., 17th—United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention—UK—Info: www.ukshc.org

Sun., 17th—Cornelius Benjamin Keeton and Travis Keeton Memorial Singing—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama †

Sun., 17th—J.L. White Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—*J.L. White Book*—Info: John Plunkett or Sandra Wilkinson †

Sun., 17th—Smyrna Annual Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church—Goodwater, Alabama—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Hackneyville Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there)—Go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd—Mountain Heritage Day Singing—10:30 a.m.—Administration Building—Western Carolina University—Cullowhee (Jackson County), North Carolina—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—Always the last Saturday in September—Info: Ed Smith

Sat., 23rd—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—2086 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, Morgan County, Alabama—Info: Judy Caudle +

Sat., 23rd—West Florida Convention—Cooper Book—Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Glendale, Florida—4 miles east of Glendale on County Road 183—Info: Aubrey Barfield

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Minnesota State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Saturday—Location TBA—Sunday—Shakopee, Minnesota—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before—Info: Matt Wells

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Rocky Mountain Convention—9:30 a.m.—Colorado—Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico.

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention—9:30 a.m.—Union Baptist Church, 3351 Warrior Jasper Road, Warrior, Alabama—I-65 to exit 282—Church is 7.6 miles west on Warrior-Jasper Road (approximately 5 miles east of Hwy 78—Info: Emily Creel

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Poland Convention—Warsaw, Poland—Info: www.sacredharp86.org

Sun., 24th—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama +

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., Sep 30th—Vancouver All-Day Singing—Grandview Calvary Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia—Info: Kevin Beirne

Sat., Sep. 30th & Sun., 1st—New England Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Location to be announced—Hosted by Burlington Sacred Harp Singers, Vermont—Held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in October—

Info: info@neconvention.net or Anna Mays

Sun., 1st—South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Liberty Hill Community House—Lamar County, Georgia—Info: Oscar McGuire

Sun., 1st—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Wootten Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—3596 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama—Info: Nate Green +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—Tallahassee Singing—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science—Tallahassee, Florida—Info: Alice/Tor Bejnar

Sat., 7th—Savannah All Day Singing—Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church—50 Diamond Causeway, Savannah, Georgia—Saturday before the second Sunday—Info: Gene Pinion

Sat., 7th—Columbia Singing—Dripping Springs Christian Church—2701 Dripping Springs Rd., Columbia, Missouri—

Info: Wendy Hofmann or Lou/Penny Kujawinski

Sat., 7th—Taylor United Methodist Church—Taylor (Lafayette County), Mississippi—8 miles south of Oxford—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*

Sat., 7th—Northwest Pennsylvania Singing—First Universalist Church of Girard, 107 Myrtle St, Girard, Pennsylvania—Info: Gerald Hoffman

Sat., 7th—Duluth Singing—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1710 E Superior Street, Duluth, Minnesota—10:00 a.m.—Info: Bonnie Ambrosi

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—Sheffield Sacred Harp Singing Day—11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Our Lady and St. Thomas Church, Meadowhead, Woodseats, Sheffield, United Kingdom—Saturday—Sacred Harp and Sunday—Alternative Sources—Info: Carmel Wood

Sun., 8th—Albright, Cates, Brown, and Sheppard Memorial—9:30 a.m. CT—Muscadine Methodist Church—Muscadine (Cleburne County), Alabama—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Muscadine—Turn south on County Road 49—Go 1 mile—Church on right.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th—Tri-State Convention—9:00 a.m.—(Alabama 2017), (Georgia 2018) (Florida 2019),--Location to be Announced—*Cooper Book*—Info: Aubrey Barfield, Morgan Bunch, Mary Whitehurst, Russ Scholz

Sat., 14th—Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing-9:30 a.m.—Nashville, Tennessee—Info: Ron Harper or Justin Bowen

Sat., 14th and Sun. 15th—New York State Convention—Albany area—Location TBA—Info: Tarik Wareh and Mary Skidmore

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—Pacific Northwest Convention, Oregon—9:30 a.m., both days—Location to be announced—Saturday a.m. devoted to singing school. Regular singing Saturday afternoon and all day singing on Sunday—Info: Dan Thoma

Sun., 15th—Andrew's Chapel—Upson County, Georgia—6.1 miles southeast of Thomaston on Hwy. 74—Turn right on the Rock Road to first stop sign—Bear left—1 mile to school—Bring covered dish.

Sun., 15th—Reid Memorial Singing—County Line Church—Jefferson County, Alabama +

Sun., 15th—Rhodes Memorial—Cooper Book—Darien Church, Laverne, Alabama—Info: Mike Jones

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 20th and Sat., 21st—Alaska Sacred Harp Convention-United Methodist Church, Sitka, Alaska—Info: Kari Lundgren

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

Sat., 21st—Putnam, Light, and King Memorial—10:00 a.m.—Mt. Oak Methodist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—6 miles northwest of Arab—Turn west off Alabama Hwy 231 onto County Road 418 at Discount Warehouse Grocery, also called Ruth Eddy Road—Church is on the left.

Sat., 21st—Bloomington All-Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—Fairview Methodist Church, 600 West 6th St, Bloomington, Indiana—Info: John Hoerr or William Shetter

Sat., 21st—Northwest Arkansas Fall Singing—9:30 a.m.—Chapel, First United Methodist Church, 206 W. Johnson, Springdale, Arkansas—

Info: Holly Childs, Sydney Caldwell

Sat., 21st—Sadsbury Cooper Book Singing—Old Sadsbury Friends Meeting House, Christiana, Pennsylvania—Info: Laura Densmore

Sat., 21st—Newton Singing—10:00 a.m.—Norumbega Harmony and the Sacred Harp—Church of the Redeemer, 379 Hammond Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02467—Info: Sylvia Martin

Sat., 21st—Spring Hill Convention—Cooper Book—Union Hill Singing Hall, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—Info: Aubrey Barfield

Sun., 22nd—Coweta County Courthouse Singing—Newnan, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Info: John Plunkett

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—Johnny Lee and Kelly Day Memorial *Cooper Book* Singing—Flora, Indiana—Singing held on last fifth Sunday of the year, unless last fifth Sunday falls in December—Info: Brad Bahler

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—9:30 a.m.—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, 4490 State Bridge Way, Alpharetta, Georgia—Exit GA400 N at exit 10—Go east for 2.6 miles—turn left at traffic light on to Kimbell Bridge Road (just past Chick Fil'a)—take second left into parking lot—Info: Helen Bryson, Nathan Rees

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Southwest Texas Convention—Location to be announced—Fall Session—*Cooper Book*—(August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving—Info: Bill Bailey or Gaylon Powell

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—London Singing—10:30 a.m.—Saturday-Sacred Harp—Highgate United Reformed Church, Pond Square Chapel, South Grove, London—and Sunday—Christian Harmony—Heath Street Baptist Church basement, 84 Heath Street, London—Info: Michael Walker

Sun., 29th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 4th—Velton Chafin Birthday Singing—Liberty Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Jefferson County, Alabama +. 1991 Edition and *Cooper Book*—Info: Velton Chafin

Sat., 4th—Denney Memorial—10:00 a.m.—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—Take I-20 to Georgia, exit 11—U.S. Hwy. 27 south for about 13.5 miles—turn right on Oak Grove Road—Go about ½ miles—turn left on Oak Grove Church Road and go about ½ miles. Church is on the left—Info: Tony Hammock or Philip Denney

Sat., 4th—Hyde Park Singing—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Chicago, Illinois—57th Street Meeting of Friends, 5615 S. Woodlawn—Always Saturday before the first Sunday in November—Info: Amritpal Singh

Sat., 4th—Oxted Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—United Reformed Church, 21 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted, Surrey, UK—Info: Martin Williams

Sun., 5th—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—Info: Phillip Langley +

Sun., 5th—New Hope at Mt. Ebron Church Singing—10:00 a.m.—New Hope Missionary Baptist Church—Near Double Springs—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles west of Double Springs on Hwy. 25—Double Springs to Lynn—
Info: Richard Mauldin

Sun., 5th—Southeast Convention—Cooper Book—Pleasant Grove (Carroll Church), Ozark, Alabama—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Stanley Smith

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Boulevard—Nashville, Tennessee—Between Harding Road, U.S. 70, and Harding Place—
Info: Tim Reynolds

Sat., 11th—Dallas County Singing—9:30 a.m.—Location to be announced, Dallas, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Cheryl Foreman or Sonny Erwin

Sat., 11th—Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing—St. Luke's Church—Moorbridge Lane, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom—Info: Helen Brown

Sat., 11th—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—Saturday before the second Sunday in November—Info: Bridget Camden

Sat., 11th—Berkshire Foothills Singing—10:00 a.m.—Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker Street, Lenox, MA, see WMSHC.org—

Info: Sally Langendorf or Joanne Fuller

Sat., 11th—Boiling Springs Convention—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Clay County, near Ashland, Alabama—Info: Eugene Forbes ✚

Sun., 12th—Oak Hill Baptist Church and Calhoun County Convention—9:30 a.m.—County Line Road—Near Oxford—Calhoun County, Alabama—Get on Hwy. 21 South in Oxford—Go under I-20—Take left at light onto Friendship Road—Cross 3 bridges to traffic light—Turn right onto Cheaha Drive—Go 5/6 blocks—Turn left onto County Line Road—Church on right

Sun., 12th—The Cooper Book Convention—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Info: Wayne Jones

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—Tri-County Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—1991 Edition and *Cooper Book*—Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 8790 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, Alabama—Info: Bill Hogan

Sat., 18th—West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day—West Lane Methodist Chapel—Haworth, United Kingdom—Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

Sat., 18th—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews Street, Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Oscar McGuire

Sat., 18th—Northeast Kansas Singing—10:00 a.m.—The White Schoolhouse, 1510 North 3rd Street, Lawrence, Kansas—Info: info@kawshapenote.org

Sat., 18th—7:00 p.m.—Crossroads Church—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia—Saturday night before the third Sunday in November—
Info: Donna Bell / Cecil Roberts ✚

Sun., 19th—Davis Memorial—10:00 a.m.—Sugar Valley Baptist Church, 2845 Sugar Valley Road, Sugar Valley, Georgia (GPS N34 34,469 W 85 1.487)—
Info: Judy Mincey

Sun., 19th—Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon)—near Lynn, Winston County, Alabama ✚

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Wed., 22nd—Cornucopia All-Night Singing—Princeton, New Jersey—
Info: Jeff Gauthier

Thurs., 23rd—Thanksgiving Day

Sat., 25th—Thanksgiving Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—Jordans Village Hall, Green Road West, Jordans, Buckinghamshire—UK—Info: Sheila/Edwin Macadam
Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—9:00 a.m.—Jefferson State Community College—Eugene Fitzgerald Student Center (Jefferson Campus)—2601 Carson Road—Birmingham, Alabama 35215—Info: David Ivey
Sat., 25th—3:00 p.m.—Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA)—Annual Meeting—Jefferson State Community College—Eugene Fitzgerald Student Center (Jefferson Campus)—2601 Carson Road—Birmingham, Alabama 35215

December

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4930 West Bellfort Avenue, Houston, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book*—Info: Linda Siemers or www.texasfasola.org

Sat., 2nd—Lehigh Valley All-Day Singing (Shenandoah Harmony)—10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Bethlehem, PA, location TBA—First Saturday in December—Info: Daniel Hunter

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

Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd—Georgia State Christian Harmony Convention—9:30 a.m.—Georgia—Info: John Plunkett

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—Info: John Beasley +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 16th—Christmas Singing—Cooper Book—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Info: Kevin Eddins

Sun., 17th—No listings

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd—No Listings

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

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

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 30th—No Listings

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

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

Sun., 31st—6:00 p.m.—New Year's Eve Singing—Hollingsworth Home, Ila, Georgia—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—Info: John Hollingsworth

FIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY SINGINGS

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

First Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Ivey Memorial—Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year
Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty (McCormick)—Sumiton, Alabama—Saturday before the first fifth Sunday each year
Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Bethlehem Rd. (between Hwy 37 and Hwy 39—one mile north of Hwy 674—five miles east of Fort Lonesome) Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

Second Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Southwest Texas Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—McMahan, Texas—*Cooper Book*—First fifth Sunday in the spring (March or later)
Mount Pisgah—Sylvester, Georgia—Second fifth Sunday of each year
Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Young People's Singing—Atlanta, Georgia—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th
Lacy Memorial Singing—Ider, Alabama—First fifth Sunday after July 4th
Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

Fourth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Held at different locations—Atlanta, Georgia area—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, after Labor Day
Southwest Texas Convention—Austin, Texas—Fall Session—*Cooper Book*—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, of the fall (August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving
Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

Fifth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

LOCAL SINGINGS

Alabama

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

Birmingham: First Tuesday night—Southside Baptist Church, Heritage Room—19th Street and 11th Avenue South, near Five Points—6:30 p.m.—Info: Elene Stovall / Hubert Nall

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

Ft. Payne: Last Tuesday night of each month—March through October—6:30 p.m.—Senior Center (Council on Aging building)—600 Tyler Avenue, South—From I-59, take exit #218 (Hwy. 35)—Take Hwy. 35 to U.S. Hwy. 11 (Gault Avenue)—Turn east on 8th Street, South (at O'Reilly's Auto Parts). Proceed to Tyler Avenue and turn left. The building is 2 blocks on the left.

Henagar: First Sunday night—October through April—Liberty Church—5:30 p.m.—Info: Rodney Ivey or David Ivey

Huntsville: Monday Night—February 6, April 3, August 7, and November 6—7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt Drive, on Monte Sano Mountain—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn onto Burritt Drive—Info: David Ivey

Ider: Second Sunday night—October through March—Antioch Church—5 miles north of Ider—Left on Hwy. 75—Info: Terry Wootten

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

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

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

Alaska

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

Fairbanks: Sundays—7:00 p.m.—Info: Charley Basham or Robert Sullivan.

Sitka: Second Sunday—3:30-5:30 p.m.—Sitka Pioneers Home Chapel—Info: Kari Lundgren

Arizona

Phoenix: Second Saturday—3:30-5:30 p.m.—Foothills Community Church, 700 S. Hamilton St, Chandler—1991 Edition—Info: Kathy Garrett or LeeAnn Garrett

Tucson: Most first and Third Saturdays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Sonora Cohousing—501 E. Roger Rd.—1991 Edition—Info: Paige Winslett, tucsonfasola@earthlink.net

Arkansas

Big Fork: First Sunday—2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby or Flora Burns

Mena: Second and Fourth Thursdays—6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby

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

California

Claremont: Fourth Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N. Mountain Ave—Info: Church office 909.624.9693, please call to confirm

Davis: Second and fourth Fridays—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Email or call for location—Info: Matthew Lawson, mmlawson@ucdavis.edu

Fresno: Second Sunday—Location varies—Info: Linda Booth, lbooth@comcast.net

Healdsburg: First Sundays—1:00-3:00—Old Felta Schoolhouse, 1034 Felta Rd.—Info: Mary Anne Ciavonne, ciavonne@sonic.net

Los Angeles (East side): First Sunday—3:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Info: Laura Boyd Russell

Los Angeles (West side):—Third Sunday—3:00-5:50 p.m.—Info: Laura Boyd Russell

Los Angeles (Santa Monica): Saturday before fourth Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Learners Workshop style—Info: Laura Boyd Russell

Monterey: Third Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—

Info: Michael Armstrong or Jack and Kathy Herbig

San Diego: First Sundays—3:00—5:00 p.m.—Adobe Chapel, 3950 Conde St, in Old Town San Diego—Info: Jerry Schreiber

San Diego: Second Sundays—4:00—6:00 p.m.—First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street, in Hillcrest, San Diego—Info: Jerry Schreiber

San Diego: Third Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Adobe Chapel, 3950 Conde St, in Old Town San Diego—Info: Jerry Schreiber

San Diego: Fourth Sundays—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Various locations—Info: www.sdfasola.org

San Francisco: Third Sundays except Jan.—1:30—4:30 p.m.—St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 101 Gold Mine Dr.—Info: Carolyn Deacy

San Francisco Bay Area-Peninsula/South Bay: Second and Fourth Sundays—2:00—4:00 p.m.—Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Rd. Palo Alto—Info: Terry Moore

San Francisco Bay Area-University of California/Berkeley: Every Monday—7:30—9:30 p.m.—location near UC Berkeley Campus—Info: Lindy Groening

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

Santa Cruz: Second and fourth Thursday—7:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Edward Rice

Colorado

Arkansas Valley: Third Mondays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—417 Carson Ave, La Junta, CO—singing from the 1991 Edition and Cooper Book—Info: Pete Mathewson

Boulder: Second Friday of every month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Call for location—Mary Lou Van Laanen.

Colorado Springs: Second Sunday—1:30-3:30 p.m.—Pikes Peak Primitive Baptist Church—12th and Pikes Peak—Info: Pete Mathewson

Denver: All Mondays except first—6:40-8:40 p.m.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2015 Glenarm Pl.—(1991 Edition, Norumbega, Cooper, and Christmas Harp in season)—Always confirm—Info: Sharon Kermiet

Fort Collins: First Monday—7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.—St Luke's Episcopal Church—2000 Stover—Info: Hill Grimmett

Connecticut

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

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

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

District of Columbia

Downtown: Third Tuesday—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St. NE—Info: Brenda Dunlap / DC Shape note facebook page

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

Florida

Gainesville: Sunday after third Saturday (except December)—3:30-5:30 p.m.—Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 501 NE Chokolka Boulevard, Micanopy—
Info: Pat Morse or Fay Baird

Jacksonville: Second Monday and Fourth Sunday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Jacksonville Church of the Brethren, 4554 Prunty Avenue—
Info: Heather Palmer or FB jaxsacredharp

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

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

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

Georgia

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

Atlanta: Second and fourth Wednesday—7:00 p.m.—Saint John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church, 543 Cherokee Ave., SE—
Info: Matt Hinton or John Kelso or Jesse P. Karlsberg

Atlanta: Third Sunday—6:00 p.m. Singing School—6:30 p.m. singing—Church of Our Saviour, 1068 North Highland Ave., NE—
Info: Amy Armstrong Wells or Jesse P. Karlsberg

Alpharetta: Friday before the third Sunday—S.O.F.A. Singing—September, October, February, and April—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Take Georgia Hwy. 400—Exit 10—Old Milton Parkway—Alpharetta—

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

Athens: Monthly evening singings, dates and locations vary—
Info: John Hollingsworth

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

Decatur: First Thursday (Except for December)—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Emory Presbyterian Church—1886 North Decatur Road,—
Info: David Brodeur or John Plunkett

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

Info: David/Kathy Lee Clarke/Julie Lee

Savannah: Saturday before second Sunday each month—1:00-4:00 p.m.—Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, 50 Diamond Causeway—Info: Gene Pinion

Valdosta: First Friday night every month—Cooper Book—7:00-9:00 p.m.—VSU Music Annex, 1603 North Patterson—Info: Steven Taylor

Illinois

Chicago area: Second and fourth Sunday of each month—3:00—5:00 p.m.—Info: Susan Geil

Chicago: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Various locations—Info: Cathryn Bearov

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

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

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

Urbana: Third Sunday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—First United Methodist Church—Info: MaryE Yeomans or Terry Hogg

Indiana

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

Goshen: First Sunday in each month (except January and July)—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Vista Community Health Center, 808 N 3rd Street, Goshen—Info: James Nelson Gingerich or Samuel Sommers

Howard County: Second Sunday afternoon of each month—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Bahler residence—4903 N. County Road 200 E., Howard County, near Kokomo—Info: Brad Bahler

Iowa

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

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

Grinnell: Second Saturdays—1:00 p.m.—Info: Martha Pinder

Iowa City: Third Sundays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Scattergood Friends School, 1951 Delta Ave, West Branch, 52358 Meeting House, first building on the left—Info: Seth Wenger swenger@scattergood.org

Kansas

Lawrence: Third Sunday—1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.—usually at Oread Friend Meeting building, 1146 Oregon Street—Info: Brad Levy

Kentucky

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

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

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

Whitesburg: First and third Saturdays of each month—2:00-5:00 p.m.—The Appalshop, 91 Madison Ave., Whitesburg 41858—Info: Ben Fink

Louisiana

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

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

Maine

Belfast: Second Mondays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church—Spring Street entrance, first floor, Fellowship Hall—Court and Spring Streets—

Info: Bobbie Goodell/Sumner Roberts

Damariscotta: Fourth Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Location varies—

Info: Barb Ames or Corrone Bryant

Portland: First Sunday—1:00-4:00 p.m.—Portland New Church, 302 Stevens Avenue—Info: Vicki Adams or Chris Holley

Waterville: Third Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—First Baptist Church, 1 Park Street—Info: Peter Golden

Maryland

Baltimore: Second Sunday—4:00-8:00 p.m.—Christ United Methodist Church of the Deaf—1040 South Beechfield Ave.—Info: Elizabeth Cusick

Baltimore: Every Thursday—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Peace Chapel of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Parkway—Info: Carly Goss

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

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

Massachusetts

Amherst: First Sundays—2:00—4:30 p.m.—The Octagon on the Amherst College Campus—Multiple Books—Info: Linda Shea

Boston: Second Monday—7:45 p.m.—10:00 p.m.—Andover-Newton Theological School (in Newton)—Info: Bob Parr or Bill Holt

Boston: Second Sunday—4:00-7:00 p.m.—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15 St. Paul Street, Brookline—Info: Christina Wallin or www.bostonsacredharp.org

Boston (Beacon Hill): Third Thursdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Beacon Hill Friend Meeting, 8 Chestnut St—1991 Edition and Shenandoah Harmony—Info: Michael Brown

Boston (Cambridge): Wednesdays after first and third Sunday—6:00-8:00 p.m.—Harvard Divinity Hall, 14 Divinity Ave—Please check in advance—

Info: Patrick Burrows or Micah John Walter or www.bostonsacredharp.org

Greenfield: Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Time and location varies—

Info: Wendy Sibbison or Eliza Cavanaugh

Lenox: Third Sunday—Singing School 1:00-2:00 p.m.—Regular Singing 2:00-4:00 p.m.—55 Main St—Info: Allison Teel

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

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

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

Michigan

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

Detroit: First Wednesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave—Info: Jamie Yeats

East Lansing: First & third Mondays—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Edgewood United Church, 469 North Hagadorn Rd—Info: Bob Borcharding

Grand Rapids: First Saturdays—9:30-11:15 a.m.—Christ Church, 2500 Breton Rd, SE—Info: Susan Guerra

Kalamazoo: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Pot luck dinner following—529 Pinehurst Blvd.—Info: Bill and Martha Beverly

Lake Orion: Fourth Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—St. Mary's In-The-Hills Episcopal Church, 2512 Joslyn Ct—Info: Jamie Yeats

Minnesota

Duluth: First Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Duluth Friends Meeting House, 1802 East First St—Info: Larry Spears

Minneapolis (Dinkytown): Tuesday nights—5:30-7:30 p.m.—Cooper Book—University Baptist Church—1219 University Ave. SE—near the campus of the University of Minnesota—Info: Matt Wells

Minneapolis (Dinkytown): Fourth Sundays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—University Baptist Church—1219 University Ave. SE—near the campus of the University of Minnesota—Info: Matt Wells

Minneapolis (Saint Paul): Second Sundays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—Saint Sahag's Armenian Church, 203 N. Howell Street—Info: Matt Wells mnfasola.org

Mississippi

Bruce: Third Sundays—November through March—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Info: Warren Steel—Mark Davis

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

Missouri

Columbia: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.—Trinity Presbyterian Church—Rollins Rd.—Info: Wendy Hofmann or Penny/Lou Kujawinski

Hannibal: Second Saturday (except March, May, and September)—2:30-5:00 p.m.—Old Paths Bible Church, outside of Bowling Green—Info: Tommy Schultz

Kansas City: See listing under Lawrence, Kansas

Saint Louis: First, third, and fifth Mondays—7:00—9:30 p.m.—Sacred Harp, 1991 edition and Missouri Harmony, 2005—Info: Paul Figura / Dave Ressler

Montana

Billings: Third Sundays—3:30-5:00 p.m.—St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 180 S. 24th Street West (enter through south door)—Info: Gayla Bradberry

Missoula: Occasional singings—Info: Beverly Young

Nebraska

Lincoln: Third Sundays of each month—2:00 p.m.—CGS Music Store, 1244 High Street, lower level—Info: Aura Lee Furgason

Omaha: Second Sunday of the month—1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—St. Vincent's Orthodox Church—2502 North 51st Street—Info: Cindy Miserez

New Hampshire

Berlin: Third Saturdays—6:00-9:00 p.m.—WREN Makers' Space, 117 Main Street—Please call or email ahead as the location occasionally changes—

Info: Carly Goss

Hanover: Second Thursdays—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Hanover Friends Meetinghouse—Info: Dan Hertzler

Nelson: Second Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Nelson Congregational Church (on the green)—Info: Eric and Sara Sandberg

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

New Jersey

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

Lawrenceville—Info: Leon Pulsinelle

Upper Montclair: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Info: Gina Balestracci

New Mexico

Albuquerque: Second and fourth Sundays—2:00—5:00 p.m.—Immanuel Presbyterian Church-114 Carlisle SE—Info: Nancy Nortz

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

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

New York

Albany (Clifton Park): Saturday after Labor Day in September, First Saturdays from November through June, (no October singing)—6:30-9:00 p.m.—Jonesville United Methodist Church, 963 Main Street, Clifton Park, New York—

Info: Jean Seiler/Mary Skidmore

Altamont: June: Old Songs Festival—Altamont Fairgrounds—Altamont, New York—Morning singing, workshops—Always held the last full weekend in June, the last Sunday and the Friday and Saturday before.

Annandale-on-Hudson: Every Sunday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Bard College Music Building—Info: Ben Bath

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

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

Chestnut Ridge: Tuesdays—7:30-8:30 p.m.—Hilltop—Info: Joel Franklin

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

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

Ithaca: Third Sunday—2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—First Baptist Church—309 N. Cayuga St.—Info: Ginny Huszagh

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

New York City (Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn): Second Sundays—2:00—5:00 p.m.—St. Paul's Episcopal Church—199 Carroll Street (near the corner of Clinton Street; singing is upstairs in parish house)—Info: Nancy Mandel

New York City (Upper East Side, Manhattan): Third Sundays—1:30-4:30 p.m.—(September-May)—Church of The Epiphany, 1393 York Ave (corner of E. 74th St; entrance on 74th St; chapel is to the right of the main sanctuary)—Info: Aldo Ceresa

New York City (Greenwich Village, Manhattan): Wednesdays weekly—7:00-9:30 p.m.—St. John's Lutheran Church, 81 Christopher St (between Bleecker & W. 4th Streets, near 7th Ave. S)—Info: Aldo Ceresa

New York City (East Village, Manhattan): First Sundays—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Jimmy's No. 43, 43 E 7th St (between 2nd & 3rd Aves)—Info: Aldo Ceresa

New York City (Gramercy, Manhattan): Saturdays before Fourth Sundays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Christian Harmony and gospel—Menno House, 314 E 19th St (between 1st & 2nd Aves)—Info—Mary Ellen Schrock

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

Rochester: Second Sunday—2:00—5:00 p.m.—Mennonite Fellowship Church—111 Hillside Ave.—Rochester, New York (14610 between Winton Road and Norris Drive, next to School #1)—Info: Chris Haller or Thom Metzger or Sue Hengelsberg

Syracuse: Second Sunday—2:00—4:00 p.m.—May Memorial UU Society, 3800 East Genesee St—Info: <http://sacredharp.wix.com/syracuse>

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

North Carolina

Asheville: Second Monday—7:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church, 20 Oak St.—Info: avlshapenote@gmail.com

Durham: Second Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—First Presbyterian Church, 305 E. Main St.—Info: ncshapenote.org

Durham: Thursday evenings—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Kathy Kaiser

Raleigh: Fourth Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Friends Meeting House, 625 Tower Street—Info: ncshapenote.org

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

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

Winston-Salem: First Sunday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 2690 Fairlawn Drive—Info: Tom Dillon

Ohio

Cincinnati: Second Sundays—4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.—Community Friends Meeting, 3960 Winding Way—Info: <http://cincysacredharp.ej345.com>

Columbus: First and Third Sundays—4:00-6:00 p.m.—St. James Episcopal Church, 3400 Calumet St—Info: Michael Darby / Laura Russell / columbussacredharp.org

Dayton: Fourth Sundays (September—May)—3:00—6:00 p.m.—Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 155 East Thruston Blvd (Oakwood)—Info: daytonsacredharp.org

Oklahoma

Edmond: Fourth Thursdays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—2624 Sunflower Dr—Info: Nancy Price or OKCSacredHarpSingers@gmail.com

Oregon

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

La Grande: Second Sundays—6:00 p.m.—The Olde Meeting House

(Quakers/Friends)—Info: Carla Arnold

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

Portland: Every First Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Waverly Heights UCC, Fellowship Hall, 3300 SE Woodward—Cooper Book

Portland: Every Second Sunday—5:00-7:00 p.m.—People's Co-Op—3029 SE 21st Ave, Community Room

Portland: Every Third Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Cedar Hills UCC, 1169 SW Park Way—*Cooper Book*.

Portland: Every Fourth Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—McMenamins Kennedy School, Community Room (SE Corner of the building), 5736 NE 33rd—Call for details—Info: Anna Stoerch

Portland: Every Fifth Sunday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Peninsula Baptist Church, 2653 N. Lombard

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

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

Salem: Every Monday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—

Info: Melissa Stephenson or www.salemsacredharp.org

Pennsylvania

Douglasville (near Reading): Third and fourth Sundays—6:30 p.m.—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse, 191 Meetinghouse Road—Berks Sacred Harp Singers—Info: Ted Stokes

Edinboro: Fourth Sunday of each month—2:00-5:00 p.m.—5170 Crane Road (just north of town, off 99), Edinboro—Info: Gerry Hoffman

Philadelphia (Havertown): Second Fridays—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—St. James Church—Havertown—Info: Marian McKenzie and Walter Smith

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

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

Pittsburgh: Second Saturday—1:30—4:30 p.m.—St. Andrew Lutheran Church—Info: Penny Anderson

State College: Second and fourth Mondays of each month—7:00-8:30 p.m.—University Mennonite Church, 1606 Norma St.—Info: Hal Kunkel

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

Wilkes-Barre (Dallas): Meets irregularly—Info: David Martin

Rhode Island

Providence: Fourth Sundays—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Providence Friends Meeting House, 99 Morris Ave (corner of Olney St)—Info: ri-sacredharp.net/singings.html

Providence: Weekly—Thursdays during the school year (Sep-early Dec and late Jan-April)—Brown University Campus—5:00-7:00 p.m.—Info: ri-sacredharp.net/singings.html

South Carolina

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

Greenville: Friday night before the third Sunday each month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—First Christian Church—704 Edwards Rd. 29615—Info: Leon and Frances Carnell

Tennessee

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

Cleveland/Chattanooga: Second Saturday, except June and July—2:30-4:30 p.m.—Location TBA—Info: Daryl Chesney

Johnson City: Third Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—St. John's Episcopal Church, 500 North Roan Street—Christian Harmony 2010—Info: Don Wiley

Knoxville: (New Harp of Columbia)—Info: Sara Baskin

Nashville: First Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Room 124, Belmont United Methodist Church—2007 Acklen Ave, Nashville, Tennessee—Info: Sandie Scott

Texas

Austin (Travis Co.): Every Wednesday evening—Fellowship Hall—Hyde Park Christian Church—610 E. 45th St.—7:00—9:00 p.m.—Info: Gaylon Powell

Buda: Third Friday evening—Southern Hills Church of Christ, 3740 FM 967, 4 miles west of Buda, Texas—7:00—9:00 p.m.—

Info: Lindsey Wiggins or Gaylon Powell

Dallas: Third Saturday—2:00-4:30 p.m.—(1991 Edition/Cooper Revision)—Highland Park Presbyterian Church, 3821 University Blvd—

Info: Sonny Erwin or Cheryl Foreman

East Texas: First Monday—6:00—8:00 p.m.—Cooper and Denson—Rotates among three churches—Westminster at Nacogdoches, Smyrna near Mt. Enterprise, and Zion Hill near Henderson—Info: David Rousseau or Robert Vaughn

Fort Worth: Second Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—King of Glory Lutheran Church, 1659 Sandy Lane—(1991 Edition)—Info: Chloe Webb

Houston: First Sunday afternoon—2:00-4:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book*—Spring Woods Baptist Church, 10131 Emnora Lane (Emnora just east of Gessner in Activity Bldg)—Info: Barbara Smith

Kennard: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:00-8:00 p.m.—(covered dish at 6:00 p.m.)—Kennard Auto, corner of Main and Broadway—(Cooper Revision)—

Info: Jerry/Margaret Wright

San Antonio: First Saturdays (except December)—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Coker United Methodist Church, Gibbs Bldg, 1st floor, 231 E. North Loop Road or entry off Wurzbach Parkway—Info: Mike Hinton or Janie Short

Utah

Provo: Second Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. Mary's Episcopal Church—50 West 200 North—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Salt Lake City: First Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—All Saints Episcopal Church, 1710 Foothill Dr.—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Salt Lake City: (*Cooper Book*)—Fourth Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Home of Lynn and Pam Carson, 1480 Edison (1480 South 145 East)—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Vermont

Brattleboro: First and Third Sundays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—KidsPlayce, 20 Elliot St—Info: Cuvv Lever

Burlington: Every Tuesday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Ira Allen Chapel, 26 University Place—Info: Kerry Cullinan

Derby Line: Fourth Sundays—Universalist Unitarian Church Hall—3:00 p.m. with a pot-luck, the church is about 500 feet from the International Border Line between Canada and the US—call/write to confirm—Info: Troad (Julia Richmond)

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

Middlebury: Second Sundays—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Middlebury College Mahaney Center for the Arts, Room 221—Info: Deb Moody

Norwich: Fourth Sunday—1:30-4:30 p.m.—St. Barnabas Church parish hall—Info: Dan Hertzler (See also Hanover, New Hampshire)

Plainfield: Second Sundays—September through June—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Plainfield Community Center, 153 Main St.—Info: Pat Mayhew or Ann Flight

Virginia

Alexandria: See District of Columbia

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

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

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

Northern Shenandoah Valley: First Saturday—4:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6 p.m.—Close to Winchester and Berryville—Info: John delRe and Kelly Macklin

Richmond Sacred Harp Singers/Ashland: First and Third Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Info: Leyland delRe

Washington

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

Seattle: Second and Fourth Sundays—6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Info: Clarissa Fetrow or Bob Schinske

Seattle: Third Fridays—Supper at 6:00 p.m.—Singing 7:00-9:00 p.m.—Info: Kathy Vlach

Tacoma: First Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Info: Karen Willard

Tri-Cities: Second and fourth Thursdays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—

Info: Tricities@pacificnwsacredharpsingers.org

Vashon Island: Meets most months on Saturday before the third Sunday—

Info: VashonIslandContact@pacificnwsacredharpsingers.org

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

Wisconsin

Madison: First and third Sundays—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Location to be announced—Info: Jim Page or Julie Vea

Australia

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

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

Info: Natalie Sims/Shawn Whelan, sacred_harp@yahoo.com.au

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

Canada

Grafton, Ontario: Second Sunday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Grafton Community Centre,
135 Old Danforth Rd. (off Hwy. 2)—Info: Elizabeth Barlow

Guelph, Ontario: Third Friday each month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Priory Park Baptist
Church, 8 Torch Lane, Location may change, call to confirm—Info: Sue Woodward

Orangeville, Ontario: Alternate Saturdays, 2:00-4:00 p.m. 50 Second St,
Orangeville—call or email—Info: Steve or Nicoletta Rogers

Ottawa, Ontario: Third Tuesdays, September-May—8:00 p.m.—23 Warren Ave—
Info: Catherine Burns or ottawashapenote in Google Groups

Toronto, Ontario: Third Wednesdays—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Bloor Street United
Church, 300 Bloor St. W. (at Huron)—Info: Pleasance Crawford /

www.torontoshapenote.org

Cowichan Valley, Vancouver Island, BC: First Saturday—10:00 a.m.-noon—
location varies—Info: shapenotecowichan@gmail.com

Vancouver, BC: Every Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Grandview Calvary Baptist
Church—Info: <https://vancouvershapedharp.wordpress.com/>

Montreal, Quebec: Tuesdays—7:30-9:30 p.m.—National Theatre School, 5030 rue
Saint-Denis, Room 247—Info: Dara Weiss or Facebook

Germany

Berlin: Every Thursday—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Sharehaus Refugio-Lenastr. 4,
12047—Info: Caro Stamm-Reusch or www.sacredharpberlin.de

Ireland

Cork: Every Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Unitarian Church, Princes Street, Cork—
Info: corksacredharp.com

Dublin: Every Friday—7:30-9:00 p.m.—back of Franciscan Friary on Cook Street,
Dublin 8—the entrance is through a grey door in a pink wall, on the right of the
street from the city centre—Info: sacredharpdublin@gmail.com

Japan

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

Korea

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

Norway

Oslo: First Sunday—2:00 p.m.—American Lutheran Church—Info: Jessica Slighter

Oslo: Thursday before third Sunday—7:00 p.m.—Uranienborgveien 2 (location
varies)—Info: Jessica Slighter

Poland

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

Sweden

Uppsala: Sundays, odd weeks—7:00 p.m.—Eriksbergskyrkan—Info: Zack Lindahl

United Kingdom

Belfast: Every Sunday—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Corrymeela House, 8 Upper Crescent—
Info: www.belfastsacredharp.com

Birmingham: Fourth Thursday monthly—Info: Ian West

Brighton: Last Wednesday monthly—Info: www.brightonshapenote.weebly.com

Bristol: Tuesday weekly—Info: Matthew Parkinson

Derby: First Friday monthly—Info: Helen Brown

Edinburgh: Third Friday monthly—7:00-9:30 p.m.—

Info: shapenotescotland.weebly.com/

Gateshead: Second Sunday—Info: Helen Barbour

Glasgow: First Friday monthly—7:00-9:30 p.m.

Info: shapenotescotland.weebly.com/

Herts: First Friday monthly—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Info: Steve/Mary Welch

Leeds: Third Monday—Info: Susan Carr

Lewes: Second Monday—Info: Rachel Jordan/Nick Hall

London: Weekly singings—Info: londonsacredharp.org or Michael Walker

Manchester: Last Monday—7:00 p.m.—Sacred Trinity Church, Chapel Street,
Salford—Info: Hannah Land

Newcastle upon Tyne: Every Tuesday—7:30 p.m.—Bridge Hotel, Castle Square—

Info: Phil Tyler

Norwich: Every Monday—7:00 p.m.—Octagon Unitarian Chapel, Colegate—

Info: Cath Saunt

Scarborough: First Tuesday—Info: Sally Greaves-Lord

Sheffield: First Monday—Info: Carmel Wood

DIRECTIONS TO CHURCHES WITH MULTIPLE SINGINGS

Alabama

Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—0.7 mile south of County Road 14—From Hwy. 78 in Winfield—Take Hwy. 129 North—County Road 14 turns west off Hwy. 129, then left at Church sign—Church is 0.7 mile on right

County Line Church—(Jefferson County), Alabama—Near Corner, off Miller Road—9 miles west of Warrior—Exit 284 off I-65 (Hayden/Corner Exit)—Turn left off the ramp—Turn right (Blount County Road 8)—Go approx. 7 miles—Turn left on Miller Road—Church is on right

Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—(Morgan County), Alabama—2086 Gum Pond Road, Eva, Alabama, 35621—Located on the eastern side of Gum Pond Road in Morgan County, Alabama—From Alabama Hwy. 67, turn on Gum Pond Road at mile marker 16 between Ryan and Florette—Go about 4 miles to the church—From Alabama Hwy. 69 at Fairview, turn north on County Road 1527 (Wesley Ave., north)—Go about 3.5 miles, turn right on County Road 1544—About 3.5 miles to church

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—(Blount County), Alabama—3596 Airport Road, Altoona—6 miles east of Oneonta—1 mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I59—Take Hwy. 231 north—Go beyond mile marker 248—Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church—Go to dead end—Turn right—Church is on left

King School House—Mt. Vernon Baptist Church (Winston County), Alabama—Near Natural Bridge—3 miles east of Natural Bridge—turn on County Road 357 between mile markers 30 and 31, off U.S. Hwy. 278

Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—2 miles north of Henagar on Liberty Road—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative—Turn right and go to dead end—Turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Road)—Church is on right after 1.3 miles

Liberty Church—McCormick (Jefferson County), Alabama—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton—Turn off Hwy 78 onto Hollis Goodwin Road—Go .7 mile (past New Horizon Funeral Home and cemetery) to McCormick Road—turn left—Church is on left

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

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—(Clay County), Alabama—6 miles southwest of Ashland—In Ashland, turn south on AL Hwy. 9, turn right, west, on County Road 5 North. The church is a little over a mile on the left

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

Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—6 miles northeast of Jasper—On Hwy. 69—Follow Hwy. 69 into Boldo—The church is on the right, next to the fire station

Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—(Fayette County), Alabama—From Birmingham, take I-59/20 to US Hwy 78(Arkadelphia Road) go west approx. 52 miles to Carbon Hill—turn south at sign for Fish Hatchery (4th St. SW)—turn right on Co. Rd. 63—go 4.7 miles to Pleasant Grove Church—turn right on Co. Rd. 44 for 1.6 miles to Pleasant Hill Loop Rd. Church is on right

Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—(Tallapoosa County), Alabama—4413 County Road 79, Daviston, Alabama—3 miles southwest of Daviston—Hwy. 22 to Daviston—Take County Rd. 79 south to crossroads—Church on right—From Alexander City—Hwy. 22 east to Germany Ferrys Rd.—Take right—Church on left

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

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

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—(Winston County), Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195

Zion Primitive Baptist Church—(Pickens County), Alabama—8 miles north of Gordo—turn onto County Road 49—Church is .25 miles west of Hwy. 159

Florida

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—I-75 south to Hwy 674, then east on 674 to Fort Lonesome (from I-4 go south on Hwy 39) where 674 and 39 cross, east on Hwy 674 five miles to Bethlehem Road, then north one mile to church

Georgia

Cross Roads Church, north of Tallapoosa, Haralson County, Georgia—Take Hwy 100 North from Tallapoosa for 8.6 miles to Cross Roads Church Road (just beyond mile marker 15)—Turn left—go 2.6 miles—Church is on right at intersection of Cross Roads Church Road and Steadman Road

Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—From I-285, Exit 44, west (toward Atlanta) on Glenwood Rd. 1.4 miles—Church is on left—From I-20, Exit 61, east on Glenwood Rd. 4.2 miles—church is on right—Church is between Columbia Dr. and Candler Rd

Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, (Carroll County), Georgia—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end, turn left

Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—On Highway 36—Approximately 5 miles west of I-75—Take either High Falls exit or Barnesville / Jackson exit 201 and go west toward Barnesville—Church is on the left

How other singing books appear in the Minutes

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

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

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



SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2016 MINUTES

BARRETT'S SINGING

Patton Home, Henagar, Alabama

Saturday, December 26, 2015

The 9th annual Sacred Harp singing was held the day after Christmas. The class was called to order by Barrett Patton leading 378t. He welcomed everyone, and offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Barrett Patton 560; Rodney Ivey 31t; Judy Caudle 176t; Justin Bowen 172; Nicholas Thompson 391; Cheyenne Ivey 385b; Nathan Stewart 220; Susan Cheronos 300; Eloise Wootten 318; Tony Ivey 192; Eddie Mash 492; Loyd Ivey 406, 306; Isaac Green 282; Karen Ivey 129; Elene Stovall 298; David Ivey 272; Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 460; Richard Ivey 330t; Sandy Ivey 201; Kelsey Ivey 278t; Scott Ivey 224; Sylvia Ivey and Jamey Wootten 145b; Rilla Greeson 106; the class sang 384 (for Coy Ivey), 465 (CB); Barrett Patton 365, 186, 490 (in memory of Bob Greeson); Terry Wootten 39t; Jenny Mann 147t (for Levon Wootten); Britt Mann 99; Cheyenne Ivey 222; David Ivey 402 (for Ed and Margaret Thacker and Nate and Norma Green).

Barrett Patton led 62 as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Barrett Patton; Secretary—Judy Caudle

AMERICAN CHRISTMAS HARP SINGING

The Evergreen State College Organic Farmhouse

Olympia, Washington

Saturday, December 27, 2015

Song selections are from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and An American Christmas Harp.

The American Christmas Harp All-Day Singing was called to order by Marla Elliott and Solomon Ossa leading 46. The opening prayer was offered by Kramer Klein.

A business meeting was held and service positions were elected and appointed as follows: Chairman—Marla Elliott; Arranging Committee—Solomon Ossa and Kate Fortin; Chaplain—Kramer Klein; Secretary—Kate Fortin.

Leaders: Linda Berkemeier 9 (ACH); Rogan Campbell 90 (ACH); Dan Thoma 92 (ACH); Thom Fahrback 82 (ACH); Miranda Elliott-Rader 38t; Kate Fortin 63 (ACH); Cornelia Stanton 113 (ACH); Laura McMurray 100 (ACH); Kevin Barrans 122 (ACH); Bruce Rowland 10 (ACH); Steve Tarr 114 (ACH); Kathy Vlach 60 (ACH); Clarissa Fetrow 2 (ACH); Karen Willard 40 (ACH); Kramer Klein 11 (ACH); Steve Cackley 118 (ACH); Kate Fine 105 (ACH); Adam Berey 38 (ACH); Darlene Simpson Brown 50 (ACH).

RECESS

Anne Huckins called the class back together by leading 30t. Leaders: Thom Fahrback 24 (ACH); Jenna Bond Tompkins 278t; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 78 (ACH); David Wright 322; Emma Swartz 96 (ACH); Peter Schinske 3 (ACH); Marla Elliott 48 (ACH); Kate Coxon 129 (ACH); Solomon Ossa 46 (ACH); Anne Huckins 74 (ACH); Bruce Rowland 384; Kathy Vlach 126 (ACH); Kramer Klein 81 (ACH); Miranda Elliott-Rader 104 (ACH).

RECESS

The class was called back together by Adam Berey leading 52t. Leaders: Cornelia Stanton 83 (ACH); Kevin Barrans 293; Sophia Schinske 99 (ACH); Dan Thoma 62 (ACH); Kate Fine 112; Rogan Campbell 338; Clarissa Fetrow 461; Thom Fahrbach 107 (ACH); Jean Squires 86; Darlene Simpson Brown 283; Steve Tarr 88 (ACH); Laura McMurray 31 (ACH); Solomon Ossa 394; Linda Berkemeier 98 (ACH); Steve Cackley 130 (ACH). Kramer Klein offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Laura McMurray called the class back together by leading 123t. Leaders: Mulin 183; Jennifer Jones and Emma Swartz 212; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 19 (ACH); David Wright 436; Peter Schinske 36 (ACH); Kate Fortin 426b; Kate Coxon 434; Bob Schinske 542; Karen Willard 89 (ACH); Steve Tarr 30 (ACH); Dan Thoma 72 (ACH); Jean Squires 32 (ACH); Thom Fahrbach 84 (ACH); Miranda Elliott-Rader 1 (ACH); Kevin Barrans 328; Adam Berey 127; Kramer Klein 5 (ACH); Clarissa Fetrow 464; Bruce Rowland 324.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Marla Elliott leading 162. Leaders: Steve Cackley 543; Kyler LaViollette 282; Anne Huckins 472; David Wright 177; Kate Fine 550; Kathy Vlach 85 (ACH); Dan Thoma 479; Jean Squires 178; Adam Berey 99; Darlene Simpson Brown 39b; Steve Tarr 28 (ACH); Clarissa Fetrow 396; Miranda Elliott-Rader 198; Kevin Barrans 110 (ACH); Karen Willard 58 (ACH); Thom Fahrbach 18 (ACH); Bob Schinske 101t; Kate Coxon 323t; Bruce Rowland 380; Peter Schinske 122.

Announcements were made. The Secretary and Arranging Committee reported forty-four attendees and thirty-three leaders from four states and three countries. Marla Elliott led 267, and those who wished took the parting hand. Kramer Klein offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Marla Elliott; Secretary—Kate Fortin

WOOTTEN FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Antioch Church, Ider, Alabama

December 31, 2015-January 1, 2016

The annual Wootten Family New Year's Eve Sacred Harp singing was held at Antioch Church, Ider, Alabama. The class was called to order by Jared Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten leading 82t and 40. Chris Boggs offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jared Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten 32t; Terry Wootten 472 (for Ed and Margaret Thacker); Aaron Little 378t; Nicholas Thompson 216 (for Betty Shepherd); David Saylor 203; Claudene Townson and Gary Glover 128; David Hufstetler 503; Amber Saylor and Spencer Saylor 312b, 59; Cole Wootten and Colby Brown 30b, 445; Boyd Scott 358; B.M. Smith 512; Kennedy Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten 460; Sarah Trumbore 157; Jenny Mann 147t (for Levon Wootten).

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Jeffrey Wootten and Jamey Wootten leading 345b. Leaders: Chris Boggs and family "Other Shore"; Aaron Wootten 101t; Stephen Miller 288; Stephen Huffman 73t; Sierra Saylor 504; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilobosian 39b; David Bahler 37b; Nathan Stewart 483; Samuel Williams 163t; Elizabeth Gentry 474; Marlon Wootten and Shane Wootten 99; Robert Vaughn 162; Chris Coughlin 381; Rob Bahler 536; Susan Cheronos 564. Dewayne Wootten asked the blessing on the meal.

Supper

Jared Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten led 278b to bring the class together. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 123b (for S.T. Reed); Brad Bahler and Karen Bahler 75; Loyd Ivey 204; Judy Caudle 411; John Huffman and Marilyn Huffman 66; Tom George 418; Vickie

See and Billy See 163b; James Eldridge 336; Lauren Bock 422; Gideon Lloyd and Ezra Lloyd 49b, 49t; Syble Adams 367 (CB); Cheyenne Ivey 172; Darrell Swarens 36b; Katherine Eldridge 329; Daniel Williams 74t; Wyatt Denney 89; Louis Hughes 309; Isaac Lloyd 125; Mary Huffnan 86; Adrian Eldridge 432; David Carlton 440; Roberta Strauss 209; Philip Denney 448t; Jerry Creason and Ann Sibole 47t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 74b; Marty Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 321; Virginia Eldridge 83t.

RECESS

Terry Wootten led 108t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Havilah Lloyd, Elyssa Lloyd, Jael Lloyd, and Rodney Ivey 317; Mel Kersey 354t; Reba Windom and Marty Wootten 546; Reba Windom 542; Linda Thomas, Brenda Carroll, and Eloise Wootten 384; Terry Wootten, Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Dewayne Wootten “Pass Me Not”; Terry Wootten 410 (CB), 572 (CB).

Gary Huffnan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Jared Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle

NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING

Holy Trinity Church, Mapperley, Derbyshire, United Kingdom

Friday, January 1, 2016

The class was called to order by Helen Brown leading 30t (CB). Ted Brown offered the opening prayer.

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

Leaders: Helen Brown 492; Michael Walker 411 (CB); Ted Brown 34b; Joe Vickers 35 (CB); Chris Brown 287; Sarah West 426t; Karen Turner 72b; Ian West 140 (CB); Gillian White 49t; Barry Parsons 138t (CB); Werner Ullah 37b; Steve Brett 380b (CB); Susannah Gill 82t; Richard Mayers 505 (CB); Hannah Land 98 (CB); Ed Johnson-Williams 392 (CB); Julie Russell 178; Kate Kirwan 66; Joe Jones 73b; Cath Ingham 87; Erin Johnson-Williams 75; Francis Gaskin 213t; Scott Lewin 38t (CB); Mark Wardlaw 78 (CB); Judy Whiting 441; Michael Walker 380t (CB); Chris Brown 564. Grace for the mid-day meal was offered by Joe Vickers.

LUNCH

Hannah Land called the class back together leading 133 (CB). Leaders: Joe Jones 137 (CB); Cath Ingham 40; Sarah West 518 (CB); Ed Johnson-Williams 196; Vicki Elliott 183; Mark Wardlaw 574 (CB); Helen Brown 430 (CB); Kate Kirwan 447; Francis Gaskin 483 (CB); Ian West 217; Calum Woods 515 (CB); Erin Johnson-Williams 527 (CB); Barry Parsons 532 (CB); Susannah Gill 200; Steve Brett 486 (CB); Joe Vickers 107 (CB).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Gillian White. The following sick and housebound were named: Zam Walker, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Delorese Lee, Lin James, Gordon Hoyland, Tom Robinson, John Hollingsworth, Dot Green, Sister Pippa, and Rosalind Oldham.

The following deceased were remembered and honored: Lucy Daubney, Mike Smith, Mary Newell, Kate Davis, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Ian Whiting, Michael Spittal, Eileen Wilson, Gary Coates, Wendy Ross, Andy Lee, Ernest Brook, and Rina Rogers. Michael Walker led 306 for all the above named. Gillian White closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Judy Whiting 68b; Ted Brown 119.

RECESS

Richard Mayers led 587 (CB) to bring the class together. Leaders: Werner Ullah 531; Vicki Elliott 48t; Scott Lewin 572 (CB); Karen Turner 426b; Michael Walker 522

(CB); Julie Russell 347; Calum Woods 495 (CB); Joe Vickers 52b; Kate Kirwan 396; Joe Jones 141; Steve Brett 373 (CB); Susannah Gill 451 (CB); Barry Parsons 347 (CB); Erin Johnson-Williams 284; Francis Gaskin 64; Sarah West 108t; Ed Johnson-Williams 111b; Mark Wardlaw 462; Vicki Elliott 176b; Ted Brown 74b; Richard Mayers 77t.

Helen Brown led 31t as the closing song. Simon White dismissed the class with prayer and blessing.

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

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING
Harriet Beecher Stowe House, Cincinnati, Ohio
Friday, January 1, 2016

The 25th annual Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing was held at the historic home of Harriet Beecher Stowe in Cincinnati, Ohio, beginning with Rich Overturf leading 155. Linda Coppock offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Bealle 142; Jim Coppock 183; Debbie Hall 273; Michael Domino 235; Ed Walton 147t; Eloise Clark 480; Linda Coppock 299; Karen Arnett 448t; Michael Heiber 276; Ray Rechenberg 277; Beth Huener 547; Bob French 223; Randy Webber 481; John Hoerr 48b; Kay Huener 40; Angela Pancella 117; John Bealle 200; Rich Overturf 312b; Jim Coppock 186.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Karen Arnett leading 47t. Leaders: Eloise Clark 171; Michael Heiber 37b; Jeff Clinard 47b; John Hoerr 112; Linda Coppock 542; Cecilia Kramer 191, 534; Anne Missavage 474, 530; Bob Borcharding 34t, 137; Ray Rechenberg 203; Mary Brinkman 38b, 313b; Beth Huener 318; Randy Webber 272; Paulette Meier and John Bealle 378t; Joy Dunn 148; Paula Jackson and John Bealle 146; Kay Huener 497; Debbie Hall 192; Steve Angell 268. Beth Huener asked the blessing on the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Ray Rechenberg brought the class together by leading 155. Leaders: John Bealle 143; Dennis Delaney 30t; Bob French 496; Mary Brinkman 38t; Steve Angell 49b; Bob Borcharding 485; John Hoerr 269; Anne Missavage 454; Beth Huener 66; Cecilia Kramer 397; Michael Domino 208; Joy Dunn 163b; Kay Huener 350; Jim Coppock 436; Jeff Clinard 159; Karen Arnett 532; Linda Coppock 212.

RECESS

Rich Overturf called the class to order leading 452. Leaders: Eloise Clark 344; Debbie Hall 107; Bob Borcharding 271t; John Hoerr 163t; Cecilia Kramer 77t; Ray Rechenberg 105; Anne Missavage 280; Michael Domino 232; Anne Missavage 236; Carly Monnin 209; Linda Coppock 114; Bob Borcharding 29t; Karen Arnett 504; Steve Angell 334; Michael Heiber 324; Rich Overturf 56b; Cecilia Kramer 162.

Following announcements, Rich Overturf led 347 as the closing song. Linda Coppock announced that the Harriet Beecher Stowe House is starting major renovations and may not be available. An alternate location is being sought for next year's singing, just in case. Ray Rechenberg offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Rich Overturf; Secretary—Jim Coppock

NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING (GEORGIAN HARMONY)
The Hollingsworth Home, Ila, Georgia
Friday, January 1, 2016

All lessons are from The Georgian Harmony by Raymond Hamrick. Bill

Hollingsworth called the class together leading 9. Eddie Mash prayed God's blessings on the day.

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 4; Tom Ivey 80, 6; Robert Kelley 193, 185; David Brodeur 108, 105; Mary Baumeister 58, 180; Eddie Mash 92, 22; Christy Sinksen 43, 100; Helen Bryson 136, 50; Jane Cannon 19, 128.

RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth led 204 to bring the class back to order, and then distributed some unpublished songs written by Raymond Hamrick. The class sang these, adding comments and notations. Raymond's daughter may release the songs at a future time.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 242, 13; Mary Brownlee 95, 94. Eddie Mash returned thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 152; Eli Snyder 15, 87; Shannon Primm 54, 2; Debora Grosse and Anne Grosse 29, 109; Sharon Strong 168, 249; Chris Wilhelm 141, 40; Jerusha Wheeler 172, 155; Jonathan Wood 255, 252; Michael Spencer 14, 208; Andy Ditzler 251, 16; Oscar McGuire and Jane Cannon 26; Oscar McGuire 49.

RECESS

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 184; Jane Cannon 198; Tom Ivey 104; Jerusha Wheeler 202; Michael Spencer 233. Following announcements, Bill Hollingsworth led 25 as the final lesson. Eddie Mash offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—John Hollingsworth;

Secretaries—Jane Cannon and Chris Wilhelm

DOMINIC CIAVONNE ZIEGLER MEMORIAL SINGING

Felta Schoolhouse, Healdsburg, California

Friday, January 1, 2016

The 4th annual Dominic Ciavonne Ziegler Memorial All-Day Singing was held at the Felta Schoolhouse, Healdsburg, California, on New Year's Day. The class was called to order by Mary Ann Ciavonne leading 39t. David Fetcho offered the opening prayer.

The following served as officers and on committees: Co-Chairpersons—Mary Ann Ciavonne and Jack Ziegler; Vice Chairperson—Vicki Chung; Secretary—Betty Marvin; Treasurer—Brian Harris; Arranging Committee—Erika Wilson and Jennie Brown; Welcome and Registration Officer—Leah Coffin; Chaplains—Linda Selph and David Fetcho.

Leaders: Vicki Chung 569b; Erika Wilson 171; Susan Fetcho 297; Leah Coffin 296; Brian Harris 42; Lindy Groening 466; Pat Coghlan 81b; Inder Khalsa 29t; Merilark Padgett 496; Dan Harper 479; Jennie Brown 228; Mark Godfrey 406; Linda Selph 172; Marc Lambert 371; Leigh Cooper 283; Terry Moore 351; Betty Marvin 120; Carolyn Deacy 430; Bob Brylawski 122; Mary Gowins 195; Leland Kusmer 193.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Rebecca Edwards leading 72b. Leaders: Jack Ziegler 452; Joanie Mitchell 268; Hody Wilson 288; Peter Ross 99t; Patrick Ziegler 106; Brian Harris 63; Terry Barber 107; Christopher Putnam 209; David Fetcho 547; Jocelyn Bergen 504; Leah Coffin 376; Pat Coghlan 542; Merilark Padgett 565; Inder Khalsa 168; Mark Godfrey 455; Lindy Groening 428; Mary Ann Ciavonne 77t; Dan Harper 236; Vicki Chung 57; Linda Selph 336. Mary Ann Ciavonne offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Erika Wilson leading 80t. Leaders: Susan Fetcho 45t; Jennie Brown 564; Rebecca Edwards 367; Carol Ciavonne 86; Joel Chan 266; Leland Kusmer 444; Bob Brylawski 254; Carolyn Deacy 224; Mary Gowins 500;

Terry Barber 276; Allegra Wilson 170; Terry Moore 334; Jocelyn Bergen 457; David Fetcho 456; Leigh Cooper 380; Christopher Putnam 81t; Betty Marvin 174; Mary O'Brian 146; Marc Lambert 372; Jack Ziegler 335.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Lindy Groening leading 73t. Leaders: Dan Harper 142; Sue Lindner 217; Phil Jensen 344; Linda Selph 382 (in memory of Caroline Bonnet); Leland Kusmer 67; Inder Khalsa 383; Pat Coghlan 492; Vicki Chung 448b; Brian Harris 85; Rebecca Edwards 70b; Joel Chan 480; Leah Coffin 328; Terry Moore 96; Mary Gowins 155; Merilark Padgett 270; David Fetcho 448t; Jennie Brown 274t; Jack Ziegler 47b.

Mary Ann Ciavonne led 347 as the closing song. Linda Selph offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Mary Ann Ciavonne and Jack Ziegler; Vice Chairperson—Vicki Chung; Secretary—Betty Marvin

SHADY GROVE ANNUAL SINGING

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama

Sunday, January 3, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in January. Glenn Keeton called the class to order leading 46.

The morning prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton;

Secretary—Roma Rice; Chaplin—Earl Ballinger.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 385b; Mike Hankins 72b, 282; Dorothea Maynard 319, 361; Faye Hughes 148, 312b; Nicholas Thompson 405 (for Kenneth Fannin), 436; Becky Briggs 340, 336 (in memory of her father, Belton Beasley); Ben Fink 86, 29t; Yancey Jett 64, 440; Marlin Beasley 441, 318; Parnell Berry 306, 283; Ann Jett 269, 327; Earl Ballinger 439, 403 (in memory of Odie Horton); Danny Creel 89, 428.

RECESS

Larry Ballinger called the class back to order singing 56t and 528. Leaders: Lisa Geist 527, 391; Wayne Horton 490, 388; Anne Steel 270, 271t; Gravis Ballinger 182, 120; Warren Steel 131t, 211; Faye Donaldson 78, 176b; Juanita Beasley 61, 39b; Betty Baccus 390, 517 (WB) (in memory of Nadine Willis).

LUNCH

Glenn Keeton called the class back to order by leading 277. Leaders: Ken Tate 129, 131b; Jack Pate 535, 569b; Amber Davis 499 (in memory of Gladys Bonds, Odie Horton, and Bethany), 454 (for Willodean Barton); Steve Adams 99, 331; Roma Rice 229 (in memory of Odie Horton), 496; Loretta Whitman 452, 411; Linda Sides 448t, 170; Nicholas Thompson 216 (for Betty Shephard); Warren Steel 213t; Gravis Ballinger 300; Lisa Geist 215; Earl Ballinger 299; Jack Pate 75; Anne Steel 434; Ann Jett and Yancey Jett 172; Amber Davis 291; Ken Tate 303; Marlin Beasley 348b; Becky Briggs 382; Dorothea Maynard 354b (for her son); Mike Hankins 480; Lena Keeton and Glenn Keeton 546, 475; Linda Sides 225t; Warren Steel and Anne Steel 45t; Nicholas Thompson 530 (for Ottis Sides).

Glenn Keeton and Larry Ballinger led 267 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Roma Rice

**LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY
MEMORIAL SINGING**

Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama

Saturday night, January 9, 2016

The 62nd session of the Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial Singing was held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama, on Saturday night before the second Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Yancey Jett and Elsie Moon leading 31t and 111b. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers retained: Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Wanda Capps; Arranging Officer—Ann Jett.

Leaders: Cindy Tanner 475; Chris Coughlin 78; Chris Ballinger 276 (for Margaret Keeton); Ann Jett 77t; Larry Ballinger 217; Eugene Forbes 212; Richard Mauldin 168; Willodean Barton 176b; Ottis Sides 530; Nathan Stewart 439; Dennis George 502; Don Keeton 457; Sarah Trumbore 58; Glenn Keeton 349; Jim Aaron 503; Cheyenne Ivey 418; Jerry Kitchens 74b; Hubert Nall 313t; Margaret Gowan 358; Emma Hayden Calvert and Amelia Jett 108b, 63; Jackie Tanner 138t; Tom George 326; Linda Sides 564.

RECESS

Yancey Jett brought the class back together by leading 440. Leaders: Lisa Geist 377; Bea Aaron 205; Brenda Chafin 542; Rodney Ivey 283; Ken Tate 354t; Wanda Capps 144; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 378b; Danny Creel 485; Sarah Beasley 354b; Henry Guthery 527; Cindy Tanner and Elsie Moon 75 (for the Woodley children); Cindy Tanner 198.

Announcements were made. Yancey Jett led 172. Elder Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Wanda Capps

UNCLE JACK KERR AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL

Camp Ground Methodist Church, North of Muscadine

Cleburne County, Alabama

Sunday, January 10, 2016

The annual Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial Sacred Harp singing at Camp Ground United Methodist Church, north of Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama, was held on the second Sunday in January. Henry Johnson led 59. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Henry Johnson gave a brief history of the singing, stating that it started sometime during in the 1970s, and met a few times at the community center before moving to Camp Ground Methodist Church. The singing is estimated to have been in existence for 40 or more years. Henry welcomed everyone, and then noted the absence of several regular singers due to illness and asked that we remember them in prayer.

Those named were B.M. and Margie Smith, Ed and Margaret Thacker (Ed is Vice Chairman of the singing), Earlis McGraw, Fallon Cook, and Fallon's cousin, Robin Finley.

The following officers were retained or appointed: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker (in abstention); Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 322; Donna Bell 209, 31t; Cecil Roberts 35, 100; Dalton Lewis 354b, 401; Charlene Wallace 155, 283; Robert Chambless 159, 72b (for B.M. Smith); Lisa Bennett 318, 475; Virginia Dyer 210, 222; Chris Coughlin 400, 445; Andy Ditzler 38t, 187.

RECESS

Henry Johnson brought the class back to order by leading 88t. Henry Johnson made a special presentation of *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, to little Miss Shirley Johnson, age 7, in memory of her great-great-grandfather, Jack Kerr, and in honor of her PawPaw, Cecil Roberts. Shirley Johnson and Cecil Roberts led 59.

Leaders: Karen Rollins 350 (for B.M. Smith), 354t; Cheyenne Ivey 309, 432; David Brodeur 50t, 42; Rebecca Over 511 (in memory of Henry Kerr, noting that he led this lesson at the Mt. Zion Convention in 1955), 211; Jack Nelson 560; 95.

The Kerr Family conducted the memorial lesson. Mrs. Irene Snow, age 99 (Jack Kerr's daughter) stated that she and other siblings had been blessed with long life spans. It was mentioned that although the Kerr daughters were aging, their minds were still intact. Notably absent were Mrs. Lois Bowman, age 97 (also a daughter of Jack Kerr) and Miss Hester Edwards, age 97, who, up until a couple of years ago, was a regular at singings in this area for many, many years. Mrs. Jolene Loescher, (granddaughter of Jack Kerr) thanked everyone for coming and expressed her appreciation to the singers, citing that Sacred Harp singing was a way of life for their Granddaddy, Jack Kerr, and Henry Kerr, Winfred Kerr's daddy. Also in attendance was Sarah Roberts (granddaughter of Jack Kerr) and other family members. The Kerr Family led 45t and 282. Leaders: Rene Greene 186, 183. John Plunkett asked a blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Henry Johnson leading 60. Leaders: Samuel Williams 534, 505; David Smead 284, 389; Isaac Green and David Brodeur 388, 111t; Earlis McGraw 414, 225t; Oscar McGuire 229, 163b; Hayden Arp 426b (in memory of Flora Skinner), 170; John Plunkett 460 (for John Hollingsworth), 516; Winfred Kerr 146, 314; Jason Stanford 276, 47b; Rebecca Over 547 (in honor of Cecil Roberts, for his birthday); Judy Chambless 472.

After announcements, Henry Johnson led 45b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jack Nelson, and the class was dismissed.

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

CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING **Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, Chicago, Illinois** **Sunday, January 10, 2016**

The 31st Chicago Anniversary Singing was held at the Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, Chicago, Illinois, on the second Sunday in January. Lisa Grayson called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 178. Susan Geil offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Barford 40; Debbie Barford 99; Anne Heider 532; Carol Ann Munro 556; Randy Neufeld 148; John Seaton 47t; Jake Kiakahi 70b.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairpersons—David Barford and Debbie Barford; Vice Chairman—Susan Geil; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder. The following committee members were appointed: Memorial Committee—Anne Heider and Marcia Johnson; Finance Committee—Randy Neufeld; Arranging Committee—Anna Pfau and Mary Rogel; Chaplains—Carol Ann Munro and Jim Swanson;

Leaders: Mary Rogel 217; Jim Helke 291; Linda Heemskerk 277; Doug Stapleton 440; Nick Pasqual 38t; Sam Singleton-Freeman and Randy Neufeld 228; Susan Geil 52t; Bob Borcharding 215; Lori Graber 353; Alec Jenkins-White 377; Peter Bradley 538; Rochelle Lodder 171.

RECESS

Nathan Berry called the class to order leading 114. Leaders: Becca Gibson 142; Barb Patterson 485; Ted Johnson 283 (at the request of Don Bowen); Michael Mosley 349; Karl Houtman 268; Orwin Youngquist 81t; Leon Pulsinelle 196; James Page and

Carol Briggs 216; Ann Miczulski 282; Stephen Parker 362; Steve Warner 86; Gregory Mulkern 359; Jo Dell Albi 372; Marian Mitchell 327; Jacob Lee 344; Larry Nothwehr 280.

RECESS

Anna Pfau called the class to order leading 128. Leaders: Anne Missavage 163t; Michael Appert 163b; AnnaLeigh Smith 107; Jerry Gripshover 146.

Anne Heider spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins. She led 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Janelle Davis, Ted Mercer, Melanie Hauff, Aunt El, Dawn, Berkley Moore, Judith Lloyd Klauba, David Chamdurs, Mary Grayson, Karen Kalish, Dolly Bonk, Greg Stapleton, Phillip Dacey, Estelle Cymbala, Geneva Prichard, Dick De la Vergue, and Diana Zweig.

Marcia Johnson gave the memorial lesson. She read the names of the following deceased, and led 547 in their memory: Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Cheryl Sanders Sardello—Texas; Yolanda Imhoff, William Kelley, Nana Scheinflug, and Helen Degen Cohen—Illinois; Bonnie Keyes—Indiana and Illinois; Joe Neighmond and Leon J. Pulsinelle—New Jersey; Jane Brooks and Oliver Kindig—Stokes—Pennsylvania; Caroline Bonnet—California; Ernest Neufeld, Clifford Thoen, and Paul Schleicher—Minnesota; Ann Henry—New York; Dan Adams and Janet Rubin—Connecticut; Bob Scorgie and Phillip Fritz—Wisconsin; Cathryn Bearov—Virginia; Betty Youngquist—Washington; and Edwin Hauff—Iowa. Anne Heider led the class in prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Jan Ketelle 212; Dick Patterson 351; Anna Pfau 426b; Jim Swanson 396; Jonathon Smith 110; Scott Schroeder 159. Carol Ann Munro offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Dick Patterson brought the class back to order leading 39t. Leaders: Cathryn Bearov 434; Linda Selph 430; Julie Vea 419; Cecelia Kramer 444; Aldo Ceresa 464 (for Ted Mercer); Judy Hauff 411; Phillip Langley 542; Corinne Ducey 29t; Nathan Berry 274t; Lela Crowder 500; Marcia Johnson 504; Lisa Grayson 436; Sasha Maslanka 157; Jonathon Smith 360; Daniel Braithwaite 365; Randy Neufeld 102; Ann Sleeva 421; Jan Ketelle 368; Beverley Enright 112; Jake Kiakahi 30t; Leon Pulsinelle 295.

RECESS

Jim Swanson called the class to order leading 106. Leaders: Carl Houtman 472; Anne Heider 149; Lela Crowder 145t; AnnaLeigh Smith 124; Eileen Ferguson 36b; Corinne Ducey and Becca Gibon 76b; Anne Missavage 384; Phillip Langley 172; Ted Johnson 222; Aldo Ceresa 224; Stephen Parker 32t; Ann Miczulski 569b; Linda Selph 456; Barb Patterson 88t; Lori Graber 111b; Doug Stapleton 501.

A Founder's Lesson was held. Founders of the Chicago Sacred Harp are Marcia Johnson, Ted Johnson, Judy Hauff, Virginia Warren, Kris Richardson, Larry Nothwehr, and in absentia, Ted Mercer. They led 38b.

Dave Barford and Debbie Barford thanked the kitchen crew, and everyone else who helped make the day a success. They led 62 as the closing song, and Jim Swanson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairpersons—Dave and Debbie Barford; Vice Chairman—Susan Geil; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder

AUBURN SACRED HARP SINGING

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama

Saturday, January 16, 2016

The 13th annual Auburn Sacred Harp Singing was held at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Fred Hoerr leading 49t. Rev. John Wells Warren offered the

morning prayer.

Leaders: Fred Hoerr 28b; Karen Clark 70t; Judy Chambless 318; Jim Carnes 288; Ann Gray 142; Bill Hogan 330b; Jack Nelson 524; Earl Ballinger 439; Chris Parris and Jillian Parris 159; Lisa Geist 269; Eugene Forbes 280; Edna Ruth Phillips 218; Judy Caudle 195; Theresa Westmoreland 192; Carly Westmoreland 59; Richard Mauldin 43; Bea Aaron 456; Carolyn Thompson 442.

RECESS

Karen Clark brought the class back to order leading 87. Leaders: Jim Aaron 47b; Hubert Nall 47t; Stuart Ivey 212; Shane Wootten 114; Elizabeth Gentry 76b; Nicholas Thompson 402; Larry Ballinger 403; Chris Ballinger 344; Philip Denney and Phyllis Bickers 61; Nick Holmes 56t; Matt Hinton 131b; Erica Hinton 309; Eli Hinton 99; Jeannette DePoy 460; Adam Brasich 70b; Jim Goetz 503; Samuel Sommers 392; Will Fitzgerald 131t; Rebecca Over 372; Jesse Karlsberg 377; Andy Ditzler 513; David Brodner 304.

LUNCH

Fred Hoerr brought the class back to order leading 312b. Leaders: John Plunkett 391; Lisa Bennett 28t.

Robert Chambless conducted the memorial lesson leading 303 in memory of the following deceased: C.W. Garner, George Garner, Robert DePoy, Sandra Spradlin, Robert DuPree, Loraine Bayer, and Neal Prichard. He spoke and led 225t for the following sick and shut-ins: Earlis McGraw, Tommie Spurlock, B.M. Smith, Anne Chalker, and Floy Wilder. Judy Chambless offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: David Smead 295; Karis Askin 504; Philip Denney 535; Karen Rollins 220; Rebecca Over 445; Jim Goetz 282; Will Fitzgerald 102; Samuel Sommers 521; Adam Brasich 399b; Erica Hinton 349; Jeannette DePoy 217; Daphene Causey 222; Reba Windom and Shane Wootten 424; Sharon DuPriest 300; Jesse Karlsberg 511; Andy Ditzler 432; Fred Hoerr, Karen Clark, Cathy Lowe, David MacKay, and Linda MacKay 480.

The following officers were elected for next year: Chairman—Robert Chambless; Vice Chairman—Karen Clark; Secretary—Judy Chambless.

After announcements, Fred Hoerr led 62 as the closing song. Rev. John Wells Warren offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Fred Hoerr; Vice Chairman—Karen Clark; Secretary—Judy Chambless

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Templars Hall, Old Poway Park, Poway, California

January 16-17, 2016

Saturday, January 16

The 28th session of the All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Jennie Brown leading 101t. David Fetcho offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Elaine Denny; Vice Chairperson—Esteban Veliz; Secretaries—Judy Getrich and Mimi Wright; Treasurer—Mairye Bates; Arranging Committee—Carla Smith and Judy Getrich; Chaplain—David Fetcho; Resolutions Committee—Jerry Schreiber and Geoff Grainger.

Leaders: Elaine Denny 171; Esteban Veliz 48b; Mimi Wright 410b; Judy Getrich 350; Clinton Davis 38b; Jeff Begley 144; Jerry Schreiber 434; Joel Chan 328; Midge Harder 42; Peter Stenshoel 285t; Jeri Segal 142; Tim Royappa 107; Linnea Sablosky 112; Andrew Mashchak 313b; Mason Shefa 135; Anne Royappa 324; Bruce Teter 181; Pat Keating 377; Rick Russell 203.

RECESS

Nick Hall led 569b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Susan Willis-Powers, Chris Golinshi, and Ying Tan 538; Karen Mathews 38t; Elizabeth Royappa 39t; Laura Boyd Russell 228; Melissa Stephenson 138t; Kate Fine 417; Jon Rand 448t; Mary Rose O'Leary 192; Catie Van Duzer 280; Michael Kaye 480; Betsy Jeronen 422; Annalise Perone 436; David Fetcho 56b; David Olson 564.

RECESS

Richard Ivey led 88t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Linda Booth 352; Greg Saue 163b; Paul Lindholm 419; Kate Coxon 128; Judy Van Duzer 173; Pat Coghlan 444; Gabriel Kyne 30b; Jen Rymut 573; Corrie Van Duzer 191; Lucinda Larsen Saue 178; Bob Schinske 429; Susan Fetcho 460; Karl Dise 320; Michael McKernan 299; Ana Tighe 189; Mary Gowins 318.

LUNCH

Esteban Veliz led 335 to bring the class back together. Leaders: David Ivey 224; Jon Giles 511; Karen Willard 78; Warren Steel 411; Evelyn Lamb 536; Charles Whitmer 218; Hugh McGuire 198; Rodney Ivey 384; Geoff Grainger 143; Steve Helwig 34t; Richard Ivey 212; Mike Hinton 380; Erik Schwab 423; Steve Warner 81t; Lindy Groening 200; Thom Fahrback 232; Anne Steel 348b; Kevin Barrans 400; Ray Rechenberg 300; Anne Heider 547; Clarissa Fetrow 540; Nick Hall 455; Claire Singleton 82t; Claire Simon 270.

RECESS

Eva Striebeck led 29t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Sean Francis Conway 426t; Anthony Alarcon 133; Mairye Bates 59; Chris Coughlin 292; Kevin Beirne 532; Susan Cheronos 209; Larry Arnstein 122; Laura McMurray 30t; Rachel Jordan 546; Alison Fisher 410t; Stephanie Fida 268; Leslie Alperin 155; Edward Rice 35; Julie Johnson 159; Steve Cackley 321; Eva Striebeck 36b; Carla Smith 118 (in memory of Loraine Bayer, Dayton, Ohio); Paula Picton 85.

Elaine Denny led 475 as the closing song. David Fetcho offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

A composium organized by Susan Willis-Powers (an opportunity for new compositions to be presented) followed the Saturday session.

Sunday, January 17

Elaine Denny brought the Sunday session to order leading 48t. Chaplain David Fetcho offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Justin Phillips 34b; Peter Stenshoel 240; Mary Rose O'Leary 421; Judy Getrich 472; Melissa Stephenson 66; David Olson 28t; Benny Harnish 107; Midge Harder 36b; Colleen Dougher 146; Steve Cackley 145t; Maggie Taylor 131t; Polina Butgrina 282; Bruce Teter 492; Jeff Begley 266; Jeri Segal 372; Jon Rand 285t; Jeannette Ralston 70b.

RECESS

Susan Cheronos led 300 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Esteban Veliz 245; Abbie Sorg 87; Claire Simon 565; Mary Beth Twining 47b; Lindy Groening 196; Charles Whitmer 504; Stephen O'Leary 510; Michael McKernan 277; Ray Rechenberg 203; Geoff Grainger 535; Gabriel Kyne 426b; Steve Warner 475; Michael Kaye 228; Sue Lindner 217.

RECESS

Esteban Veliz and Geoff Grainger led 178 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Clinton Davis 360; Steve Helwig and Marion Black 556; Anne Heider 273.

Susan Cheronos and Mike Hinton conducted the memorial lesson. Susan Cheronos led 73t in honor of the following sick and homebound: Ron Huss, B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Ann Chalker, Tommie Spurlock, Wayne Miller, Julia di Benedetto, Kirsty Grainger, Melanie Hauff, Sara Perry, Elaine Zidek, Dan Krieger, Albert Whittaker,

John Schaffer, Janet Vorwick, Jane Cannon, Steve Julian, and Carolyn Deacy. Mike Hinton spoke eloquently, and led 373 in memory of the following deceased: Gib Amason, Varnelle Amason, Robert DuPree, Evelyn Harris, and Sandra Spradlin—Alabama; Tom Ambrogi, Caroline Bennett, Jack Bluestein, Reverend David Bringman, Donald Clark, Jim Kyne, Tison Lacy, Chris Mercier, Marilyn Morales, and Joseph Trotter—California; Donna Jean McGinnis and Edward Twining—Colorado; Dan Adams—Connecticut; George Garner, C.W. Garner, and Jacob A. Larsen—Georgia; Bob Sullivan—Illinois; Fred Hornberger—Louisiana; Rose Warnock—Massachusetts; Wayne Wagstrom—Minnesota; Steve Holmes—New Mexico; Bill Bergstrom, Ann Henry, and Eileen Kelly—New York; Don Rhoades—North Carolina; Bob Baerg, Loraine Bayer, and Joe Fothergill—Ohio; Sarah Hauser and Tammi Ziola—Oregon; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Barbara Graves—Texas. Chaplain David Fetcho offered a prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Karen Willard 34t; Erik Schwab 325; Susan Willis Powers 47t.

LUNCH

Esteban Veliz led 32t to call the class back together. Leaders: Susan Cheronas 564; Richard Ivey 396; Chris Thorman 299; Paula Picton 384; Chris Coughlin 298; Hugh McGuire 189; Eva Striebeck 465; Rodney Ivey 365; Rachel Jordan 550; Jennie Brown 187; Nick Hall 454; Betsy Jeronen 440; Kate Coxon 500; David Ivey 505; Kate Fine 494; Jon Giles 512; Kevin Barrans 434; Mike Hinton 534; Laura McMurray 430; Kevin Beirne 507; Jen Rymut 498; Paul Lindholm, Stephanie Fida, Karl Dise, Judy Van Duzer, Corrie Van Duzer, and Catie Van Duzer 499; Pat Keating 272; Mary Gowins 506.

RECESS

Thom Fahrback led 348t to call the class back together. Leaders: Alison Fisher 474; Jerry Schreiber 236; Elaine Denny 99; Stephanie Fida 522; Clarissa Fetrow 172; Kate Mullinger 92; Edward Rice 162; Mairye Bates 148; Linnea Sablosky 532; Catie Van Duzer and Corrie Van Duzer 344; Annalise Perone 72b; Thom Fahrback 227 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); David Fetcho 332; Leslie Alperin 379.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 111t to call the class back to order. Leaders: Karl Dise 121; Rick Russell 446; Corrie Van Duzer 120; Laura Boyd Russell 41; Claire Singleton 39t; Judy Van Duzer 193; Susan Fetcho 472; Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber 323t; Bob Schinske 456; Evelyn Lamb 286; Sean Francis Conway 347.

Treasurer Mairye Bates reported that expenses were met. Secretary Judy Getrich announced that ninety-six songs were led on Saturday and ninety-five on Sunday with singers from eighteen states, the UK, Germany, and Canada participating. Jerry Schreiber and Geoff Grainger of the Resolutions Committee expressed enthusiasm for the successful convention, and thanked the many people who helped to make it so. Announcements were made.

Following committee reports and announcements, Elaine Denny and Esteban Veliz led 62 as the closing song. David Fetcho offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Elaine Denny; Vice Chairperson—Esteban Veliz; Secretaries—Judy Getrich and Mimi Wright

CREEL MEMORIAL (CHRISTIAN HARMONY) **Old County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama** **Sunday, January 17, 2016**

The annual Creel Memorial *Christian Harmony* singing was held at Old County Line Church on the third Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Yancey Jett

and Cassie Allen leading 31t. Ken Tate offered the opening prayer. Yancey Jett then led 307.

Leaders: Cindy Tanner 51; Judy Caudle 264, 322; Henry Johnson 25t, 274; Billy Thompson 355; Chris Wilhelm 327, 121t; Wanda Capps 257, 258; Bea Aaron 131, 149; Jeff James 50, 54.

RECESS

Yancey Jett called the class back to order by leading 281b. Leaders: Michael Spencer 310t, 410b; Ellie Snyder 43, 262; Adam Brasich 275, 354; Nancy Hogan 468, 493b; Darrell Swarens 341, 91; Nicholas Thompson 1, 52; Rebecca Over 296 (in memory of her mother), 316; Joan Aldridge 168b.

RECESS

Cindy Tanner led 64 to bring the class back to session. Leaders: Michael Walker 256t, 411; Don Keeton 70b, 47; Will Fitzgerald 339, 336; Linda Sides 109 (for Ottis Sides), 162; Bill Hogan 402b, 172; Chris Cotter 320, 386.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cassie Allen leading 80. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 61b; Sam Sommers 263, 255, 230; Danny Creel 186, 110; John Plunkett 478b, 546, 250 (for John Hollingsworth); Ken Tate 490, 432; Ann Jett 180, 170; Emily Brown 82, 338b; Gary Glover and Bill Hogan 215; Michael Spencer 13; Ellie Snyder 74; Cassie Allen 176, 308, 332, 182; Darrell Swarens 81t; Emma Hayden Calvert, Gracie Davis, and Ainslie Allen 117; Michael Walker 38; Rebecca Over 544; Will Fitzgerald 147; Chris Cotter 105t; Adam Brasich 292; John Plunkett 282; Nicholas Thompson 135; Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan 111b; Ken Tate 372b (by request, for Velton Chaffin and Elsie Moon); Cindy Tanner 166, 287.

Announcements were made. Yancey Jett, Shelley Calvert, Emily Brown, and Cassie Allen led 93 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer. Co-Chairpersons—Yancey Jett and Cassie Allen; Secretary—Emily Brown

FEAST AND FASOLA

Home of Mark and Lori Graber, Delavan, Illinois

Saturday, January 23, 2016

The annual Feast and FaSoLa Singing held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in January was called to order by Lori Graber leading 56t. Mark Graber offered the opening prayer, and then led 59.

Leaders: Paul Figura 124; John Huffman 569t; Dave Ressler 385t; Terry Hogg 145 (MH); Don Bardsley 85 (MH); Anne Drexler 87; Shirley Figura 99; Jonathon Smith 131b; Presley Barker 131 (MH); Mary Huffman 34t; Janet Fraembs 56b; Mary Yeomans 159; Peggy Brayfield 73; Barbara Chopin 313t; Karen Isbell 522.

RECESS

Lori Graber called the class back to order leading 318. Leaders: Rebecca Browne 380; Mark Graber 86; Paul Figura “Webster Groves”; John Huffman 446; Dave Ressler 350; Terry Hogg 135 (MH); Don Bardsley 138 (MH); Shirley Figura 136t; Anne Drexler 282; Ryan Hill 4 (MH); Jonathon Smith 391; Presley Barker 147 (MH); Mary Huffman “St. Louis”; Janet Fraembs 532; Mary Yeomans 28b; Peggy Brayfield 34 (MH); Barbara Chopin 135; Rebecca Browne 272. Dave Ressler led the class in singing 164 (MH) for table grace, followed by a prayer by John Huffman.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Lori Graber leading 334. Leaders: Karen Isbell 444; Mark Graber 40; Paul Figura 19 (MH); John Huffman 327; Dave Ressler 70 (MH); Ryan Hill 338; Don Bardsley 441; Terry Hogg 142 (MH); Shirley Figura 276; Anne Drexler 335; Mary Yeomans 128; Jonathon Smith 187; Presley Barker 2 (MH); Mary Huffman 48t; Janet Fraembs 186; Peggy Brayfield 254; Barbara Chopin 503;

Rebecca Browne 80 (MH); Karen Isbell 77 (MH).

RECESS

Lori Graber led 564. Leaders: Mark Graber 127 (MH); Paul Figura 30t; John Huffman 39b; Terry Hogg 162 (MH); Dave Ressler 213t; Ryan Hill 49t; Don Bardsley 49b; Anne Drexler 277; Shirley Figura 30b; Mary Yeomans 68b; Jonathon Smith 296; Presley Barker 472; Mary Huffman 37b; Janet Fraembs 378t.

Lori Graber thanked all who came, and the class thanked the Grabers for their excellent hospitality for yet another year. The class sang 347 as the final song. Don Bardsley offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Lori Graber; Secretary—Janet Fraembs

KEYSTONE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

St. Mary's Episcopal Church at Penn, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 23-24, 2016

Saturday, January 23

The 18th annual Keystone Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January. Due to Philly's fourth largest blizzard to date, the convention was relocated at the last minute to St. Mary's. With roads and most transportation shut down, the organizers were cheered by the large turnout of visitors when even many local singers found themselves unable to attend.

Ben Cocchiaro brought the class to order by leading 105. Kirsten Jensen offered the opening prayer. The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Joel Bassett; Vice Chairperson—Ruth Wampler; Treasurer—Thomas Ward; Secretaries—Dann Pell and Bethany Towne.

Leaders: Joel Bassett 59; Ruth Wampler 279; Dann Pell 229; Doron Henkin 228; Kirsten Jensen 61; Julia Reischel 40; Dean Jens 276; Lamar Matthew 35; Stina Soderling 67; Charles Biada 87; Shani Aviram 440; Jason Steidl 485; Sasha Hsuczyk 177; Harry Scott 542.

RECESS

Sam Kleinman called the class back together by leading 111b. Leaders: Bethany Towne 396; Nancy Britton 313b; Krista Guerrieri 159; Rachel Speer 121; Chris Wolf 275t; Corinne Ducey 43; Sarah Underhill 38b; Keillor Mose 222; Greg Vallette 503; Sophie Soloway 456; Chris Cotter 368; Emma Swartz 212; Patrick Friesen 220; Rachel Taylor 457; Andre Kuney 171; Abe Musselman 60; Carol Huang 445; Micah John Walter 77t.

RECESS

Kirsten Jensen called the class back together by leading 134. Leaders: Alex Forsyth 383; Molly Bledsoe 436; Susan Loucks 480; Dan Hunter 513; Mike Nord 336; Gerald Clark 406; Thomas Ward 337; Jesse Vear 278b; Jesse Krikorian 245; Sara Lott and Gwen Gethner 56b; Claire Steiner 112; Nancy Mandel 540; Jesse Flynn 106; Sam Kleinman 434; Tristan Gordon 51; Chris Holley 448t; Mel Novner 411; Emma Rose Brown 313t. Kirsten Jensen offered the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Doron Henkin called the class back together by leading 53. Leaders: Rachel Hall 377; Kevin Beirne 444; Marilyn Murata 195; Tim Eriksen 442; Thom Fahrback 398; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 153; David Wright 518; Chris Coughlin 39t; Steve Luttinen 379; Becky Wright 454; Betsy Jeronen 573; Aldo Ceresa 426b; Katy Hunter 498; Claire Hogan 79; Ina Shea, Thomas Ward, and Miriam Delirium 88b; Gwen Gethner 297; Patrick Friesen and Sophie Soloway 328; Jason Steidl 502; Rachel Speer and Corinne Ducey 30t; Stina Soderling 335; Emma Swartz and Sasha Hsuczyk 414; Andre Kuney 146.

RECESS

Ben Cocchiaro called the class back together by leading 334. Leaders: Molly Bledsoe and Mel Novner 528; Jeff Begley 108b; Jesse Krikorian, Jesse Flynn, and Jesse Vear 274t; Charles Biada and Jasmine Mendoza 506; Rachel Taylor and Chris Holley 348b; Chris Wolf 430; Chris Coughlin and Alex Forsyth 197.

Joel Bassett led 323t as the closing song. Kirsten Jensen dismissed the class with prayer.

Keystone Convention Satellite Singing

Home of Chris and Laura Densmore, West Chester, Pennsylvania

Saturday, January 23, 2016

The class convened around the dining room table. Laura Densmore opened the singing leading 29t. Leaders: Judy Mincey 28t; Gina Balestracci 313b; Barbara Swetman 312b; Terry Ryan 38t; Laura Densmore 370; Judy Mincey 86; Gina Balestracci 469; Barbara Swetman 71; Terry Ryan 157; Laura Densmore 156; Judy Mincey 279; Gina Balestracci 183; Barbara Swetman 297; Terry Ryan 362.

The class adjourned for lunch, singing 180 as a grace before a bountiful meal.

Secretary—Judy Mincey

Sunday, January 24

The Sunday session of the Keystone Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Joel Bassett leading 467. Chris Holley offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ruth Wampler 378t; Charles Biada 38t; Thomas Ward 201; Bethany Towne 187; Sam Kleinman 73t; Nancy Mandel 421; Kevin Beirne 101t; Jeff Begley 385t; Doron Henkin 192; Rachel Speer 460; Marilyn Murata 388; Jesse Krikorian 58; David Wright 189; Betsy Jeronen 564; Katy Hunter 97.

RECESS

Gerald Clark called the class back to order leading 122. Leaders: Krista Guerrieri 117; Kirsten Jensen 412; Dann Pell 275b; Harry Scott 423; Chris Cotter 432; Dean Jens, Rachel Speer, and Calvin Jens 532; Stina Soderling 86; Lamar Matthew 384; Jason Steidl 497; Sarah Underhill 102; Aldo Ceresa 176b; Julia Reischel 306; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 546; Gwen Gethner 417; Corinne Ducey 464; Nancy Britton 478.

RECESS

Becky Wright called the class back to order leading 399b. Leaders: Dan Hunter 144; Emma Swartz 374; Ben Cocchiaro 327.

Steve Hoyt and Lynne Hoyt conducted the memorial lesson. Lynne Hoyt spoke and led 330b for the following sick and shut-ins: Stephanie Sandford-Colby, Michael Nelson, Syd Caldwell, Katie White, the Erie Singers, and all those who are snowbound and could not attend as planned.

Steve Hoyt spoke and read the list of deceased as follows: Betty Hanf, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, David Wampler, Eleanor Anderson, Timothy Floravit, Mary Mullen, Darcie Moloshok, and Joseph Kelley—Pennsylvania; Dwight Speer—Arkansas; Sarah Hauser, Renee Windsor, and Tammi Ziola—Oregon; Mike Shields, Joe Nishimura, Birdie Carter, Oscar Marin, Jim Sanchez, Zana Mokricki, Tom Fegan, Elle Ard, and Hilde Ward—California; Brendan Egan and Ann Henry—New York; Julia Reifel—Washington; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Dan Adams—Connecticut; Larry Manahan, Clark Beyer, and Bea Reischel—Minnesota; Tom Robinson—Texas; David Strother—Maryland; Charles Reischel and Jemera Rone—Washington, DC; Leon J. Pulsinelle and Joe Neihmond—New Jersey; Kelly Beth Escoffery—Canada. He led 340 in their memory. Chris Holley closed the memorial session with prayer.

Leaders: Rachel Hall 436; Sasha Hsuczyk 267; Alex Forsyth 123t; Ina Shea 521; Ted Stokes 381; Chris Coughlin 48t; Carol Huang 315; Chris Holley 72b; Mel Novner 116. Dan Hunter offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Steve Luttinen leading 176t. Leaders: Keillor Mose 217; Sophie Soloway 288; Michael Nord 441; Claire Steiner 339; Susan Loucks 299; Chris Wolf 131t; Molly Bledsoe 162; Thom Fahrback 132; Claire Hogan 445; Micah John Walter 319; Marilyn Murata 415; Jesse Flynn 129; Gerald Clark 30b; Patrick Friesen 168; Lynne Hoyt 490; Jesse Vear 74b; Steve Luttinen 500; Sara Lott and Aldo Ceresa 186; David Wright 49b.

RECESS

Ted Stokes and Ruth Wampler called the class back to order leading 207. Leaders: Shani Aviram and Claire Hogan 504; Charles Biada 522; Emma Rose Brown 475; Julian Bender 34b; Rachel Taylor 39b; Becky Wright 416; Jeff Begley 55; Kevin Beirne 208; Sasha Hsuczyk and Alex Forsyth 499.

A report from the treasurer was given. Emma Rose Brown and Thom Fahrback thanked everyone who made the convention possible, and resolved to reconvene in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for the 19th session in January, 2017. Announcements were made.

Joel Bassett, Thomas Ward, Ruth Wampler, Dann Pell, and Bethany Towne led 62 as the closing song. Ruth Wampler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Joel Bassett; Vice Chairman—Ruth Wampler; Secretaries—Dann Pell and Bethany Towne

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

Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Bay Minette, Alabama

January 23-24, 2016

Saturday, January 23

The W.L. Green Memorial and Baldwin County Sacred Harp Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January. The class was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 87 and 36b. He then gave a warm welcome to all in attendance, and offered the opening prayer.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—J.A. Mosley and Nicole Bowman; Secretaries and Arranging Committee—Nancy Hogan and Evie Eddins; Chaplain—Adam Brasich; Memorial Committee—Chris Noren and Rebecca Over. Leaders: J.A. Mosley 373; Nicole Bowman 140; Evie Eddins 383; Nancy Hogan 464; Alice Mosley 484; B.M. Smith 31t; Judy Chambless 29t; Aubrey Barfield 214; Ryan Bowman 434; Ezra Eddins 82; Adam Brasich 522; Bea Aaron and Charlotte Walker 559; Edith Eddins 38t; Alice Sundberg 440b.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Nicole Bowman leading 282. Leaders: Russ Scholz 475; Henry McGuire 558b; Rebecca Over 567; Robert Chambless 95b; Judy Caudle 86; John Kelley 491; Charlotte Naylor 128; Gary Padgett 494; Tim Jones 553; Dawn Van Iderstine 500; Tim Taylor 52t.

RECESS

Bill Hogan brought the class back to order by leading 404. Leaders: Tommie Spurlock and Stanley Smith 574; Ken Sundberg 290; Karen Rollins 168; Michael Walker 582; Eli Eddins 50t; Ateven Snderson 192; Elam Eddins 142; Hubert Nall 264b; Ken Kelley 482; Kevin Eddins 210.

The Southwest Mobile County Vocal Choir led by Bro. Cleo Murphy sang “Lord Keep Me Humble” and “Walking with the Lord”. Singing with Bro. Murphy were

Bro. Edward Mitchell, Sis. Hester Gray, Sis. Retie Moore, Sis. Lula Mae Ford, and Sis. Sandra Stewart.

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

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with J.A. Mosely leading 575. Leaders: Wayne Jones 54t; David Brodeur 272; Ewan Eddins 300; Stanley Smith 156; Chris Nicholson 293b; Elder Bobby Willis 497; Dana Eddins 49b (for Wynette Smith); Jackson Fleder 519; Emily Eddins 264t; Morgan Bunch 419; Eric Eddins 49t; Todd Derstine and Regina Derstine 380t (in honor of Nate and Norma Green); John Plunkett 320; Becky Briggs 129; Shannan McKenzie 220; Nancy Van Den Akker 324; Karen Clark 514; Andy Ditzler 202; Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 571; Erica Martinez 279; Angela Myers 478 (for Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest); Beverly Dayton 486; Jim Aaron 47b; Chris Noren 573; Sue Bunch 504t; Reagan Van Iderstine 65; Barbara Jones 276; Ethan Eddins 489; Elene Stovall and Cheyenne Ivey 137 (for Rebecca Over and Coy Ivey, and in memory of Virgil Phillips).

Bill Hogan, J.A. Mosely, Evie Eddins, Nancy Hogan, and Nicole Bowman led 323t as the closing song. Adam Brasich dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, January 24

The Sunday session of the W.L. Green Memorial and Baldwin County Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 182. He welcomed everyone to the singing, remembering those who have been important to the singing over the years. Afterwards he gave a short devotional reading from Matthew 18. He reminded the class that God is always good and at work. Bill then led 77t. The opening prayer was offered by Adam Brasich.

Leaders: J.A. Mosley 478; Nicole Bowman 76b; Evie Eddins 458; Nancy Hogan 520; Alice Mosley 343; B.M. Smith 571; Judy Chambless 563; Barbara Jones 277; Ann Jett 515; Sue Bunch 516; Chris Noren 55; Mary Amelia Taylor 450; Beverly Dayton 421; Michael Walker 411, 45b.

RECESS

Nicole Bowman led 67 to bring the class together. Leaders: Henry McGuire 229; Crystal Minas 572; Danny Creel 98; Karen Rollins 127; Robert Chambless 73b; Angela Myers 552; Erica Martinez 39; Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 45t, 138t; Sierra Carvalho 61; Wanda Capps 505; Eric Eddins 348t; Andy Ditzler 174; Karen Clark 591; Perry Kiedel 159.

The memorial committee, Chris Noren and Rebecca Over, were recognized to present the memorial lesson. Rebecca Over spoke of the importance of kindnesses to both friends and strangers among those who can't be with us. The notes written by those who don't know us often mean even more than those from our friends. Rebecca Over read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Nate Green, Norma Green, Earlis McGraw, Wilburn Ellison, Wynette Smith, Floy Wilder, Adrian Nall, John Hollingsworth, Bill Windom, John Bayer, Mike Jones, and Elsie Moon. She then led 264b.

Chris Noren said that as we sit around the hollow square at each singing we see a constantly changing group of people, whether by day, place, or because of time. You'll never find two squares just the same. We remember those who once were with us and now have gone on. Chris Noren read the following list of names of the deceased: George Garner and C.W. Garner—Georgia; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Evelyn Harris, Robert DuPree, Sandra Spradlin, and Sammie Oliver—Alabama; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Tom Robinson (father of Cheryl Foreman)—Texas. He especially remembered Oliver Kindig-Stokes, who had recently died in a car accident. He led 466 in their memory. Adam Brasich offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Nancy Van Den Akker 489; Emily Eddins 114b; Shannan McKenzie 365; John Plunkett 577; Dana Lee, Halen Merritt, and Lucy Merritt 358, 392; Morgan Bunch 594; Jackson Fleder 448; Dana Eddins 133; Chris Nicholson 175. After the class sang 369, Adam Brasich offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Aubrey Barfield leading 96. Leaders: Bill Hogan 357 (in memory of Bill Green); Joe Nall 543; Ewan Eddins 507b; David Brodeur 42; Wayne Jones 86; Kevin Eddins 89; Stanley Smith 559 (in honor of Syd Caldwell); Hubert Nall 84; Todd Derstine and Regina Derstine 113; Ateven Snderson 504b; Elam Eddins 384; Tommie Spurlock 270; Eli Eddins 553; Tim Taylor 273; Rebecca Over 154t, 380b; Edith Eddins 82; Adam Brasich 165; Ezra Eddins 48t; Ryan Bowman 557; Aubrey Barfield 323; Perry Kiedel 107; Katlin Bailey 54t.

Announcements were made. Bill Hogan, J.A. Mosely, Evie Eddins, Nancy Hogan, Nicole Bowman, and Adam Brasich led 183 as the closing song. Adam Brasich offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—J.A. Mosley and Nicole Bowman; Secretaries—Nancy Hogan and Evie Eddins

INAUGURAL AUSTRALIAN SACRED HARP CONVENTION Brunswick Uniting Church Hall, Melbourne, Australia January 23-24, 2016

Saturday, January 23

The first Sacred Harp Singing Convention in Australia was held in Melbourne on the weekend closest to Australia Day (26 January). Shawn Whelan welcomed everyone. Natalie Sims conducted a brief singing school, introducing the scale and shapes, and leading 45t.

In a business session the following officers were elected: Chairman—Shawn Whelan; Vice Chairman—Natalie Sims; Chaplain—Rev. Dr. Morag Logan; Treasurer—Helen Rowe; Secretary—Jim Kilpatrick; Arranging Committee—Ruth McNamara and Melanie Albrecht.

Leaders: Shawn Whelan 49t; Ruth McNamara 34b; Morag Logan 159; Elaena Gardner 178; Melanie Albrecht 107; Peter Rayner 535; Meg Quinlisk 452; Myfanwy Godfrey 117; Edmund Richardson 32t; Natalie Sims 475; Shawn Whelan 142; Ruth McNamara 274t.

RECESS

The class joined in a prayer offered by Chaplain Morag Logan, who then led 46.

Leaders: Melanie Albrecht 383; Elaena Gardner 47b; Peter Rayner 496; Meg Quinlisk 277; Myfanwy Godfrey 288; Edmund Richardson 171; Shawn Whelan 63; Ruth McNamara 34t; Morag Logan 72b; Melanie Albrecht 300; Elaena Gardner 344; Peter Rayner 155; Meg Quinlisk 472. Morag Logan asked a blessing on the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Natalie Sims called the class to order leading 203. Leaders: Sherrill McKinnon 49b; Edmund Richardson 473; Conor O'Hanlon 163b; Daniel Whelan 540; Lauren Reader 276.

Melanie Albrecht conducted the memorial lesson on the theme of our common broken-ness. The class remembered the following deceased: Rose Thomson, Isabel Cid de Fels, and Mike Raupach. The class also remembered the following sick and shut-ins: Carol Moschetti, Steve Blundell, and Karl Von-Bauberger (missing and subsequently found deceased). Melanie Albrecht concluded the lesson leading 50t.

Leaders: Ruth McNamara 31t; Shawn Whelan 106; Morag Logan 122; Elaena Gardner 268; Peter Rayner 312b; Meg Quinlisk 166; Natalie Sims 32b; Myfanwy Godfrey 86; Sherrill McKinnon 162; Daniel Whelan 38b; Joy Mills and Meg Quinlisk 267; Lauren Reader 55; Meg Quinlisk and Elaena Gardner 481. Morag Logan offered the closing prayer. Shawn Whelan concluded the class for the day leading 340.

Sunday, January 24

Shawn Whelan and Natalie Sims welcomed everyone to the class. Morag Logan read an opening prayer, and led 388.

Leaders: Shawn Whelan 146; Myfanwy Godfrey 542; Sherrill McKinnon 350; Meg Quinlisk 546; Ruth McNamara 155; Bill Thomson 47b; Peter Rayner 69t; Elaena Gardner 455; Natalie Sims 335; Melanie Albrecht 457; Ruth McNamara 77t; Shawn Whelan 89; Morag Logan 107; Myfanwy Godfrey 277; Sherrill McKinnon 71; Meg Quinlisk 347; Bill Thomson 40; Peter Rayner 49t; Elaena Gardner 142; Natalie Sims “Brunswick” (composed by Angharad Davis, 2014); Melanie Albrecht 163b; Ruth McNamara 143; Shawn Whelan 475; Morag Logan 472; Myfanwy Godfrey 117; Sherrill McKinnon 86; Meg Quinlisk 503.

Shawn Whelan thanked the visitors, especially those from New South Wales. In total, there were 43 singers from two Australian states, singing a total of 76 songs led by 17 leaders.

In a brief business session, the class resolved to accept the Sydney singers’ offer to host the next Australian Convention on the weekend closest to Australia Day next year (28-29 January, 2017). Shawn thanked the officers, the cooks, and all others who helped on the day. Melanie Albrecht moved a vote of thanks to Shawn Whelan and Natalie Sims for organizing the convention.

Shawn Whelan led 62. Morag Logan read “We Give Thanks for Singers” (by Micheal Leunig) as the closing prayer.

Chairman—Shawn Whelan; Vice Chairman—Natalie Sims; Secretary—Jim Kilpatrick

PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTNAM MEMORIAL Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick) Jefferson County, Alabama Saturday, January 30, 2016

The annual Parker, Hollis, and Putnam Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley.

In a business session, the class voted to retain the following officers:

Chairman—Velton Chafin (absent); Vice Chairman—Danny Creel;

Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Brenda Chafin.

Leaders: Danny Creel 111b; Earl Ballinger 80b, 97; Richard Mauldin 35, 317, 84; Marlin Beasley 82t, 319, 318; Henry Guthery 283, 380; Nicholas Thompson 142, 192, 220; Linda Sides 454 (for Willodean Barton), 530 (for Ottis Sides); Emily Brown 546, 463, 456, 426t.

RECESS

Danny Creel led 432 to bring the class together. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 93, 391 (in memory of Sandra Spradlin), 151 (at the request of Danny Creel); Jerry Kitchens 74b, 64, 54; Gary Glover 335, 312b, 128; Jim Aaron 503, 231, 47b; Bea Aaron 438, 568, 475; Eugene Forbes 203, 168, 186; Steve Adams 99 (for Kermit Adams), 331; Betty Baccus 417, 147t, 388 (for Ann Chalker); Loretta Whitman 411, 343. Marlin

asked a blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Richard Mauldin led 126 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Brenda Chafin 452, 542, 137; Marlin Beasley 336; Gary Glover 282; Larry Ballinger 202; Henry Guthery 431; Jerry Kitchens 58; Linda Sides 170; Earl Ballinger 389, 167; Emily Brown 436, 434 (in memory of Marie Aldridge); Loretta Whitman 277, 278t; Eugene Forbes 189; Bea Aaron 441; Jim Aaron 68b; Nicholas Thompson 216, 155, 112; Richard Mauldin 168 (in memory of Vera Nunn), 146.

Announcements were made. Richard Mauldin led 521 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING

Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia

Saturday, January 30, 2016

The annual Georgian Harmony Singing was held on Saturday before the first fifth Sunday in 2016, at the Roberta Civic Center in Roberta, Georgia. All song selections were from The Georgian Harmony. Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 9 and 50. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Helen Bryson 97, 136; Trent Peachey 15, 34; Andy Morse 36, 94; John Plunkett 58, 30.

RECESS

Oscar McGuire called the class to order leading 182 and 26. Leaders: Mary Brownlee 95, 155; Harry Eskew 138, 90; Martha Harrell 54, 198; Rosemund Watson 25, 16; Rebecca Over 168, 6.

LUNCH

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 194. Leaders: Michael Spencer 233, 208; Bill Hollingsworth 188, 224; Trent Peachey 105; Andy Morse 46; Helen Bryson 45; John Plunkett 80; Mary Brownlee 51; Harry Eskew 38; Martha Harrell 109; Rebecca Over 227, 152; Bill Hollingsworth 162, 22; Michael Spencer 87b; John Plunkett 4; Oscar McGuire 124.

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 255 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—Helen Bryson

IVEY MEMORIAL

Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama

Sunday, January 31, 2016

The annual Ivey Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Liberty Baptist Church on the fifth Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Phil Summerlin.

Leaders: Shane Wootten 65; Jared Wootten 48t; Cheyenne Ivey 432; Loyd Ivey 89; Eugene Forbes 208; David Ivey 270; Roberta Strauss 440; Boyd Scott 358; Jamey Wootten 441; Paul Figura 68b (for Charlie Derleth); Judy Chambless 472; Adrian Eldridge 499 (in memory of Todd Thomas); Ann Fox 145t; Richard Mauldin 43 (in memory of John and Josie Hyde); Nicolas Hall 186.

RECESS

Shane Wootten and Jared Wootten led 101t to bring the class together. Leaders: Richard Ivey 217; Karen Rollins 141; Daniel Lee 565; Rebecca Over 283 (for Earlis McGraw); Darrell Swarens and Jared Wootten 341 (in memory of Hobert Ivey);

Shirley Figura 213t; Dennis George and Tom George 202; Justin Bowen, Ciera Cope, Ethan Bennett, Juan Munoz, Savannah Swanson, Sarah Wood, and Melissa Wilson 47b; Isaac Green 282; Mary Blake Thompson and Richard Ivey 383; Scott DePoy 339 (in memory of Robert DePoy); Lisa Bennett 532 (for Janelle Davis); Louis Hughes 512; Pam Nunn 216 (in memory of Shelby Sheppard); Jonathon Smith 200; Sarah Trumbore 75; David Brodeur 174; Erica Hinton 324; Barrett Patton 304 (in memory of Marie Aldridge).

RECESS

The class was called to order by Scott Ivey leading 37b. Leaders: Stephen Miller 111b; Jeannette DePoy 414; Andy Ditzler 197; Buell Cobb and Terry Wootten 349; Rachel Jordan 466; Robert Chambliss 70t; Lauren Bock 462 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Henry Johnson 271b; Winfred Kerr 146; Lisa Geist 273; Matt Hinton 168; Daniel Williams 34t; Eschol Hughes 316; Eli Hinton 99; Amber Saylor and Spencer Saylor 277; David Smead 187; Samuel Williams 372; Nathan Stewart 234.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Shane Wootten leading 129. Leaders: Aaron Wootten 39t; Ken Kelly 480; Rodney Ivey and Reba Windom 411; Karen Freund 442; Kelsey Ivey 542; Larry Ballinger, Gravis Ballinger, Earl Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, and Lomax Ballinger 460, 110; Nicholas Thompson and Judy Caudle 500; Jerry Creason 74b; Sharon DuPriest and Cindy Tanner 155 (in memory of Evelyn Harris); Shelby Castillo and Drew McGuire 498; Ann Jett 327; Hayden Arp 405; Charlotte Gentry, Andrew Gentry, and Elizabeth Gentry 45t; David Light 436; Susan Harcrow and Sarah Jenkins 496; Karen Ivey 182; Laura Clawson 142; Marty Wootten and Levon Wootten 36b; John Plunkett 284 (for Earlis McGraw); Judy Mincey 180; Stuart Ivey 276.

RECESS

Shane Wootten and Joel Jenkins led 76b to bring the class together. Leaders: Chris Boggs and Nancy Boggs 290; Susan Chernes 564; Syble Adams, Richard Ivey, and Shane Wootten 348b; Phil Summerlin 278t; Eloise Wootten 454; John Kelso 447 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Ester Williams 163t; Donna Wootten, Anna Wootten, and Lilly Underwood 56t; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 299; Sandy Ivey 201; Hayden Wootten 42; Loyd Ivey, Theresa Bethune, and Marian Biddle 501 (CB); Gary Glover 335.

Shane Wootten, Jared Wootten, and Joel Jenkins led 521 as the closing song. Joel Jenkins offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Jared Wootten; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

ROTUNDA SINGING

Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama Saturday, February 6, 2016

The 19th annual session of the Rotunda Singing was held in the foyer of the Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama. Four songbooks were used: *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*, *The Christian Harmony*, *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and *The Colored Sacred Harp*.

The class sang 453t (CB), and was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 36b, followed by a warm welcome. Joey Brackner of the Alabama State Arts Council and Kevin Nutt of the Department of Archives and History offered words of welcome. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

The first session of singing was from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*.

Leaders: Evie Eddins 68t (CB); Nancy Hogan 464 (CB); Tim Cook 563 (CB); Adrian

Nall 393 (CB); Ann Riley Gray 571 (CB); Edith Eddins 82 (CB); Jim Carnes 54t (CB); Alice Sundberg 156 (CB); Steve Grauberger 572 (CB); Gary Padgett 532 (CB). The second session of singing was from the *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Tim Cook 490 (CH); Richard Mauldin 23b (CH); Wanda Capps 85 (CH); Tim Taylor 322 (CH); Ann Jett 149 (CH); Sarah Beasley 117 (CH); Mary Amelia Taylor 64 (CH); Katlin Bailey 432b (CH); Evie Eddins 326 (CH); Gary Padgett 349 (CH); Nancy Hogan 362 (CH); Steve Grauberger 303 (CH).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Joey Brackner; Arranging—Nancy Hogan; Chaplin—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Evie Eddins.

RECESS

The third session of singing was from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. The class was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 411. Leaders: David Ivey 540; Bea Aaron 456; Zilpha Cornett 143; Jack Nelson 47b; Joey Brackner 290 (in honor of Mrs. Christine Keeble); Elam Eddins 384; Karen Ivey 192; Chris Parris 454; Robby Anderson and Wendy Anderson 569b; Jim Aaron 503; Jillian Parris and Evie Eddins 159; Ewan Eddins 448t.

The fourth session of singing was from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Bill Hogan 4 (CSH); Johnathan Kelso 46 (CSH); Ken Sundberg 12 (CSH); Mary Amelia Taylor 95 (CSH); Richard Mauldin 63 (CSH); Bill Hogan 87 (CSH). Nancy Hogan and Bill Hogan led “Lord, Give Me Just a Little More Time”. The class sang 369, and Richard Mauldin offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The first afternoon session of singing was from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 73t (CB); Kevin Eddins 313 (CB); Hubert Nall 84 (CB); Emily Eddins 288 (CB); Dana Eddins 133 (CB); Karen Ivey 511t (CB); Eric Eddins 207b (CB); Ezra Eddins 140 (CB); Elam Eddins 383 (CB); Ken Sundberg 508 (CB); Tim Taylor 87 (CB); David Ivey 398b (CB); Tim Cook 55 (CB); Sarah Beasley 518 (CB); Zilpha Cornett, Phillip Cornett, and Wyatt Cornett 122 (CB); Robby Anderson, Wendy Anderson, and Bill Hogan 283 (CB); Adrian Nall 505 (CB); Nancy Hogan 520 (CB) (by request).

The second session of the afternoon was sung from the *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Ann Jett 170 (CH); Johnathan Kelso 22t (CH); Katlin Bailey 30b (CH); Jim Carnes 133 (CH); Richard Mauldin 129 (CH); Bill Hogan 336 (CH); Evie Eddins 214 (CH); Wanda Capps 264 (CH); Tim Cook 516 (CH); Mary Amelia Taylor 258 (CH); Sam Wright 329 (CH).

The third afternoon session was sung from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Jim Aaron 231; Ann Riley Gray and Brian Brantley 178; Joey Brackner 209; Jillian Parris and Bill Hogan 142; Bea Aaron 475; Steve Grauberger 147t; Johnathan Kelso 511; Chris Parris 206; Ewan Eddins 306; Ezra Eddins 117; Richard Mauldin 168; Edith Eddins 37t; Eli Eddins 358 (by request).

Following announcements, Evie Eddins, Nancy Hogan, Joey Brackner, Richard Mauldin, and Bill Hogan led 347 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Joey Brackner; Secretary—Evie Eddins

BURNHAM AND BROWN MEMORIAL SINGING **Wesley Foundation Student Center, Jacksonville, Alabama** **Sunday, February 7, 2016**

The annual Sacred Harp singing in memory of Uncle Bob Burnham, Leman Brown, and Ruth Brown was held on the first Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Pearl Guier leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 76t; Pam Nunn 186; B.M. Smith 101t; Eddie Mash 101b; Winfred Kerr 314; Denney Rogers 143 (in memory of Vivian Rogers); Cheyenne Ivey 389; Cecil Roberts 48t; Scott Ivey 64; Henry Johnson 271b; Paula Oliver and Meredith 142; Loyd Ivey 204; Judy Chambless 340 (for Janelle Davis); Buell Cobb 230; Hayden Arp 336; Kenneith Calvert 350; Rodney Ivey 280; Kathy Williams 203.
RECESS

Pearl Guier led 49t to bring the class together. A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Pam Nunn. Leaders: Tom George 214; Jesse P. Karlsberg 202; Jamey Wootten 276; Robert Chambless 163b; Elene Stovall 298; Scot Oliver 176b; Samuel Sommers 279 (in memory of Azilee Adams); Paige Harrod 100; Karen Ivey 411; David Brodeur 334; Terry Wootten 441; Dennis George 349; Sharon DuPriest 318; Andy Ditzler 39b; Jeannette DePoy and Elene Stovall 430; Nicholas Thompson 528; David Ivey 412; Reba Windom 403 (in memory of Milton Oliver).

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Tom George leading 76b. Leaders: Jared Wootten 228; John Plunkett 104; Jerry Creason 225t; Isaac Green 282; Drew McGuire 29b; Judy Mincey 466; Oscar McGuire 556; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 500; Myron House and Jan House 479. Cecil Roberts asked a blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tom George leading 30t. Leaders: Samuel Sommers and Eddie Mash 96; Judy Caudle and Angela Myers 405; Rodney Ivey and Terry Wootten 317; Oscar McGuire and Drew McGuire 515; Nicholas Thompson and Reba Windom 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Loyd Ivey, Dennis George, and Jared Wootten 421; Scott Ivey, Shelby Castillo, and Jamey Wootten 112; David Ivey, Henry Johnson, and Jesse P. Karlsberg 122 (in memory of Ruth Brown); Jeannette DePoy, Karen Ivey, and Elene Stovall 217 (for Louise Holland); Hayden Arp, Isaac Green, Andy Ditzler, and Wes Reed 159; Robert Chambless, B.M. Smith, and Kathy Williams 155 (in memory of Evelyn Harris); John Plunkett, Cecil Roberts, and Judy Chambless 399b (for Earlis McGraw); Cheyenne Ivey, David Brodeur, and Kenneith Calvert 542; Winfred Kerr, Judy Mincey, and Scot Oliver 146; Myron House, Jan House, and Paula Oliver 151; Jerry Creason and Ann Siblole 47t.

Announcements were made. Pearl Guier and Tom George led 448b as the closing song. David Ivey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Judy Caudle

SANDERS MEMORIAL SINGING **Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick)** **Sumiton, Alabama**

Saturday, February 13, 2016

The annual Sanders Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. In the absence of Velton Chafin, Henry Guthery was appointed to serve as chairman. Other officers were appointed as follows: Honorary Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Linda Sides; Arranging Officer—Bea Aaron. Henry Guthery led 59 as the opening song. Jim Aaron offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 101t; Larry Ballinger 108t, 109; Brenda Chafin 142 (for Stanley and Amacie Smith), 430 (for Tommy Spurlock and Susan Harcrow); Lisa Geist 546, 110, 306 (in memory of Hamilton Ballinger); Bridgett Kennedy 37b, 31t;

Ottis Sides 530, 75; Jerry Kitchens 56t, 30t; Tim Cook 152, 174; Don Keeton 319, 335; Linda Sides 532 (for Janelle Davis), 225t (for Velton Chafin); Christopher Mann 146, 108b; Eugene Forbes 318, 340; Delone Cobbs 341, 39b.

RECESS

Tim Cook brought the class back to order by leading 99 and 455. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 80b, 81t; Emily Brown 228, 362; Nicholas Thompson 411, 276; Ann Jett 88t, 82t; Jim Aaron 47b, 68b; Bea Aaron 205, 438, 568, 278t; Bridgett Kennedy 176t.

LUNCH

Delone Cobbs brought the class back to order by leading 565. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 477; Don Keeton 515; Ottis Sides 97, 119; Eugene Forbes 495, 93; Ann Jett 327, 269; Emily Brown 336, 378b; Earl Ballinger 104, 147b; Lisa Geist 472, 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Brenda Chafin 270, 463 (for her dad); Bridgett Kennedy 70t; Nicholas Thompson 58, 192; Jim Aaron 231; Linda Sides 148, 277; Christopher Mann 178; Tim Cook 86; Jerry Kitchens 112; Nicholas Thompson 216; Delone Cobbs 354t; Henry Guthery 534, 478.

Following announcements, Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Eugene Forbes.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Linda Sides

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING **University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois** **Saturday, February 13, 2016**

The 24th annual Lincoln's Birthday singing was held the second Saturday in February at Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, in conjunction with the University of Chicago Folk Festival. Ginny Landgraf called the class to order at 3:00 p.m. leading 34b. Leaders: Carol Ann Munro 32t; Jim Swanson 106; Ted Mercer 27. Lisa Grayson was introduced, and taught a brief singing school, leading 278b. After that, there was a more traditional singing, periodically punctuated by explanations of what was going on by experienced singers.

Leaders: Eileen Ferguson 36b; Susan Geil 178; Susie Kaufman 277; Susan Matthews 448b; Julia Garfield 222; Lisa Grayson 448t; Ann Sleeva and Karen DNC 479; Randy Neufeld 504; Ginny Landgraf 73t; Caitlin Julien 84.

RECESS

Carol Ann Munro brought the class back together leading 87. Lisa Grayson gave another lesson.

Leaders: Linda Selph 475; Judy Hauff 159; Jerry Gripshover 49t; Judy Hauff and Asa Kaplan 45t; Michael Appert 86; Jim Swanson and Benjamin McKenna 384; Anita Shaperd 102; Ted Mercer 209; Eileen Ferguson 112; Susan Geil 344; Susie Kaufman 117; Susan Matthews 52t; Lisa Grayson 436; Randy Neufeld 38b.

RECESS

Ginny Landgraf brought the class back to order leading 39t. Leaders: Caitlin Julien 148; Linda Selph 430; Judy Hauff 155; Jerry Gripshover 268; Sally Youngquist, Rick Martin, and Ginny Landgraf 528; Ann Sleeva 223; Daniel Braithwaite 46; Michael Appert 478; Jim Swanson 564; Ted Mercer 40; Orwin Youngquist 38t; Eileen Ferguson 171; Susan Geil 474; Susie Kaufman 273.

Announcements were made. Jim Swanson led 347 as the class took the parting hand.

Chairman—Jim Swanson; Secretaries—Eileen Ferguson and Lisa Cohen

EMORY SACRED HARP SINGING
Cannon Chapel, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
Saturday, February 13, 2016

The 11th annual Emory Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Megan Friddle leading 59. John Kelso offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Megan Friddle 178; Phillip Langley 32t, 284; Laura Akerman 361, 192; Jesse P. Karlsberg 69b, 345b; Debora Grosse 344, 565; Andy Morse 472, 377; John Kelso 24b, 279; Isaac Green 85, 282; Jeannette DePoy 270; Andy Ditzler 303, 335; Matt Hinton 77t, 73t; Fred Eady and Philip Denney 63, 128; Malinda Snow 448t, 547.

RECESS

Megan Friddle brought the class together by leading 274t. Leaders: John Plunkett 50t, 271t; Rob Dunn 35, 72t.

A business session was held and the following officers elected: Chairman—Phillip Langley; Vice Chairman—Andy Ditzler; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 405; David Smead 332, 131t; Karis Askin 168, 481; Lela Crowder 385b, 124; Erica Hinton 172, 138t; Philip Denney 120, 313t; Sandra Wilkinson 311, 473; LuAnn Latzanich and Malinda Snow 159.

LUNCH

The class returned with Andy Ditzler leading 131b. Leaders: Scott DePoy 179; David Brodeur 297, 139; Karen Rollins 225t (for Earlis McGraw), 222; Amy Wells 76b, 384; Wyatt Denney 39t, 162; Jonathan Wood 58, 540; Eli Hinton and Lottie Hinton 99, 146; Jerusha Wheeler 269, 278b; Anders Wells 70b, 110; Isaac Green and Jesse P. Karlsberg 346; Debora Grosse and Sandra Wilkinson 137; Andy Morse 209 (in memory of the family of Kathy Patterson); Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, Eli Hinton, Anna Hinton, and Lottie Hinton 65; David Smead and David Brodeur 447; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 375; Laura Akerman 312t; Malinda Snow and John Plunkett 410t; Amy Wells and Anders Wells 112; Jonathan Wood 148; Megan Friddle and Jerusha Wheeler 198.

Phillip Langley led 46 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Phillip Langley; Vice Chairman—Andy Ditzler; Secretary—Laura Akerman

PLYMOUTH/EAST SANDWICH SINGING

East Sandwich Friends Meeting House, East Sandwich, Massachusetts
Saturday, February 13, 2016

The annual Plymouth/East Sandwich All-Day Singing met at the East Sandwich Friends Meeting House on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. Bill Holt led 52t to bring the class to order. Liz Cantrell offered the opening prayer.

Bill Holt welcomed the class, and introduced Ben Bath to teach a singing school. Mr. Bath went over some of the basic mechanics of Sacred Harp singing, beginning with four-syllable solfege. He noted that the Sacred Harp system is a specifically English-language solfege deriving from renaissance England. He reviewed the significance of time signatures in Sacred Harp singing, noting that the time signature indicates a mode of time, and is a tempo marking. He led 268 at a typical 2/4 tempo, faster than we often do, noting that the song changes in character when sung according to the mode. Further, just as the modes of time define patterns of musical accent, the song's poetry dictates its own iambic pattern of text accent, and in many familiar songs these two patterns do not everywhere coincide. At these places in the song, preference is given to word accent over music accent. The distinctive sound of the song as a whole

results from the combination of the two different accentual patterns. Mr. Bath led 101t and 42 as examples of this practice.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Holt; Vice Chairman—Chuck Micciche; Secretary—Willis McCumber; Treasurer—Alvaro Witt Duarte; Chaplain—Liz Cantrell; Arranging Officer—Laura Hodges.

Leaders: Bill Holt 47t; Willis McCumber 33b; Laura Hodges 91; Liz Cantrell 107; James Baumgartner 556; Christina Wallin 228; Patrick Friesen 406; Bob Parr 391; Laura Borrelli 274t; Justin Geyer 347; Brian Harris 63.

RECESS

Micah John Walter called the class to order leading 148. Leaders: Chris Coughlin 445; Liz Patton 32t; Julius Pasay 457; Faiz Wareh 292; Anna Kellar 102; Andrew Forsthoefel 300; Vicki Hayes 45t; Alvaro Witt Duarte 81t; Mary Andrews 564; Cora Lynn Wareh 124; Deidra Montgomery 234; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 538; Rachel Taylor 40; Celia Divine 515; Emma Swartz 177; Joanne Fuller 196; Leon Pulsinelle 29b; Jesse Vear 345b; Philippa Stoddard 309; Andal Sundaramurthy 512; Pattie Wareh 112. Liz Cantrell asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Liz Cantrell brought the class to order leading 73t. Leaders: Emma Rose Brown 336; Mike Nord 573; Sasha Hsuczuk 328; Robert Stoddard 397; Christine Andrews 567; Ian Quinn 419; Linda Shea 306; Angharad Davis 30b; Tarik Wareh 279; Ben Bath 270; Paula Picton 137; Alex Forsyth 214; Mary Skidmore 70b; Matthew Leger-Small 377; Alvaro Witt Duarte 440; Elizabeth Stoddard 80t; Keillor Mose 222; Lynne deBenedette 383; Mike Richards 362; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 532; Micah John Walter 215; Patrick Friesen and Jesse Vear 396; Philippa Stoddard 498.

RECESS

Willis McCumber brought the class to order leading 319. Leaders: Sasha Hsuczuk, Leon Pulsinelle, and Alex Forsyth 388; Faiz Wareh 394; Angharad Davis and Christina Wallin 546; Emma Rose Brown, Christine Andrews, and Mary Andrews 129; Keillor Mose, Bryan Harris, and Justin Geyer 48t; Joanne Fuller and Mary Skidmore 444; Emma Swartz and Chris Coughlin 421; Liz Cantrell and Chuck Micciche 269; James Baumgartner and Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 475; Anna Kellar 87; Elizabeth Stoddard and Robert Stoddard 302; Julius Pasay 277; Matthew Leger-Small and Linda Shea 367. The Treasurer reported that expenses were met.

Announcements were made.

Bill Holt, Chuck Micciche, and Willis McCumber led 62. Liz Cantrell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Holt; Vice Chairman—Chuck Micciche; Secretary—Willis McCumber

OLDHAM SACRED HARP SINGING DAY

Oldham Baptist Church, Oldham, Lancashire, United Kingdom

Saturday, February 13, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oldham Baptist Church was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Hannah Land, who welcomed everyone and led 59. She then offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Hannah Land 75; Vicki Elliott 82b; Chris Brown 88t; Michael Walker 88b; Calum Woods 36b; Geoff Grainger 535; Richard Mayers 26; Ruth Steggles 33b; Mark Wardlow 354t; Martyn Boddy 39t; Judy Whiting 105; Ted Brown 101t; Michael Walker 373; Hannah Land 198; Vicki Elliott 183; Chris Brown 460; Mark Wardlow 545; Calum Woods 512; Richard Mayers 312b; Geoff Grainger 163b; Ted Brown 225t.

RECESS

Vicki Elliott called the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: Penny Higgins 77t; Martyn Boddy 66; Julie Russell 178; Judy Whiting 318. Simon Wright conducted the memorial lesson. Hannah Land and Simon Wright led 448b in honor of the deceased and the sick and household. Simon Wright closed the memorial service with a prayer. Leaders: Calum Woods 312t; Michael Faulkner 268; Richard Mayers 280; Rosalind Woods 354b; Michael Walker 462; Mark Wardlow 416; Ruth Steggles 454; Chris Brown 473; Geoff Grainger 143; Julie Russell 472; Calum Woods 187. Michael Walker led the grace.

LUNCH

Leaders: Judy Whiting 47t; Penny Higgins 122; Michael Faulkner 403; Hannah Land 209; Richard Mayers 361; Ruth Steggles 148; Martyn Boddy 455; Vicki Elliott 273; Michael Walker 207; Chris Brown 401; Julie Russell 171; Geoff Grainger 523; Penny Higgins 107; Judy Whiting 150; Ruth Steggles 128; Michael Faulkner 86; Rosalind Woods 49t; Vicki Elliott 192; Colin Higgins 296; Calum Woods 168; Hannah Land 392; Michael Walker 528; Julie Russell 89.

RECESS

Leaders: Calum Woods 426t; Michael Walker 230; Julie Russell, Penny Higgins, and the children 159; Chris Brown 341; Martyn Boddy 566; Rosalind Woods 162; Colin Higgins 163t; Geoff Grainger 274t; Michael Faulkner 228; Richard Mayers 32b. Hannah Land led 62 as the closing song. Calum Woods offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed by Hannah Land.

Chairman—Hannah Land; Secretaries—Chris Brown and Calum Woods

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP SINGING **George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas** **Saturday, February 13, 2016**

The 15th annual Baylor University Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Great Hall of the George Truett Theological Seminary on the Baylor University campus in Waco, Texas. Donald Ross gave a few introductory remarks about Sacred Harp and taught a singing school prior to the start of the singing. Dr. David Music called the class together leading 59. Grant Frederick offered the opening prayer. The following officers were approved: Chairman—Dr. David Music; Secretary—Diane Ross.

Leaders: Diane Ross 148; Leon Ballinger 142; Vickie Cook 335; Jerry Ryan and Tori Kramer 186; Mike Hinton 418; Chelsea Miller 179; Sonny Erwin 441; Carter Cook 203; Grant Frederick 63; Janie Short 228; Donald Ross 134; Linda Booker 34t; Kristie Powell 300; Gaylon Powell 268; Robert Vaughn 215; Jessie Latimer 306; Dr. David Music and Leslie Robinson 34b; Katy Tinlin and Matt Arnold 49t.

RECESS

Dr. David Music and Katy Tinlin brought the class back together leading 274t. Leaders: Diane Ross 209; Leon Ballinger 313b; Vickie Cook 276; Jerry Ryan and Tori Kramer 408; Allison Frederick and Grant Frederick 145t; Mike Hinton 400; Chelsea Miller 64; Sonny Erwin 467; Carter Cook 312b; Grant Frederick 30t; Janie Short 387; Donald Ross 183; Linda Booker 147t; Kristie Powell 95; Jessie Latimer 376; Gaylon Powell 288; Robert Vaughn 220; Leslie Robinson 45t. Leslie Robinson led the grace prior to the meal.

LUNCH

Diane Ross brought the class back together leading 87. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 454; Vickie Cook 365; Jerry Ryan and Tori Kramer 318; Mike Hinton 477; Chelsea Miller 143; Sonny Erwin 111b; Carter Cook 430; Janie Short 455; Donald Ross 475; Linda Booker 145b; Kristie Powell 328; Katie Tinlin 72b; Matt Arnold 122; Gaylon Powell

374; Robert Vaughn 457; Jessie Latimer 376; Carter Cook 168; Chelsea Miller 58; Jessie Latimer 378b; Gaylon Powell 235.

Dr. David Music dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Dr. David Music; Secretary—Diane Ross

H.R. AVERY MEMORIAL SINGING

Daviston, Alabama

Sunday, February 14, 2016

The annual H. R. Avery Memorial Singing was held the second Sunday in February at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jack Nelson leading 32b and 164. Jack Nelson offered opening prayer.

Leaders: Charlotte Bishop 334, 318; Oscar McGuire 171, 155; Winfred Kerr 89, 314; Judy Chambless 454, 37b; Jack Nelson 560, 518; John Plunkett 33b, 30t.

RECESS

Jack Nelson 300; Jacob Acton 282, 53; Robert Chambless 566, 84, Sharon Whitehead 569b, 480; Jenny Acton 100, 143; Charlotte Bishop 186, 268; Diane Avery 145b, 45t; Linda Fagan 31t, 49b.

LUNCH

Leaders: Jack Nelson 540; Carla Smith 358, 294; Ben Keeble 39b, 490; Robbie J. Duck 111t, 87; Jordan McGuire 274t, 340; Oscar McGuire 163b; Winfred Kerr 59; Jack Nelson 35; John Plunkett 385t; Jacob Acton 108b; Robert Chambless 34b; Jenny Acton 229 (CB); Charlotte Bishop 146; Sharon Whitehead 46; Diane Avery 47b; Linda Fagan 445; Carla Smith 388; Jordan McGuire 159.

Jack Nelson led 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Elder Ben Keeble.

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

ALABAMA COLLEGIATE SINGING

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Saturday, February 20, 2016

The 18th annual session of the Alabama Collegiate Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Student Center of Canterbury Episcopal Chapel on the campus of the University of Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in February. Nikos Pappas welcomed the class, and led 49b. Richard Maudlin offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Stephen Smith 59; Scott Ivey and Bill Stewart 569b; Hubert Nall 47t; Tim Cook 350; Ann Jett 88t; Gravis Ballinger 215; Richard Mauldin 43; Tim Taylor 546; Susan Chernes 564; Jack Pate 39b; Earl Ballinger 36b; Mike Hankins 480; Jim Aaron 47b; Zilpha Cornett 143; Larry Ballinger 551; Nate Green and Norma Green 418; Sarah Beasley 340; Steve Adams 99; Angela Myers 411; Bea Aaron 568; Loyd Ivey 283; Mary Amelia Taylor 270.

RECESS

Nikos Pappas brought the class back to order, and led 107. Leaders: Judy Caudle 422; Reba Windom 217; Alex Makris 222; Lomax Ballinger 168; Cheyenne Ivey 208; Warren Steel 74t; Wanda Capps 298; Erica Martinez 234; Rodney Ivey 176t; Lucy Heidorn and David Heidorn 87; Danny Creel 269; Elene Stovall 430; Hayden Arp 434; Ateven Snderson 68t; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 300; Nikos Pappas 163b (in memory of Robert DuPree); Nikos Pappas 337 (in memory of Azilee Adams); Warren Steel 137 (in memory of Charles Porter); Warren Steel 313t (in memory of George Easley); Elene Stovall 192 (in memory of Sandra Spradlin); Nikos Pappas 82t (in memory of Harper Lee); Scott Ivey 276 (for the sick and shut-ins); Richard

Mauldin 146 (for the sick and shut-ins); Jim Aaron 503; Zilpha Cornett 122; Mike Hankins 314; Sarah Beasley 129. Richard Mauldin offered the thanksgiving prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Nikos Pappas brought the class back to order, and led 148. Leaders: Jack Pate 75; Loyd Ivey 426b; Bea Aaron 456; Steve Adams 331; Wanda Capps 299; Hubert Nall 176b; Mary Amelia Taylor 284; Tim Cook and Mako Cook 86; Tim Cook, Mako Cook, Keith Dunlap, Scott Ivey, Alex Makris, Christopher Menas, Will Menas, and Ben Reed 63; Susan Cheronas 460; Stephen Smith 113; Angela Myers 85; Tim Taylor 228.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or re-elected for 2017: Chairman—Nikos Pappas; Vice Chairman—Scott Ivey; Secretary—Stephen Smith.

The class resumed singing with Ann Jett leading 327. Leaders: Judy Caudle 56t; Reba Windom and Rodney Ivey 30b; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Alex Makris 76b; Hayden Arp 170; Richard Mauldin 446; Erica Martinez 349; Lomax Ballinger, Gravis Ballinger, Larry Ballinger, and Earl Ballinger 110; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 277; Warren Steel 53; Ateven Snderson 384; Cheyenne Ivey and Elene Stovall 500; Seth Holloway 236.

Announcements were made. Nikos Pappas led 267 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer.

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

PACIFIC NORTHWEST SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION, WASHINGTON SESSION

Ballard Homestead, Seattle, Washington

February 20-21, 2016

Saturday, February 20

The 25th annual Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention, Washington Session, was called to order by Kevin Barrans leading 52t. Darlene Simpson-Brown offered the opening prayer.

The class held a business session, and the following officers were approved or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Clarissa Fetrow; Rising Chairperson—Kate Coxon; Treasurer—Karen Willard; Arranging Committee—Bob Schinske and Karen Willard; Secretary—Jen Rymut. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Clarissa Fetrow 56t; Adam Berey 59; Lu Zeng 28t; Anne Huckins 48t; Shannon McGuire 565; Jim Van Horn 569b; Kathy Vlach 171; Destiny Woods 497; Wing L. Mui 372; Kate Fine 373; Jim Friedrich 163t; Lucinda Larsen Saue 168; Cornelia van den Doel and Cornelia Stanton 84; Scott Kennedy 547; Janet Vorvick 77b; Elizabeth Riggs and Jack Lofton 479; Kevin Beirne 299; Susan Helf 86.

RECESS

Peter Schinske brought the class back to order by leading 47t. Leaders: John Berendzen 31t; Judy Van Duzer 173; Alberta Hardy 228; Jeff Begley 77t; Mary Taylor 455 (in memory of Fran Ross); Leah Coffin 504; Steve Helwig 184 (in memory of Fran Ross); Reed Schilbach 318; William Price 101b; Megan Dunning 148; Nell Whitman 324; Steve Cackley 185; Amanda Jokerst and David Schmitt 47b; Mryka Hall-Beyer 277; Greg Saue 38b; Karen Willard 124; David Wright 550; Linda Booth 198.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ana Tighe and Liz Claggett leading 135. Leaders: Bob Schinske 505; Laura McMurray 512; Dan Thoma 362; Darlene

Simpson-Brown 470; Rich Lee and Katie Mahoney 472; Kate Coxon 300; Carla Smith 41; John Wiens 384; Evelyn Lamb 269; Ethan Hardy 270; Jennie Brown 192; Catie Van Duzer 276; Erik Schwab 196; Lindy Groening 444; Nancy Price 457; Jack Lofton 456; Betsy Jeronen 548. Darlene Simpson-Brown offered thanks for the meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Clarissa Fetrow and Lindy Groening leading 319. Leaders: Peter Schinske 89; Elaine Denny 430; AnnaLeigh Smith and Jacob Kiakahi 30t; Amandeep Gill 98; Erika Wilson 476; Jerry Schreiber and Bill Holt 538; Mary Gowins 454; Gillian Inksetter 543; Tamara Harris 177; Stephanie Fida 477; Pat Coghlan 272; Rebecca Edwards 197; Ana Tighe 478; Thom Fahrbach 388; Corrie Van Duzer 117; Paul Lindholm 123b; Mary Rose O'Reilly 203; Susan Willis-Powers 210; Lacey Landry and Jake Hachey 215.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ethan Hardy leading 223. Leaders: Sophia Schinske 334; Amanda Jokerst 132; Kramer Klein 428; Tova Houpt 344; Kyler LaViollette 282; Tina Cramer 278t; Sean MacPherson 213b; Karen Stingle 551 (in memory of Fran Ross); Marcia Steadman 162; Orit Werner and Raychel Stovall 268; Evelyn Lamb 567; Judy Van Duzer 540; Megan Dunning 76b; Jerry Schreiber 245; Mryka Hall-Beyer 280; Leah Coffin 216; Gillian Inksetter 485.

Clarissa Fetrow led "Cascadia" (by Kevin Barrans) as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Darlene Simpson-Brown.

Sunday, February 21

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Clarissa Fetrow leading 283. David Wright offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kate Coxon 37b; Jen Rymut 527; Karen Willard 74t; Ryan Bartley and Theresa Shortman 40; Dorothy Robinson 36t; Sophia Bowen, Nikole Clark, Ben Furbee, Katharine Grant, and Nat Reynolds 111b; Lucinda Larsen Saue 178; Alayna Liebman, Cedric Reeve, Ashley Thomas, Ariel Vining, and Sean Zinewicz 107; Jake Hachey 348t; Kristeen Anderson, Cheryl Cruson, Chloe Marina Manchester, and Wisnu Weinstock 282; Tova Houpt 39t; Juanita Hopkins, Tristan Langton, Ryan Neugent, and Lavia Peter 267; Betsy Jeronen 564; Marla Elliott 215; Rosalind Adams 274t; Molly Pumfrey and Curtis Plyner 268; Lyle Lindsey 47b; Destiny Woods, Nubian Dupree, and Gracey Dupree 112.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Rebecca Edwards leading 101t. Leaders: Jonathan Levy-Wolins 318; Amanda Jokerst 531; Adam Berey 106; Raychell Stovall 155; Steve Cackley 502; Mary Taylor 532; Rogan Campbell 74b; Karen Stingle 475; Pat Coghlan 187; Kathy Vlach 143 (in memory of Fran Ross); Solomon Ossa 546; Elizabeth Riggs and Jack Lofton 362; John Berendzen 365; Shannon McGuire 361 (for Paul McGuire); Judy Van Duzer 373; Jerry Schreiber 217 (for Carla Smith); Mryka Hall-Beyer 312b; Jeff Begley 201.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Scott Kennedy leading 228. Leaders: Nancy Price 129; Paul Lindholm 460; Catie Van Duzer 280; Jim Friedrich 56b; Leah Coffin 492. Erik Schwab and Gillian Inksetter conducted the memorial lesson. Erik Schwab led 539 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Janelle Davis, Jeannette DePoy, James Faiola, Bill Fisher, Suzanne Gautreau, Susan Harcrow, Jim Harder, Melanie Hauff, Theresa Huot, Judy Laudenbach, Carol Lundgren, Jim Mahnke, Paul McGuire, Jinx McGuire, Mary Metzger, Jean Murphy, Laird Schaub, Owen Turner, Albert Whittaker, and Elaine Zidek.

Gillian Inksetter led 229 in memory of the following deceased: Scott Willis—Alaska;

Flara Doreene Foster—California; John Schaffer—Colorado; Dan Adams—Connecticut; Donald Stingle—Florida; Jacob A. Larsen and Johnny Heaton—Georgia; Hugh Clark—Hawaii; Larry Louise Churchill—Illinois; Mary Kelly—Ireland; Rose Warnock—Massachusetts; Eveline Inksetter—New York and Quebec; David Ball—North Carolina; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Inge Scholz—Ontario; Willa Johnson Coe, Charlene Dixon, Dale Dixon, Sarah Hauser, Rachel Lambert, Jim Newell, Sara Perry, Austin Robert, Fran Ross, Shiloh Sundstrom, and Tammi Ziola—Oregon; Oliver Kindig-Stokes and Bob Knorr—Pennsylvania; Jennifer Anne Brooks—Quebec; Elizabeth Lofton Brown and Sarah Morrison Lofton—South Carolina; Joanne Buckler, Cheryl DeBoer, Evan Kimble, and Jim Roe—Washington. David Wright closed the lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Kevin Beirne 436; Erika Wilson 275t; Thom Fahrback 181; Mary Gowins 536; Fred Kraii 163b; Amandeep Gill 313b; Alexandra Maymi 503; Linda Berkemeier 30t. Jennie Brown offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Clarissa Fetrow and Kari Lundgren leading 58. Leaders: John Wiens 145t; Jinx McGuire and Shannon McGuire 269; Gillian Inksetter 447; Jacob Kiakahi 70b; Karen Willard 188; Cornelia van den Doel and Ana Tighe 270; David Wright 212; Carla Smith 78; Steve Helwig 374 (for Jeannette DePoy); Jennie Brown 411; Bob Schinske 383; Lindy Groening 528; Dan Thoma 446; Lacey Landry 49t; Darlene Simpson-Brown 434; Aubrey Hemminger 142; AnnaLeigh Smith 448t; Jack Lofton 236 (in memory of Fran Ross); Wing L. Mui 300.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Betsy Jeronen leading 330b. Leaders: Kate Fortin 284; Cornelia Stanton and Scott Kennedy 454; Tamara Harris 123t; Stephanie Fida and Corrie Van Duzer 497; Sean MacPherson and Susan Helf 235; Kevin Barrans 511; Kirk Boyer, Stephanie Fida, Amandeep Gill, Amanda Jokerst, James Lindholm, Paul Lindholm, David Schmitt, Catie Van Duzer, Corrie Van Duzer, and Judy Van Duzer 522; Kate Fine and Greg Saue 147t; Rebecca Edwards and Sophia Schinske 335; Laura McMurray and Elaine Denny 369; Erik Schwab 271t; Kevin Beirne and Tina Cramer 481; William Price and Susan Willis-Powers 192; Reed Schilbach and Tova Houpt 61; Kari Lundgren 474.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. The Treasurer announced that all expenses were met with the generosity of the attendees. The Arranging Committee announced 245 registered attendees, representing twelve U.S. states, four Canadian provinces, Germany, and the Netherlands. The Resolutions Committee thanked all whose work made the convention a success. The business meeting was closed, and announcements were made.

Clarissa Fetrow and Kate Coxon led 62 as the closing song, David Wright offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Clarissa Fetrow; Rising Chairperson—Kate Coxon; Secretary—Jen Rymut

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA **Food Services Building (Z-6), Carrollton, Georgia** **Sunday, February 21, 2016**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at the University of West Georgia was held on the third Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Myron House leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Philip Denney.

Leaders: Myron House 109; Jan House 148; Judy Chambless 527, 549; Karen Rollins 168, 399b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Jan House; Secretary—Sheri Taylor; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless; Memorial Lesson—Karen Rollins. Leaders: Myron House 38t; Cecil Roberts 47b, 48t; Sheri Taylor 126, 156; Karis Askin 300, 547; Henry Johnson 88t, 164; Dalton Lewis Dyer 354b, 46; Lisa Bennett 29t, 448t (for Janelle Davis); Wyatt Denney 38b, 203.

RECESS

Myron House led 77b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg 324, 423; Virginia Dyer 63, 546; Leanne Carter 58, 106; Samuel Williams 375; Andy Ditzler 48b, 540; Charlene Wallace 283; B.M. Smith 350, 208; David Smead 43, 325; Malinda Snow 548, 544; Robert Chambless 28b, 503; Donna Duke and Gene Duke 225t, 40.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Myron House leading 81b. Leaders: Michael Spenser 166, 420; John Plunkett 330b (for Jeannette DePoy), 284.

Karen Rollins conducted the memorial lesson. She spoke and read the following list of names of the deceased: Mrs. Gilbert Pope, George Garner, C.W. Garner, Evelyn Harris, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Jimmy Cole, and Mary Martha Fox.

Karen spoke on behalf of the following sick and shut-ins: Janelle Davis, Jeannette DePoy, Earlis McGraw, S.T. Reed, Donnie Rayburn, Virginia Futral, Susan Harcrow, Toney Smith, and Lavoy Smith. She led 318. Judy Chambless closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 327, 344; Daniel Williams 556, 74b; David Brodeur 45b, 50b; Winfred Kerr 45t, 89; Philip Denney and Emily Driver 72b (for Donnie Rayburn), 84; Fallon Cook 340, 146; Fred Eady 418; Jason Stanford 159, 75; Philip Denney, Wyatt Denney, and Karis Askin 504; Jesse P. Karlsberg, Andy Ditzler, and David Brodeur 142; Malinda Snow, Lisa Bennett, David Smead, and John Plunkett 155; Leanne Carter, Charlene Wallace, and Michael Spenser 480; Oscar McGuire, Samuel Williams, and Daniel Williams 73t; Henry Johnson, B.M. Smith, and Margie Smith 317; Jason Stanford, Cecil Roberts, Winfred Kerr, and Fred Eady 312b; Donne Duke, Gene Duke, and Sheri Taylor 276.

Myron House led 323t as the closing song. Philip Denney offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Jan House; Secretary—Sheri Taylor

SOUTH YORKSHIRE SINGING **Wood Lane Countryside Centre** **Stannington, South Yorkshire, United Kingdom** **Saturday, February 27, 2016**

The annual South Yorkshire All-Day Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Sarah West leading 30t. Joe Vickers offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed: Chairperson—Sarah West; Secretaries—Cath Ingham and Joy Spreadborough; Arranging Committee—Eimear O'Donovan, Vicki Elliott, Joe Vickers, and Judy Whiting.

Leaders: Vicki Elliott 82t; Chris Brown 70t; Cath Ingham 42; Joe Vickers 565; Judy Whiting 77b; Geoff Grainger 535; Joy Spreadborough 452; Richard Mayers 65; Claire Welford 49t; Steve Brett 544; Michael Walker 297; Benny Ross 53; Liam Kirby 283; Lin James 32b; Piers Cawley 178; Mark Wardlaw 312t; Eimear O'Donovan 38b; Cath Tyler 318; Ted Brown 81t.

RECESS

Joy Spreadborough called the class to order leading 72b. Leaders: Jo Ellis 139;

Richard Mayers 299; Hannah Land 298; Phil Tyler 26; Teresa Maguire 37b; Piers Cawley 45t; Sarah West 328; Benny Ross 40; Chris Brown 277; Cath Ingham 89; Judy Whiting 456; Geoff Grainger 163b; Calum Woods 191; Claire Welford 300; Liam Kirby 548; Lin James 448b; Steve Brett 202; Mark Wardlaw 351; Cath Tyler 543. Ted Brown offered the blessing for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Vicki Elliott leading 168. Leaders: Mark Wardlaw 375; Eimear O'Donovan 124; Hannah Land 319; Ted Brown 546; Joe Vickers 228; Calum Woods 422; Phil Tyler 332; Michael Walker 475; Chris Brown 447; Joy Spreadborough 496; Cath Ingham 282; Liam Kirby 500; Claire Welford 440; Steve Brett 568; Teresa Maguire 175; Lin James 76b; Jo Ellis 442; Geoff Grainger 143; Sarah West 150; Richard Mayers 198.

Dave Elliott conducted the memorial lesson and read the names of the following recently deceased: Tom Robinson, Mary Newell, Steve Robinson, Wendy Ross, Lindsay Hill, Marjorie Mound, Ian Whiting, Eileen McDougall, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, and Dave Smith.

He also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Jeannette DePoy, Lynn Carr, Sheena McMain, Kirsty Grainger, Ian West, Dot Green, Joyce Stott, Ruth Steggles, Janelle Davis, Sister Pippa, Nathalie Hunter and family. Vicki Elliott led 390. Dave Elliott closed the memorial lesson with a prayer. Leaders: Mark Wardlaw 414; Cath Tyler 531.

RECESS

Eimear O'Donovan called the class to order leading 73t. Leaders: Liam Kirby 491; Benny Ross 556; Byron Tyler and Tom Higgins 99; Teresa Maguire 67; Helena Reynolds 441; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 303 (for Dave Smith); Jo Ellis 504; Joe Vickers 481; Hannah Land 434; Joy Spreadborough 540; Michael Walker 492; Steve Brett 536; Phil Tyler 399b; Calum Woods 385b; Lin James 566; Chris Brown 274b; Helena Reynolds 276.

Sarah West led 62, and the class took the parting hand. Hannah Land offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Sarah West; Secretaries—Cath Ingham and Joy Spreadborough

J. L. WHITE BOOK AND ECLECTIC HARMONY SINGING **Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia** **Saturday, February 27, 2016**

The 16th annual J.L. White and Eclectic Harmony singing was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. (Note that this would have been the 17th annual singing except that the 2015 singing was cancelled due to bad weather.) John Plunkett welcomed the class and led 30t (WB). John Kelso offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 279 (WB); Malinda Snow 490t (WB), 55t (WB); Joan Durdin 148 (WB), 54 (WB); Russ Hanson 72b (WB), 222 (WB); Liz Bryant 544t (WB); Sandra Wilkinson 288 (WB), 479b (WB); Bob Goodman 491b (WB), 519 (WB); Henry Johnson 32b (WB), 61 (WB); Jesse Karlsberg 318 (WB), 176b (WB); Andy Morse 46t (WB), 484t (WB); John Kelso 42 (WB), 115 (WB); Andrew Snyder 186 (WB), 142 (WB); Debora Grosse 46b (WB), 490t (WB).

RECESS

Russ Hanson called the class to order leading 47 (EH1). Leaders: Judy Mincey 82 (EH1), 78 (EH1); John Plunkett 40 (EH1), 21b (EH1); Liz Bryant 49 (EH1), 45t (EH1); Sandra Wilkinson 45b (EH1), 62 (EH1); Henry Johnson 154t (WB), 129 (WB); Jesse Karlsberg 511 (WB), 491 (WB). Andy Morse asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class together leading 66 (EH2). Leaders: Andy Morse 110 (EH1), 7 (EH2); Lauren Bock 58 (EH2), 50 (EH2); Amy Wells 33 (EH1), 22 (EH1); John Kelso 422 (WB); Andrew Snyder 149 (WB) (for George Snyder); Malinda Snow 38t (WB); Carol Hanson 47b (WB); Russ Hanson 526 (WB); John Plunkett 9 (EH1); Debora Grosse 58 (EH1); Judy Mincey 10 (EH1); Liz Bryant and Andrew Snyder 92 (EH1), 66 (EH1) (for George Snyder); Sandra Wilkinson 535 (WB); Henry Johnson 17 (EH2); Jesse Karlsberg 14 (EH2); Lauren Bock 47 (EH2); Joan Durdin 106 (EH1).

In a business session, the class voted to keep the same officers as follows:

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russ Hanson; Secretary—Malinda Snow.

After announcements, John Plunkett led 455t (WB) as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russ Hanson; Secretary—Malinda Snow

TEXAS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Coker United Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas** **February 27-28, 2016**

Saturday, February 27

The 24th annual Texas State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Coker United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas. Cassie Allen called the class to order leading 32t. Eddie Mash offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Amy Peveto 148; Tammy Powell 142; Mike Hinton 475; Robert Vaughn 512; Evelyn Lamb 35; Carter Cook 208; John Seaton 47t; Sarah Huckaby 454; Rene Greene 428; Sonny Erwin 467; Liz Owen 33b; Robert Stoddard 73t; Bruce Coates 30b; Jeb Owen 122; Eddie Mash 145b; Lori Rodgers 472; Riley Owen 47b; Kristie Powell 379; Betsy Jeronen 564; Linda Booker 34b; Lauren Owen 159; Patrick Friesen 406; Vickie Cook 211.

RECESS

Amy Peveto called the class back to order by leading 30t. Leaders: Ben Copenhaver 41; Ann Jett 172; Philippa Stoddard 396; Jackson Owen 40; Judy Hauff 434; Silas Huckaby 542; Leon Ballinger 195; Wanda Capps 217; Michele Curran 430; Ainslie Allen 196; Reba Windom 436; Addison Bowles 146; Pam Nunn 528; Beverly Coates 377; Morris Nelms 28t; Rick Foreman 473; Andy Ditzler 202; Ted Mercer 88t; Greg Bowles 37b; Chris Nicholson 290; Elizabeth Stoddard 330b; Janie Short 183; Amanda Bowles 285t.

The following committees were appointed: Memorial Committee—Scott Curran and Kristie Powell; Nominating Committee—Mike Hinton, Vickie Cook, and Patrick Weatherington. Tom Owen offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Cassie Allen began the afternoon session by leading 76b. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 198; Sharon DuPriest 542; Scott Curran 532; Daphene Causey 269; Tom Owen 328; Cindy Tanner 220; Patrick Weatherington 569t; Becky Hendricks 479; Becca Short 312b; Amy Denison 45t; Cheyenne Ivey 349; Tammy Powell 163b; Andy Ditzler 225t; Jeb Owen 234; Patrick Friesen 168; Robert Vaughn 387; John Seaton 68b; Liz Owen 283.

RECESS

Amy Peveto led 51 to bring the class together. Leaders: Philippa Stoddard 222; Sarah Dalton 448t; Micah Rodgers 178; Dave Collette 225b; Amanda Bowles 179; Pam

Nunn and Reba Windom 216; Greg Bowles 39b; Betsy Jeronen 548; Judy Hauff 411; Riley Owen 171; Silas Huckaby 212; Robert Stoddard 326; Eddie Mash 278t; Carter Cook 63.

Cassie Allen and Amy Peveto led 335 as the closing song. Ben Copenhaver offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, February 28

The Sunday session of the Texas State Convention was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 82t. Tom Owen offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Amy Peveto 48t; Tammy Powell 503; Tom Owen 309; Evelyn Lamb 83t; Leon Ballinger 297; Rene Greene 200; Gary Rogan 300; Pam Nunn, Eddie Mash, and Rene Greene 556; Diane Ross 504; Ann Jett 327; Don Ross 499; Reba Windom 384; Chris Nicholson 49t; Sharon DuPriest 189; Abby Huckaby 146; Vivian Rogan 163b; Wanda Capps 298; Scott Curran 500.

RECESS

Amy Peveto led 198 to begin the next session. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 455; Ted Mercer 353; Silas Huckaby 383; Cindy Tanner 368; Betsy Jeronen 440; Elizabeth Stoddard 367; Ben Copenhaver 370; Judy Hauff 536; Michele Curran 203; Andy Ditzler 464; Kristie Powell 547; Janie Short 551; Philippa Stoddard 550; Olivia Powell 236; Sonny Erwin and Mike Hinton 534.

A memorial lesson was held. Scott Curran led 176b for the following sick and shut-ins: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Ruth Redmond, Rick Cunningham, Amy Denison, Mary Stanley, Alexa Nichols, Jimmy Foreman, Tony Shrader, Claudene Townson, Eloise Wootten, Susan Harcrow, Kermit Adams, Tony Smith, Lavoy Smith, Melanie Hauff, Janelle Davis, Earlis McGraw, and Jeannette DePoy.

Kristie Powell led 77t in memory of the following deceased: Sarah Hauser, Sara Perry, and Tammi Ziola-Oregon; Loraine Bayer-Ohio; Dan Adams-Connecticut; Oliver Kindig-Stokes-Pennsylvania; David Strother-Maine; Donald Klein and John Schaffer-Colorado; Evelyn Harris, Sandra Spradlin, Azilee Adams, and Odie Horton-Alabama; Jackie Bass, H.P. O'Mary, and Tom Robinson-Texas. Tom Owen offered the closing prayer for the memorial service.

Leaders: Bruce Coates 566; Patrick Friesen 404; Morris Nelms 45t; Robert Stoddard 430; Sarah Huckaby 348b; Linda Booker 490; Mike Hinton and the BBQ cooks 495. Gaylon Powell offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cassie Allen leading 144. Leaders: John Seaton 362; Kevin Powell 39t; Eddie Mash 402; Beverly Coates 229; Becky Hendricks 117; Mike Hinton 456; Lori Rodgers 460; Abigail Webb 35; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Cassie Allen and Don Ross 419; Silas Huckaby 434; Amy Peveto and Evelyn Lamb 215; Gary Rogan and Andy Ditzler 421; Olivia Powell and Wanda Capps 282; Ted Mercer 468; Sarah Huckaby and Philippa Stoddard 228; Chris Nicholson and John Seaton 480; Janie Short and Judy Hauff 112; Scott Curran and Robert Stoddard 299; Vivian Rogan and Betsy Jeronen 36b; Gaylon Powell and Eddie Mash 538; Michele Curran and Cindy Tanner 269; Ben Copenhaver and Patrick Friesen 498; Sonny Erwin and Elizabeth Stoddard 313t; Linda Booker, Diane Ross, and Lori Rodgers 481; Bruce Coates and Morris Nelms 120; Kristie Powell, Becky Hendricks, and Beverly Coates 129; Mike Hinton and Kevin Powell 448b; Tammy Powell and Vickie Cook 137.

A business meeting was held. The following officers were elected to serve for next year: Chairman—Amy Peveto; Vice Chairman—Sarah Huckaby; Secretary—Tammy Powell; Treasurers—Rick Foreman and Cheryl Foreman; Assistant Treasurer—Sonny Erwin. Announcements were made.

Cassie Allen and Amy Peveto led 62 as the closing song. Gaylon Powell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cassie Allen; Vice Chairman—Amy Peveto; Secretary—Tammy Powell

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SINGING
State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
Sunday, February 28, 2016

The annual meeting of the University of Georgia Singing was held among hundreds of orchid blossoms in the Conservatory Great Room of the State Botanical Garden in Athens, Georgia, on the fourth Sunday in February. This singing is the only annual singing that uses *The Social Harp*, first published in 1855.

John Hollingsworth opened the session by leading 191 (ScH). Bill Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shannon Primm; Arranging Officer—Judy Mincey.

Leaders: Michael Spencer 228 (ScH); Shannon Primm 61b (ScH); Judy Mincey 182 (ScH); Lauren Bock 155 (ScH); Margie Dietz 66 (ScH); Robert Kelley 218t (ScH); Lisa Bennett 200 (ScH); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 82 (ScH); Abigail Beavin 103 (ScH); David Smead 250 (ScH); Jane Spencer 53 (ScH); Charles Woods 159 (ScH); Richard DeLong 60 (ScH); Bill Hollingsworth 52b (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 21 (ScH); Michael Spencer 87 (ScH); Shannon Primm 135 (ScH); Judy Mincey 134 (ScH); Lauren Bock and Jim Neal 86 (ScH); Margie Dietz 237 (ScH); Robert Kelley 50 (ScH); Oscar McGuire 34 (ScH); John Plunkett 33b (ScH); Lisa Bennett 105 (ScH); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 31 (ScH).

RECESS

Jane Spencer called the class back together by leading 140 (ScH). Leaders: Abigail Beavin 29 (ScH); David Smead 62 (ScH); Bill Hollingsworth 52t (ScH); Charles Woods 100 (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 81 (ScH); Richard DeLong 137 (ScH); Oscar McGuire 111 (ScH); John Plunkett 141 (ScH); Karen Redwine 74 (ScH), 93 (ScH); Michael Spencer 253 (ScH); Shannon Primm 51 (ScH); Judy Mincey 71 (ScH); Margie Dietz 156 (ScH); Lisa Bennett 163 (ScH); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 44 (ScH).

LUNCH

Following a bountiful lunch, the class sang from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Jane Spencer opened the session by leading 441. Leaders: Abigail Beavin 92; David Smead 421; Bill Hollingsworth 180; Charles Woods 440; Chris Wilhelm 350; Richard DeLong 168; Oscar McGuire 485; John Plunkett 311; Karen Redwine 569b; Jim Neal 339; Daron Douglas and Morgan Powell 162; Kevin Kelley 159; Christy Sinksen 448t; Lauren Bock 332; Robert Kelley 460; Shannon Primm 284; Michael Spencer 308; Judy Mincey 50b (for the memorial lesson); Margie Dietz 141; Lisa Bennett 340 (for her mother, and all singers who are ill); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 360; Winston Stephens 503; Jane Spencer 328; Joanna Smolko 229; Abigail Beavin 100; David Smead 121; Bill Hollingsworth 365; Chris Wilhelm 286.

Following announcements, Michael Spencer led 521 as the closing song. Bill Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

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

EMMAUS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

**Thomaston, Georgia
Saturday, March 5, 2016**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church held on Saturday before the first Sunday in March was called to order by Oscar McGuire leading 34b. Elder Norman Randall offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman—Wayne Watson; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 59; Wayne Watson 63, 480; Helen Bryson 131b, 155; Joanne Fuller 65, 439; David Smead 47b (in memory of Lisa Bennett's mother, Betty Jo Bennett), 50t; Mary Brownlee 287, 183; Debora Grosse 81t, 171; John Plunkett 312b, 160b; Faye Hollis 99, 299.

RECESS

Oscar McGuire called the class to order leading 145t. Leaders: Martha Harrell 45t, 72b; Rosemund Watson 503, 282; Phillip Ford 314, 28b; Myron Showalter 236; B.M. Smith 143, 138t; Jesse Karlsberg 354t, 466; Jessica Kelso 191, 176b; David Grant 166, 569b.

LUNCH

Wayne Watson called the class to order leading 49b. Leaders: John Kelso 358 (by request), 296; Shannon Primm 142, 147t; Susan Ford 457, 49t; Mary Brownlee, Jason Brownlee, and Sage Brownlee 556, 569t; Mary Brownlee and Beth Brownlee Kerkhoff 68b; Bob Crawford 523; Helen Bryson 492; Joanne Fuller 406; David Smead 488; Debora Grosse 344; Faye Hollis 276; Rosemund Watson 94; Martha Harrell 542; Phillip Ford 47t; John Plunkett 540 (for Jeannette DePoy), 178; Bob Crawford and Oscar McGuire 40; Jesse Karlsberg 378t; B.M. Smith 225t (for Earlis McGraw); Shannon Primm 149; Oscar McGuire and Beth Brownlee Kerkhoff 268. Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. Wayne Watson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Wayne Watson; Secretary—Helen Bryson

ELMORE CENTER SINGING

**Elmore Center United Methodist Church, Gordo, Alabama
Saturday, March 5, 2016**

The 172nd session of the Elmore Center Sacred Harp Singing was held at Elmore Center United Methodist Church near Gordo, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in March. Jack Pate called the class to order by leading 569b. The pastor of the church, Rev. Joey Karr, offered the morning prayer. Jack Pate welcomed everyone.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Jack Pate; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Wayne Baines.

Leaders: Jack Pate 145b; Glenn Keeton 274t, 535; Richard Mauldin 117, 82t; Earl Ballinger 141, 134; Beth Wallace 112, 546; Wendell Rinehart 445, 457; Earlene Ellis 294, 349; Jim Aaron 47b, 503; Betty Baccus 39b, 45t; Mike Hankins 480, 527; Bea Aaron 341, 568.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton and Rev. Joey Karr led 59 to call the class to order. Leaders: Jerry Kitchens 64, 108t; Faye Donaldson 40, 129; Stephen Smith 58, 126; Steve Adams 99 (for Kermit Adams), 331; Tim Reynolds 278t, 148; Lisa Geist 472, 528; Eugene Forbes 155, 203; Gravis Ballinger 120, 182. Rev. Karr asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jack Pate leading 282. Leaders: Wayne Baines 436, 340; Wendell Rinehart 31t; Richard Mauldin 446; Tim Reynolds 492; Mike Hankins 63; Glenn Keeton 504; Jerry Kitchens 108b; Dylan Feezell 435, 434; Gravis Ballinger 273; Jim Aaron 68b; Bea Aaron 475; Eugene Forbes 212; Lisa Geist 215; Beth Wallace 442; Earl Ballinger 162; Betty Baccus and Faye Donaldson 168 (in memory of their father); Stephen Smith 278b; Dylan Feezell 452; Lisa Geist and Glenn Keeton “Ashley” and “Joshua”.

Following announcements, Jack Pate led 335 as the closing song. Rev. Joey Karr dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jack Pate; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP SINGING **Pullen Memorial Baptist Chapel, Raleigh, North Carolina** **Saturday, March 5, 2016**

The North Carolina All-Day Sacred Harp Singing took place at Pullen Memorial Baptist Chapel, Raleigh, North Carolina, on Saturday before the first Sunday in March. Lynda Hambourger called the class to order leading 49t. Sally Owens offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Eric Conrad; Treasurer—Rick Motylinski; Secretary—Derek Lane.

Leaders: Rick Motylinski 155; Eric Conrad 300; Kathy Kaiser and Lydia Llewellyn 171; Derek Lane 48t; Tim Hambourger 86; John Fedderson 513; Anne Gilliland 143; David Wilson 276; Pamela Minor 30t; Carol Selleck 29t; James Latimer 45t; Cleve Callison 198; Xaris Martinez 293; Pat Temple 33t; Kyle Johnston 31t; Jenny Sudweeks and Lynda Hambourger 34b.

RECESS

John Fedderson called the class back to order leading 107. Leaders: Mary Wright 312t; Erin Newton 534; Michael Spencer 308; Susan Hester 178; Nora Miller 326; Corinne Ducey 42; Marlen Ruegg and Lynda Hambourger 196; Mary Johnston and Lydia Llewellyn 472; Gretchen Caverly 36b; Ellie Snyder 121; Chris Wolf 455; Jane Cannon 500; Adam Frey 186; Abigail Beavin 418; Ben Shirley 81t; Stephen Cole 299.

RECESS

Lydia Llewellyn called the class back to order leading 108b. Leaders: Tim Hambourger 181; Matt CartMill 201; Nora Miller 501; Cleve Callison 236; Mary Wright 477; Pamela Minor 84; Michael Spencer 278t; Rick Motylinski 35; Corinne Ducey 60; Jamie Latimer 163b; Nancy Ping-Robbins 50t. Sally Owens offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Eric Conrad called the class back to order leading 334. Leaders: Deborah Brogden 47b; Pat Temple 59; Kyle Johnston 99; Jesse Krikorian 480; Chris Wolf 102; Ben Shirley 266; Pat Ward 224; Abigail Beavin 384.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Sally Owens to remember the following deceased: Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Edna Bjernegaard, Paul Bjernegaard, and David Bjernegaard—Utah; Ben Smith—Florida; Prennis Page, Blackwell Brogden, Bob Bryan, and Peggy Kelly—North Carolina. Suzanne Newton led 503.

Sally Owens conducted the lesson to remember the following sick and shut-ins: Julie Vea, Randy Johnsten, Mary Jo Alber, and Gayle Fitzgerald.

Deborah Brogden led 122. Lynda Hambourger led 125 at Deborah Brogden's request.

Leaders: Kathy Kaiser 430; Eric Conrad 70b.

RECESS

The second afternoon session was devoted to song selections from the Shenandoah Harmony. Eric Conrad called the class back to order leading 373 (ShH). Leaders: John Fedderson 260b (ShH); Nora Miller 69 (ShH); Jane Cannon 114 (ShH); Tim Hambourger 264b (ShH); Pat Temple 27 (ShH); Ben Shirley 20 (ShH); Jesse Krikorian 241t (ShH); Chris Wolf 309 (ShH); Abigail Beavin 276t (ShH); Mary Wright 438t (ShH); Erin Newton 3b (ShH).

RECESS

Eric Conrad led 47t to begin the last session. Leaders: Carol Selleck 553; Gretchen Caverly 162; Tom Dillon 446; Rachel Mann 117; Nancy Newell 156; Ellie Snyder 148; Matt CartMill 313b; Krista Guerrieri 277; Derek Lane 268 (for Mary Arnold); Adam Frey 312b; Tim Hambourger 106; Anne Gilliland 515; Marlen Ruegg 496; Mary Johnston 344; David Wilson 40.

Announcements were made, and reports were given. Sally Owens offered the closing prayer. Eric Conrad led 62, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eric Conrad; Secretary—Derek Lane

TUCSON SINGING

Sonora Cohousing, Tucson, Arizona

March 5-6, 2016

Saturday, March 5

The 11th session of the Tucson Singing and the 5th session of the Elder Gerald Hand Memorial Singing was called to order by Michael McKernon leading 496.

Craig Averill offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Julie Johnson; Arranging Officer—J.P. Thom-Gronachan; Treasurer—Paige Winslett; Secretary—Erika Roush.

Leaders: Julie Johnson 335, 312b; David Hand 400, 358; Eric Morgan 178 (for Judy Licht); Betsy Jeronen 87, 564; Janet Morgan 77t, 35; Jen Rymut 72t, 432; Kathy Garrett 117, 300; Kevin Barrans 104, 293; Eric Morgan 186, 75; Jerry Schreiber 200, 542; Larry Hand 282, 40; Eleanor Soler 277.

RECESS

Anita Landess brought the class back to order leading 47t. Leaders: J. P Thom-Gronachan 324, 34b; Patrick Frieson 227, 315; Melissa Stephenson 369, 179; Craig Averill 55; Erika Roush 224, 344; Dave McPherson 183, 430; Erika Roush 268 (for Janet Plattner), 276; Tony Park 299; Erika Roush 410t (for Ken Levy); Hans Guttman 480, 384; Paige Winslett 155, 288; Chris Nicholson 290, 182; Carla Smith 531, 354t. Craig Averill offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Erika Roush brought the class back to order leading 323t. Leaders: Julie Johnson 31t, 143; Michael McKernon 189; Kevin Barrans 91 (for Cheryl and Rachel Hoogendoorn); Eric Metzler 66, 505; David Hand 171, 128; Eric Morgan 323b (for Judy Licht); Betsy Jeronen 440, 426t; Janet Morgan and Harion Lewis 68b, 235; Jen Rymut 298, 573; Kathy Garrett 209, 503; Kevin Barrans 34t, 112; Eric Morgan 532; Jerry Schreiber 473, 538; Larry Hand 81t, 566; Jen Rymut 354b; Eleanor Solar 523; Anita Landess 106, 125; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 535, 192; Patrick Frieson 512, 475; Craig Averill 63; Erika Roush 547, 454; Dave McPherson 50t, 569b; Tony Park 47b; Hans Guttman 37b, 38b; Paige Winslett 388, 122; Chris Nicholson 175; Carla Smith 174, 46.

Announcements were made. Craig Averill offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 6

The Sunday session was called to order by Julie Johnson leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Craig Averill.

Leaders: Larry Hand 72b, 127; Michael McKernon 48t, 107; Melissa Stephenson 479, 503; Craig Averill 68b; Erika Roush 504, 272; Jean Merritt and Dave McPherson 515, 315; Hans Guttmann 270, 32t; Betsy Jeronen 111b, 499; Dave McPherson 452, 379 (in memory of Elder Gerald Hand); Janet Morgan 73t, 159; Paige Winslett 231, 361; Chris Nicholson 490, 34b; Janet Plattner and Julie Johnson 310, 119.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Janet Morgan leading 396. Leaders: Eric Metzler 419, 421; Anita Landess 170, 297; Jen Rymut 527, 52t; Eric Morgan 106 (for Judy Licht); Eric Morgan 383, 70b; Patrick Frieson 142, 306; Julie Johnson 284 (for Abby), 472; Kevin Barrans 215, 74b; David Hand 401 (in memory of Elder Gerald Hand), 288.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Kathy Garrett. The names of the following sick and housebound were read: Pastor Stuart Harrison, Jill Wilson, Jeannette Bates, Jim Harder, Carol Selleck, Claire Scougar, Curtis Owen, and Edith Owen.

The following deceased were remembered: John Schaffer and Donald Klein—Colorado; Sarah Hauser—Oregon; Oliver Kindig Stokes—Pennsylvania; Al Perry—Arizona; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Tom Robinson—Texas. Kevin Barrans led 473.

Leaders: Carla Smith 28b, 498; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 65, 181. Craig Averill offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

David Hand brought the class back to order with 335. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 131t, 198; Tony Park 49b, 163b; Kathy Garrett 334, 139; Larry Hand 566, 171; Michael McKernon 324, 228; Melissa Stephenson 457, 549; Craig Averill 276; Erika Roush 447, 236; Hans Guttmann 87, 37b; Betsy Jeronen 422, 278t; Janet Morgan 31t, 76b; Chris Nicholson 569b; Eric Morgan 300; Eric Metzler 399b, 86; Patrick Frieson 414. Julie Johnson led 62 as the closing song. Craig Averill offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Julie Johnson; Secretary—Erika Roush

OHIO STATE CONVENTION Golden Gate Park, Brookville, Ohio March 5-6, 2016

Saturday, March 5

The 24th annual Ohio State Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Ray Rechenberg. A business session was held and the following officers were elected by unanimous vote: Chairman—Ray Rechenberg; Secretary—Sheila Patterson; Treasurer—Vic Whisman; Chaplains—Jim Herr and Greg Creech; Arranging Committee—Michele Cull, Joel-Henry Mansfield, John Bealle, and Jim Coppock; Memorial Committee—Jim Herr and Greg Creech. The morning prayer was offered by Ray Rechenberg.

Leaders: Lia Mansfield 178; Naomi Frick 335; Jubal Bayer 131t; Roger Crabtree 312b; Susan Zurcher 143; John Bealle 142; Beth Todd 52t; Carol Medlicott 99; Kay Huener 107; Tom Morton 209; David Casenhiser 155; Darrell Swarens and Annaliza Cull 448t (for Janelle Davis); Debbie Hall 318; Lori Graber 472; Jim Herr 440; William Shetter 36b; Joel-Henry Mansfield 535; Shawn Fenton 460; Bertha Buttner 86; Aaron Jones 106; Karen Bahler 40.

RECESS

Hans Bayer called the class back to order leading 42. Leaders: Michelle Raine 63; Joshua Wright 268; Greg Creech 74b; Eloise Clark 184; Tom Kochan 274t; Steve Duff 349; Linda Coppock 504; Brad Oglesby 33b; Michael Domino 235; Sue Duff 276; Jim Coppock 300; Corey Sees 429; Karen Arnett 200; Ted Mercer 431; Johanna Sims 344; Linda Selph 81t (for Janelle Davis); Judy Hauff 373; Ray Rechenberg 454; Sheila Patterson 528; Carol Ann Munro 480 (for Janelle Davis); Tim Morton and Brad Bahler 394; Grace Patterson 47t; Katie White 547; Gerry Hoffman 546; Ruth Wampler 168; John David Thacker 122; Eddie Mash and Darrell Swarens 507; Brad Bahler 550.

LUNCH

Ally Talbot called the class back to order leading 58. Leaders: Karen Isbell 348b (for Charlie Derleth); Barbara Chopin 503; Presley Barker 505; Bob Borcharding 215; Marian Mitchell 327; Pleasance Crawford 488; Jan May 236; Anne Missavage 217; Gillian Inksetter 400; Liz Meitzler 179; Paula Picton 486; Erik Schwab 536; Hollie Long 49b; Karen Isbell 183 (for Charlie Derleth); Tim Morton 556; Bertha Buttner 87; Joshua Wright 47b; Tom Kochan 496; Lori Graber 548; Aaron Jones 282; Karen Bahler and Brad Bahler 128.

RECESS

Nancy Hunter and Lia Mansfield called the class back to order leading 146. Leaders: Annaliza Cull 384; Clara Herr 564; Sylvia Thomas 372; William Shetter 59; Tom Morton 515; Ally Talbot 271t; Corey Sees 30b; Barbara Chopin 313b; Ted Mercer 414; Naomi Frick 569b; Presley Barker 464; Johanna Sims 203; Pleasance Crawford 474; Carol Ann Munro 392; Bob Borcharding 112; Judy Hauff 216; Jan May 532; Linda Selph 430; Darrell Swarens 111b.

Announcements were made. Ray Rechenberg invited the class to attend the social to be held that evening. The closing prayer was offered by Jim Herr.

Sunday, March 6

Ray Rechenberg called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. by leading 105. The morning prayer was offered by Jim Herr.

Leaders: Jim Patterson and Sheila Patterson 32t; Grace Patterson 344; Nigel Ewan 276; Idy Kiser 122; John David Thacker 56t; David Casenhiser 159; Erik Schwab 171; Carly Monnin 209; Hollie Long and Ruth Wampler 491; Joel-Henry Mansfield 455 (for Michael Darby); Greg Creech 127; Susan Zurcher 36b; Nancy Hunter 472; Lia Mansfield 218; Michael Domino 172; Carol Medicott 29t; Karen Arnett 178; Gerry Hoffman 272; Debbie Hall 362; Claire Outten 38b; Sue Duff 141; Shawn Fenton 428; Marian Mitchell 71; Pleasance Crawford 280; Carol Ann Munro 192; Jim Coppock 142; Jan May 287; Joy Huener and Kay Huener 49t; Linda Coppock 245.

RECESS

Eloise Clark called the class back to order by leading 73b. Leaders: Katie White 267; Darrell Swarens and Virginia Eldridge 225t (in memory of Loraine Bayer); Virginia Eldridge 106; Liz Meitzler 213t; Bob Borcharding 113; Annaliza Cull 47b; Ruth Wampler 268; Jim Herr 377; Paula Picton 383; Judy Hauff 434; Eddie Mash 85; Anne Missavage 419.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jim Herr and Greg Creech. Jim Herr spoke on behalf of those on the sick and shut-ins list. He spoke of the importance of people in the Sacred Harp tradition, and how we are all family, and that when one suffers, we all suffer. He encouraged us all to go visit, call, or send cards to those who are sick. Jim then read the following list of names: Glenda Walton, Janelle Davis, Laura Russell, Michael Darby, Charles Derleth, Lizzie Murdock, Melanie Hauff, Juliet Schwab, Elaine Zidek, Ron Bornick, Jeannette DePoy, Teresa Salvato, Ginny Angus-

Hall, Jean Hollingsworth, Irena Brawley, Reed Schilbach, and Lila Mitchell. He led 147t.

Greg Creech spoke on behalf of those on the deceased list. Greg drew special attention to his own father's passing, as well as some of our beloved Dayton singers, including Joe Fothergill and Loraine Bayer. Greg shared how his father, James, taught him to sing bass when he was an adolescent by telling him to look at the notes as they go up and down and follow them. Greg expressed how much he will miss his father and knew he would be missed by many.

Greg then spoke of Joe Fothergill's sense of humor and love for people and how greatly he is missed at our Dayton monthly singings.

Next, Greg spoke of Loraine Bayer's kindness, sense of joy and hospitality, and how she was a willing servant to all those in need. He reminded the class that the Dayton group began around the Bayers' kitchen table. He also spoke of how Loraine would often be the first to help new singers feel welcome at our local singings.

He then read the following list of names of the deceased: Joe Fothergill, Loraine Bayer, James Creech, and Diane Harris—Ohio; Laurie Stowe—Ohio and The Netherlands; Lance Barkley, Harry Reichel, and Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Caroline Bonnet—California; Helen Everts Darby and Jo Houghton—New York; Sara Perry, Tammy Ziola, Sarah Hauser, and Fran Ross—Oregon; Beth Wilson—Texas; and Tedd Good—Kentucky. He led 452. Greg Creech offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

LUNCH

Ray Rechenberg and the Kitchen Committee (Bobette Olson, Connie Crabtree, Mary Donnellan, Wanda Harris, Sue Duff, and Clara Herr) called the class back to order by leading 73b. Leaders: Jubal Bayer, Elijah Hess, and Annamarie Roach 163t; Roger Crabtree 448t; Regina Frick, Trent Frick, and Johanna Harris 270; Linda Selph 475; John Bayer 146; Joshua Wright 65; Hans Bayer 240; Reuben Berry and Sally Berry 148; Eloise Clark 43; Beth Todd 436; John Bealle 250; Ann Holzer 50t; Steve Duff 454; Kay Huener 269; Ray Rechenberg 480.

The Chairman called for announcements from each section. He then asked for committee reports. The Finance Committee reported that convention expenses had been met. The Secretary and Arranging Committee reported that there were twelve states represented (Alaska, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington) and two countries represented (Canada-Province of Ontario and the USA). There were ninety-two songs led on Saturday and sixty-eight leaders. There were an estimated 120 registered and non-registered singers in attendance. On Sunday there were sixty-two songs led, sixty-four leaders, and an estimated 100 registered and non-registered singers in attendance.

The Chairman then thanked the Arranging Committee, the Locating Committee (Susan Zurcher, Roger Crabtree and David Casenhiser), the Kitchen Committee and those who helped pitch. Ray Rechenberg led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jim Herr. Ray Rechenberg dismissed the class until it reconvenes in March, 2017, in Cincinnati.

Chairman—Ray Rechenberg; Secretary—Sheila Patterson

IRELAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION

St. Maries of the Isle School, Cork, Ireland

March 5-6, 2016

Saturday, March 5

The 6th session of the Ireland Sacred Harp Convention met in St. Maries of the Isle

School, Cork, Ireland, on the first Sunday and Saturday before in March. The class was brought to order by Lisa O'Grady leading 171. Al McCready offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bryan Seale 28b (for Chris Lyons); Amanda Parkes 56t; Joanna Bennett 30b; Colleen Jones 344 (for Chris Lyons); Declan Synnott 38t; Katie Ahern 47t; Sinéad Hanrahan 187; Kevin Kennedy 326; Eimear O'Donovan 63; Marcos Sullivan 417; Mike Morrisroe 213t; Juniper Hill 481; Aine Uí Cheallaigh 39t; Rob Wedgbury and Suzy Blue 500.

RECESS

Kate Kirwan brought the class back to order leading 204. Leaders: Ewan Paterson 227; Marielle Minutella 82t; Dermot Peel 84; Inga Hübner 163b; Brian Flanagan 480; Ben Zucker 151; Clelia Crawford 448t; Lily Power 31t; Kevin Kennedy 56b; Rachel Adelstein 351; Kuba Choinski 49t; Ruth Clinton 425; Patrick DeDauw 144; Boyan Pohl 566; Catherine Roberts 278t; John Hughes 474.

RÉCESS

Ross Harbison called the class back to order leading 217. Leaders: Eimear Cradock 457 (for the Australian singers); Caro Stamm-Reusch 168; Joe Jones 360; Emma Rock 111b; Kathy Manning 377; Sue Lord 79; Julie Botnick 399b; Florent Decherf 222; Franz Schmidt 540; Eli Petzold 340; Leilai Immel 101t; Phil Tyler 182; Kevin Beirne 212; Gosia Perycz 189 (for Steve Helwig); Steve Brett 560. The blessing before lunch was offered by Cath Saunt.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Fynn Titford-Mock leading 72b. Leaders: Matthew Parkinson 475; Eva Striebeck 396; Jonathon Smith 220; David Brodeur 492; Becca Gibson 548; Sam Kleinman 214; Andy Ditzler 283; Stephanie Fida 118; Sam Carter 292; Kate Coxon 318; Mike Hinton and Aldo Ceresa 532 (for Janelle Davis); Al McCready 177; Rebecca Over 196 (for Earlis McGraw); Jon Giles 507; Karen Willard 453; Rachel Jordan 436; Aldo Ceresa 411; Erin Johnson-Williams 397; Sarah West 91.

RECESS

Dara Desmond called the class back to order leading 29t. Leaders: Jessica Slighter 215; Ed Johnson-Williams 113; Chris Brown 274b; Vicki Elliott 332; Ann Chesterton 38b; Cornelia Stanton 143; Ella Cumber 192; Michael Walker 506; Annie Flynn 36t; Cath Saunt 272; Piers Blewett 300; Sarah Hill 61; Cheri Macneill 131b; Nick Hall 352; Steve Biggs 276; Jan Geerts 454; Geoff Grainger 523; Cornelia van den Doel 178; Theresa Hofmann 107; Stefan Swat 122; Evelyn Saylor 347; Léopoldine Guillaume 49b; Dominik Fraune 472.

Lisa O'Grady led 335, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 6

The Sunday session of the Ireland Sacred Harp Singing Convention was brought to order by Lisa O'Grady leading 48t. Gosia Perycz offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bryan Seale 88b; Amanda Parkes and Thomas Parkes 142; Ewan Paterson 105; Colleen Jones 171; Jan Geerts 228; Steve Biggs 288; Rob Wedgbury 278t; Stefan Swat 268; Cath Saunt 287 (for the new Cambridge group); Chris Brown 279; Katie Ahern 112; Nick Hall 391; Declan Synnott 102; Catherine Roberts 410t.

RECESS

Joanna Bennett called the class back to order leading 99. Leaders: Piers Blewett 117; Geoff Grainger 156; Sandy Semeonoff 369; Juniper Hill 254; Sheila Girling Macadam 294; Marcus Döbert 209; Kate Kirwan 477; Kevin Kennedy 26; Eli Petzold 176b; Wayne Dawson 344; Léopoldine Guillaume 466; Marcos Sullivan 547; Emma Rock 320; Joel Wallenberg 365. Eimear Cradock read a blessing named "Beannacht" from John O'Donohue's book, *Anam Cara*.

RECESS

Eimear O'Donovan brought the class back to order leading 154 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes). Leaders: Boyan Pohl 186; Ed Johnson-Williams 442; Judy Whiting 208.

Katie Ahern conducted the sick and housebound lesson in which she spoke about personal experience and the support she received from the Sacred Harp community. She read the names of the following people: P. Dan Brittain, Earlis McGraw, Don Walker, Charlotte Walker, Janelle Davis, Jeannette DePoy, Ian West, Joe McPartland, Allan Jones, Liliana Sillito, David Sillito, Duane Nasis, Dan Brown, Renée Dussert, Kirsty Grainger, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Shelbie Sampson, Melanie Hauff, Paula Mogensen, Susan Harcrow, Ruth Steggles, Moss Flynn, Aggie Hourihan, Herbert, Lucy Chadwick, Bob Schinske, and Nigel Cumber. Katie led 30t in their honor.

Vicky Langan began the memorial lesson by reading an excerpt from one of Samuel Beckett's radio plays, then spoke about death and grief growing up. She read the following list of names: Sylvia Smoul, Derek Stapleton, Kenny Macarthur, and Roma Reid—Scotland; Margaret Barry, Kitty Hickey, Helen Lyons, and Mark Ferguson—Ireland; Stanislaw Statkiewicz—Poland; Lindsay Hill—Rotherham, UK; David Oliver—England; George Reed—Bedford, UK; Gillian Woodward and Isabel Smith—London, UK; Mary Newell—Dalton, UK; Ian Whiting—Barrow-upon-Humber, UK; Eileen Wilson—Bristol, UK; Steve Robinson—Yorkshire, UK; June Howieson—Sussex, UK; Eileen McDougall—France; Paddy Graber—Canada; C.W. Garner and George Garner—Georgia, USA; Robert DuPree and Evelyn Harris—Alabama, USA; Tammi Ziola, Sara Hauser, and Fran Ross—Oregon, USA; Loraine Bayer—Ohio, USA; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania, USA; Thomas Robinson—Texas, USA; Mary Goulding and Dan Adams—Connecticut, USA; Ann Henry—New York, USA; Dave Brown—Massachusetts, USA; Trevor Stuarck—North Carolina, USA; Milton Ross Charles—Washington, USA; John Schaffer and Donald Klein—Colorado, USA. Vicky then led 122 in memory of them. Leaders: Michael Walker 404; Jonathon Smith 444; Erin Johnson-Williams 482. The blessing before lunch was offered by Kevin Beirne.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Chris Lyons leading 114. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 218; Eva Striebeck 495; Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam 236; David Brodeur 304; Tom McTighe 224; Julie Botnick 445; Kathy Manning and Mike Hinton 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson); Rebecca Over 383; Rachel Jordan 534; Gosia Perycz 327; Edwin Macadam 280; Becca Gibson 134; John Hughes 203; Karen Willard 400; Jon Giles 512; Mike Hinton 426b; Kate Coxon 447; Stephanie Fida 372; Andy Ditzler 468.

RECESS

Michael Walker called the class back to order leading 143. Leaders: Kevin Beirne 522; Sam Kleinman 460; Lauren Ciancio 84; Margaret Bradshaw 421; Anne Fry 183; Gerben Vos 155; Claire Welford 440; John Davis 162; Cheri Macneill and Franz Schmidt 430; Al McCready 153; Ronan O'Donovan 277; Ben Zucker 146; Fynn Titford-Mock 521; James Buckley 37b; Inga Hübner and Karen Willard 94; Ellen Watterson 267; Elise Cavicchi 65; Cath Ingham 128 (for Ruth Steggles); Ella Cumber and Sam Carter 565.

Lisa O'Grady made closing announcements, thanking all those involved in the organization and running of the weekend, and thanking visitors for travelling. Amanda Parkes reported that 173 songs had been sung by 160 registered singers, with 111 leaders. Fourteen countries were represented (Ireland, UK, USA, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Iceland, South Africa, Poland, Japan,

Italy, and Croatia). Thirteen American states were represented (Maryland, Texas, Rhode Island, Virginia, Illinois, Minnesota, New York, Georgia, Colorado, Connecticut, Washington, Oregon, and California). Kevin Kennedy gave the treasurer's report, stating that all expensers had been met. Lisa O'Grady led 62 as the closing song. Chris Lyons offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Lisa O'Grady; Vice Chairman—Bryan Seale; Secretary—Amanda Parkes

ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING
Ephesus School, Roopville, Georgia
Sunday, March 6, 2016

The annual Rogers Memorial Singing was held on the first Sunday in March. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Denney Rogers leading 101t. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

Denney Rogers welcomed everyone to Ephesus. A business meeting was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 31t; Karen Rollins 36b; Judy Chambless 340; Philip Denney and Gayle Denney 61; Cecil Roberts 89; Eugene Forbes and Donna Bell 186; Virginia Dyer 222; Reba Windom 318 (in honor of Eloise Wootten); David Smead 448b (in memory of Betty Jo Bennett); Robert Chambless 145b; Helen Bryson 215; Richard DeLong 36t (in honor of Earlis McGraw); Cindy Tanner 440; Lauren Bock 150.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class back to order leading 56t. Leaders: Marty Wootten 123t; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 70b; Jesse P. Karlsberg 392; Sharon DuPriest 208; Louis Hughes 181; Joanne Fuller 192; Rodney Ivey 317; Jeannette DePoy 270; Henry Johnson 425; Jack Nelson 58; Lela Crowder 32t; Larry Ballinger 551; Danny Creel 386; Winfred Kerr 282; Tommie Spurlock 475; Scott DePoy 225t; Glenn Keeton 86.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back to order leading 170. Leaders: Judy Caudle 314; Karis Askin 564; Rene Greene and Andrew Greene 546; Anna Hinton 142; Pam Nunn 234; Eli Hinton 99; Stanley Smith 133; Charlene Wallace 77t; Oscar McGuire 485; Jared Wootten 472; Christian Webb 46; Malinda Snow 27; Buell Cobb 138t; Jena Frey 408; Jerry Creason 77b; Judy Mincey 180.

LUNCH

Oscar McGuire brought the class back to order leading 34b. Leaders: Nate Green 354t; Rogers grandchildren 268, 143; John Plunkett 136.

Karen Rollins conducted the memorial lesson. She reminded the class to encourage others and read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Earlis McGraw, Jeannette DePoy, Susan Harcrow, Janelle Davis, S.T. Reed, Wayne Reed, Floy Wilder, Virginia Futral, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Lois Bowman, Earl McLendon, Roy Nelson, Sara Nelson, Mona Nelson, Hester Edwards, Norma Green, Eloise Wootten, Ann Jett, James Hughes, Sherry Lovvorn, Margie McRae, and Kermit Adams.

Karen spoke on behalf of the deceased and read the following list of names: Evelyn Harris, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, George Garner, C.W. Garner, Rev. Gerald Rogers, Earl Denney, Mrs. Gilbert Pope, Elder Neal Prichard, Jimmy Cole, Robert DuPree, Nellie Mae White, Betty Jo Bennett, Maynard Doler, Janice Runels, Shirley Vance, Bennett Green, Mike Taylor, Bernice Thompson, and Robert DePoy. Denney Rogers, Karen Rollins, Paige Harrod, and Karleen Williams led 339 for the memorial lesson. Philip Denney offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Sheri Taylor and Lisa Webb 200; Erica Hinton 389 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Susan Cheronos 300 (in honor of Janelle Davis); Matt Hinton 203; Donna Duke and Gene Duke 217 (in memory of their mothers); Glenda Collins 100; Wanda Capps 187; Danny Creel, Cindy Tanner, and Wanda Capps 269; Daphene Causey 216; Rodney Ivey and Loyd Ivey 420 (in memory of Jap Walton); Larry Ballinger, Lisa Gist, and Glenn Keeton 528; Reba Windom, Sharon DuPriest, and Pam Nunn 155 (in memory of Evelyn Harris and Carlene Griffin); Jared Wootten and Marty Wootten 276; Jesse Karlsberg, Lauren Bock, Judy Caudle, and Bridgett Hill Kennedy 500; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 67; Oscar McGuire, John Plunkett, and Jack Nelson 540; Richard Mauldin, Stanley Smith, and Tommie Spurlock 446; Joanne Fuller 341.

After announcements, Denney Rogers and B.M. Smith led 62 as the closing song. Karen Rollins offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Judy Chambless

CONFERENCE FOR THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MUSIC Cambridge, Massachusetts Friday, March 11, 2016

The 22nd annual Conference of the Society for American Music Sacred Harp Singing, held at Gordon Chapel of Old South Church, was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Ron Pen offering opening remarks, and leading 479 in honor of William Billings, who convened a singing school at this site. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Leaders: Deane Root 155; Ron Trial 46; Justin Bowen 129; Joanna Smolko 178; Kiri Miller 542; Jesse Karlsberg 546; Lauren Bock 486; D.J. Hatfield 215; Deidre Montgomery 195; Sasha Hsuczyk 153; Bill Holt 550; Kevin Kehrberg 300; Rachel Wells Hall 74t; David W. Music 99; Myles Louis Dakan 30t; Larry Hamberlin 341; Micah John Walter 142; Sondra Howe 128; Sue Neimoyer and Tom Riis 189; Nikos Pappas 188; Erin Fulton 56b; Esther Morgan-Ellis 209; Alex Forsythe 411; Brian Christopher Harris 77t.

RECESS

The singing was reconvened by the chairman. Leaders: Ron Pen 24t (rudiments); Deane Root 254; Ron Trial 276; Joanna Smolko 40; Kiri Miller 157; Jesse Karlsberg 352; Lauren Bock 351; D.J. Hatfield 151; Deidre Montgomery 492; Sasha Hsuczyk 564; Bill Holt 436; Kevin Kehrberg 39t; Rachel Wells Hall 186. Ron Pen led 267 while the parting hand was shared, after which the class was dismissed.

The Society for American Music Singing is scheduled in conjunction with the Society's annual conference; the date and site of the meeting vary each year. The 2017 singing will be held in Montreal, Canada.

Chairman—Ron Pen; Secretary—Erin Fulton

SUSSEX SHAPE NOTE SINGING Staplefield Village Hall, Near Crawley, Sussex, United Kingdom Saturday, March 12, 2016

The 18th annual Sussex Shape Note Singing was held in Staplefield Village Hall, using *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and *Alternative Harmony*, a booklet of other shape note tunes. The class was called to order by Tony Singleton and Jill Thompson leading 276.

Leaders: Rachel Jordan 47t; Robert Stoddard 37b; Nick Hall 225t; Rebecca Over 100; Steve Welch 50b; Sarah Hill 67; Rob Mahoney 86; Una Nicholson 217; Tom

Gerber 448b; Mark Percival 159; Steve Fletcher 63; Edwin Macadam 208; Joanne Lewis 178; Ian Lamb 287; Sheila Girling Macadam 157; Piers Blewett 143; Guy Hayes 274t; Catherine Roberts 49b; Stephen Biggs 49t; Seth Dickens 282; Jill Thompson 504; Tony Singleton 277; Rachel Jordan 411; Robert Stoddard 112; Nick Hall 455; Rebecca Over 336; Steve Welch 147b; Sarah Hill 187.

RECESS

Steve Fletcher called the class to order leading 28t. Leaders: Tom Gerber 117; Una Nicholson 515; Rob Mahoney 107; Joanne Lewis 45t; Piers Blewett 523; Mark Percival 313b; Sheila Girling Macadam 436; Stephen Biggs 155; Ian Lamb 99; Catherine Roberts 278t; Edwin Macadam 571; Guy Hayes 153; Seth Dickens 312b; Jill Thompson 288; Tony Singleton 300; Rachel Jordan 61; Robert Stoddard 468; Steve Welch 569t; Rebecca Over 216; Nick Hall 182; Sarah Hill 512.

LUNCH

Tony Singleton called the class to order leading 40. Leaders: Jill Thompson 34b; Rob Mahoney 209; Una Nicholson 198; Tom Gerber 148; Edwin Macadam 550; Joanne Lewis 113; Ian Lamb 84; Steve Fletcher 122.

Rob Mahoney conducted the memorial lesson. Sheila Girling Macadam led 163b. Mike Cooper read the following list of names of the deceased: Chris Swayne—Stevenage, Herts; Pino—Italy; Mike Spittal—London; June Howieson—Hove, Sussex; Audrey Liddle—Doncaster; George Reed—Bedford; Eileen Wilson—Nailsea, Somerset; C.W. Garner and George Garner—Georgia, USA; Robert DuPree—Alabama, USA; Oliver Kindig—Stokes—Pennsylvania, USA; Sarah Hauser—Oregon, USA; David Bowie, Alan Rickman, Terry Wogan, and George Martin.

Rob Mahoney conducted the sick and housebound lesson. Rachel Jordan led 457, and Una Nicholson read the following list of names: Earlis McGraw, Jeannette DePoy, Sandra Goddard, Brenda Twelvetree, Lucy Chadwick, Jeremy, Paula Mogensen, Ian West, Bob Withycombe, and Ruth Steggles. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Guy Hayes 511; Stephen Biggs 228; Steve Welch 467; Una Nicholson 280; Nick Hall 528; Rebecca Over 77t; Robert Stoddard 142; Piers Blewett 430; Rob Mahoney 268; Sarah Hill 434.

RECESS

Tony Singleton called the class to order leading 128. Leaders: Jill Thompson 454; Joanna Lewis 95; Ian Lamb 452; Sheila Girling Macadam 521; Stephen Biggs “Life’s Purpose” (AltH); Steve Fletcher “Red Lion” (AltH); Guy Hayes 39t; Rob Mahoney 503; Rachel Jordan 373; Edwin Macadam 466; Una Nicholson 344; Steve Welch “New England” (AltH), Piers Blewett 547; Rebecca Over 69t; Nick Hall “Idumean Road” (AltH); Sarah Hill 390; Robert Stoddard “Walpole” (AltH).

The secretary reported that forty-one people had attended, and ninety songs had been sung. Thanks were extended and announcements made. It was noted that the 2017 Sussex Shape Note Singing would be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

Jill Thompson and Tony Singleton led 347 as the closing song and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Jill Thompson and Tony Singleton; Secretary—Mary Welch

OLYMPIA SINGING

Olympia Women’s Club, Olympia, Washington

Saturday, March 12, 2016

The 7th annual Olympia All-Day Singing was called to order by Rogan Campbell and Kate Fortin leading 46. Rogan Campbell made brief announcements regarding the day’s procedures, and extended a welcome. The opening prayer was offered by

Kramer Klein.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rogan Campbell; Treasurer—Curtis Rhyner; Resolutions Officer—Raychell Stovall; Arranging Committee—Kate Fortin and Solomon Ossa; Secretaries—Stephanie Claire and Molly Pumfrey.

Leaders: Dorothy Robinson 324, 53; Cedric Reeve 378t; Theresa Shortman, Kristeen Anderson, and Stephanie Bartella 40; Susan Helf 284, 188; Chloe Marina Manchester 268; Sean Ziniewicz 282; Kate Fine 171, 91; Sophia Bowen 118; Fred Kraai and Jean Squires 163b; Destiny Woods 63, 198; Elli Sheller and Marla Beth Elliott 45t; Adam Berey 468, 182.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Scott Kennedy leading 162. Leaders: Molly Pumfrey 393; Kathy Vlach 350, 145b; Alexandra Maymi 354b, 354t; Laura McMurray 29b, 159; Kate Fortin 81b, 200; Curtis Rhyner 319; Marla Beth Elliott 523, 143; Alayna Leibman 112, 299; Betsy Jeronen 225t, 548.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Susan Helf leading 323b. Leaders: Kramer Klein 67, 462; Harrison Bernstein 348t, 535; Ashley Thomas 347; Linda Berkemeier 408, 156; Ben Furbee 106; Ariel Vining, Heather Powers, and Nikole Clark 111b, 155; Tristan Langton and Ryan Neugent 457; Curtis Rhyner 269; Steve Cackley 232, 158; Jean Squires 142, 178; Blake Bruce and Solomon Ossa 107, 300; Raychel Stovall 176t, 274t. Kramer Klein offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Raychel Stovall leading 376. Leaders: Jenna Bond Tompkins 532; Jenna Bond Tompkins and Genevieve LaVaud 278t; Bob Schinske 34t, 475; Solomon Ossa 203, 302; Scott Kennedy 86, 344; Marie Brandis 549, 212; John Wiens 388, 79; Gillian Inksetter 223, 365; Thom Fahrbach 430; Thom Fahrbach and Brad Knoke 153; Kevin Barrans 482, 382; Steve Helwig 381, 385t; David Wright 439, 480.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Gillian Inksetter leading 36b. Leaders: Kate Coxon 279, 121; Kevin Beirne 546, 550; Clarissa Fetrow 367, 349; Tom McTighe 151, 150; Cornelia Stanton 490; Dorothy Robinson 547; Blake Bruce 569b; Betsy Jeronen 560; Alayna Leibman 277; Kathy Vlach 472; Destiny Woods 165; Steve Cackley 230; Laura McMurray 290; Kramer Klein 335; Kate Fine 369; Thom Fahrbach 271b; Linda Berkemeier 56t.

Kate Fortin reported that we sang ninety-nine songs and there were fifty-nine leaders. The Treasurer thanked everyone for contributing enough offering that we covered our expenses for the rental of the space. Raychel Stovall, Chair of the Resolutions committee, thanked all contributors. A Resolution was made to hold the next Olympia All-Day Singing in March, 2017, on a date to be determined.

Rogan Campbell led 267 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Kramer Klein, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rogan Campbell; Secretaries—Stephanie Claire and Molly Pumfrey

SMITH MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SINGING
New Harmony Community Center, New Harmony, Texas
Saturday, March 12, 2016

The 37th annual Smith Memorial Singing met on Saturday before the second Sunday in March, at the New Harmony Community Center. Due to heavy rains in the affected area, we started singing a little late. The singing used both the Denson and Cooper revisions of *The Sacred Harp*.

Crystal Meadows led 34b to bring the class to order. David Jones offered the opening prayer.

Secretary Tammy Powell was not able to attend; Gaylon Powell was appointed to serve in her place.

Leaders: Crystal Meadows 47t; Gaylon Powell 505 (CB), 268t (CB); David Jones 135, 471; Robert Vaughn 64 (CB), 335 (CB); Rick Foreman 63 (CB), 273 (CB); Kristie Powell 292 (CB), 497 (CB); Sue Utz 475 (CB), 59t (CB); Charity Vaughn 514 (CB), 113 (CB).

Chairman Rick Foreman appointed the following committee members: Memorial Committee—Robert Vaughn and Priscilla Wiggins; Nominating Committee—Kris Wiggins.

RECESS

Rick Foreman called the class to order leading 82 (CB). Leaders: Curtis Jones 285t (CB), 507b (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 472, 344.

A memorial lesson was held at this time. Robert Vaughn read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Tammy Powell, Ruth Redmon, Leo Stanley, Mary Stanley, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Adelaide Vaughn, Marcelene Hardy, Azalee Barnett, and Margaret Rounsavall. He then led 496t (CB) for them.

Priscilla Wiggins read the following list of names of the deceased: Charles Major Smith, Loraine Bayer, and H.P. O'Mary. She led 343 (CB) in their memory. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by David Jones.

Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 486 (CB), 511t (CB); Myrl Jones 142 (CB), 300 (CB), 491 (CB). Chaplain David Jones asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rick Foreman began the afternoon session by leading 31b. Leaders: Kris Wiggins 186, 338; Crystal Meadows 558 (CB), 559 (CB); Gaylon Powell 299, 200; David Jones 463 (CB), 72 (CB); Robert Vaughn 469 (CB), 549 (CB); Kristie Powell 47b (CB), 203 (CB); Sue Utz 492 (CB), 406 (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 365 (CB), 31t (CB); Curtis Jones 128 (CB), 45t (CB).

RECESS

Rick Foreman led 30t (CB). Announcements were made. Leaders: Charity Vaughn 129 (CB), 212 (CB); Cheryl Foreman 133 (CB), 140 (CB); Kris Wiggins 132 (CB), 58 (CB); Gaylon Powell 401 (CB) (by request).

The report from the Nominating Committee for officers for 2017 was presented as follows: Chairman—Crystal Meadows; Vice Chairman—Kristie Powell;

Secretary—Tammy Powell; Treasurer—Barbara Smith; Chaplain—David Jones. The report was accepted and approved.

Rick Foreman led 95b (CB) as the closing song. David Jones offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rick Foreman; Vice Chairman—Crystal Meadows; Secretary pro tem—Gaylon Powell

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION

St. John United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri

March 12-13, 2016

Saturday, March 12

The 31st annual session of the Missouri State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at St. John United Church of Christ by Marcus Whitman. John Huffman offered the opening prayer.

The convention officers were: Chairman—Marcus Whitman; Secretary—Dave Ressler; Arranging Officer—Presley Barker; Finance Committee—Roberta Strauss

and Holly Powell; Memorial Committee—Presley Barker and Darrell Swarens. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and *The Missouri Harmony, 2005 Edition*.

Leaders: Stephen Huffman 73t; Roberta Strauss 203; Les Sontag 178; Karen Isbell 384; Anne Heider 192; James Page and Carole Briggs 45 (MH); Holly Powell 564; Mary Huffman 34t; Tommy Schultz 497; Bill Rintz 268; Katie Dohman 40; Lori Graber 56 (MH); Shirley Figura 550; Bill Caldwell 240; Pattie Doss 532; Steve Warner 131 (MH); Gary Huffman and Marilyn Huffman 535; Stuart Ivey 328; Peggy Brayfield 39 (MH).

RECESS

Presley Barker led 276 to bring the class together. Leaders: Jim Herr 377; Paul Wyatt 476; Billy See and Vickie See 163b; Ted Mercer 71 (MH); Matt Schoemaker 112; Cory Winters 13 (MH); Eddie Mash 78 (MH); Jo Dell Albi 109 (MH); Darrell Swarens 145 (MH); Wendy Hoffmann 172 (MH); Anne Drexler 335; Tullaia Powell 504; Dave Ressler 175 (MH); Lisa Bulawsky 385t; Marian Mitchell 267; Aubrey Hemminger 270; Johanna Fabke 472; Anna Dohman 365; Penny Kujawinski 228.

RECESS

John Huffman led 503 to bring the class together. Leaders: Anne Missavage 127 (MH); John Uhlemann 70 (MH); Janell Draper 315; Matt Ream and Sarah Ream 63; Kevin Bullock 48 (MH); Christine Stevens 496; David Cassenheiser 448t; Clara Herr 300; Cecelia Kramer 464. The class sang 164 (MH) as the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Barbara Uhlemann led 299 to bring the class together. Leaders: Donnie Simmet 29t; Carla Bermudez 117; Matt Bell 85 (MH); Gail Doss 148; Barbara Chopin 313b; Judy Hauff 148 (MH); Paul Figura “St. Louis”; Reba Windom 142; David Ivey 553; Johanna Sims 455; Nancy Price 396 (for Janelle Davis); Tim Morton 417; Debbie Barford 218; Judy Mincey 75 (MH); Jan Ketelle 216 (for Melanie Hauff); Anna Pfau 269.

RECESS

Evangeline Schultz led 106 to bring the class together. Leaders: Lou Kujawinski 131t; Logan Green 113 (MH); Caroline Brown 86; David Barford 332; John Seaton 180; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 466; Dalton Green 277; Jenny Whitman 236; Nate Zweig 64 (MH); John Hoerr 186; Tim van Engeln 547; Dale Dryer 138 (MH) (for Mary Owen Grayson); William Price 312t; Patti Sontag 47b; Jonathon Smith 440; Seth Wenger 154; Becky Browne 362; Coy Ivey and family 465 (CB).

Announcements were made. John Huffman closed the day with a prayer.

Sunday, March 13

Marcus Whitman opened the day with a prayer. Leaders: Roberta Strauss 124 (MH); Karen Isbell 313t; Lori Graber 2 (MH); Jim Herr 176t (in honor of the children present); Bill Caldwell 135 (MH); Bob Borcharding and Anne Missavage 176b; Nate Zweig 26 (MH); David Ivey 19 (MH); Judy Hauff 68 (MH); Clara Herr 209; Tim Morton 394; Debbie Barford 192; Ted Mercer 74 (MH); Jo Dell Albi 84 (MH); Michele Rain 551; Marian Mitchell 189.

RECESS

Donnie Simmet led 32t to bring the class together. Leaders: Jan Ketelle 89 (MH); William Price 50t; Cecelia Kramer 127 (MH); John Seaton 47t; Kevin Bullock 373; Eddie Mash 151 (MH); David Cassenheiser 82t; Avery Powell 56t; Dayle Dryer 501; Christine Stevens 195; Aubrey Hemminger 344; Johanna Fabke 505; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 569t; Jim Page 139 (MH); Janell Draper 432; Steve Warner 171; Judy Mincey 177 (MH); Cory Winters 182.

RECESS

Paul Wyatt led 297 to bring the class together. Leaders: Billy See and Vickie See 308; Gail Doss 573; Anne Heider 147 (MH).

Presley Barker read the names from the list of the sick and shut-ins as follows: Jeannette DePoy, Glenda Walton, Jean Hollingsworth, Dave Hofmann, Julie Vea, Laura Densmore, Margaret Connelly, Janelle Davis, Lila Mitchell, Richard Sublet, Dan Brittain, Berkley Moore, Melanie Hauff, Charlie Derleth, John Ramsey, Lois Lee Ramsey, Susan Harcrow, Dickson Stauffer, Cathy Oss Tyler, Mary Owen Grayson, and Norma Green. He asked that we also remember those among us who either suffer with mental health issues, or care for or have responsibility for family and friends struggling with depression, addiction, cognitive decline, divorce, and all manner of family, work, or financial stress. Presley led 472.

Darrell Swarens read the names from the list of the deceased as follows: Loraine Bayer, Joe Fothergill, Bud Schneider, Bob Scorgie, James Hunter, Leroy "Roy" Wýatt, Jerry Yadamec, George Easley, George Garner, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Evelyn Harris, Fred Killingsworth, Fran Sontag, and Janice Postman. Darrell spoke of the importance of the idea of home, and how, in this world, being in the hollow square was being home, and how we look forward to our home above, singing with all those from this community who have gone before us. Darrell led 208. Marcus Whitman closed the memorial lesson with a prayer, and led 26 (MH).

Leaders: David Barford 532; Reba Windom 542; Anna Pfau 522.

LUNCH

Tommy Schultz led 89 to bring the class together. Leaders: Nancy Price 498; Johanna Sims 175; Paul Figura "Webster Groves"; Shirley Figura and grandchildren, Matthew and Abigail 299; Peggy Brayfield 178 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 421; Wendy Hoffman 159 (MH); Jubal Schultz 565; John Markovitz 278t; Jedediah Schultz 313b; Dave Ressler 536; Les Sontag 122; Barbara Chopin 327; Anne Drexler 277; Becky Browne 211; John Uhlemann 212; David Lloyd 56b.

RECESS

Lisa Bulawsky led 441 to bring the class together. Leaders: Presley Barker 481; Patti Sontag 45 (MH); Bill Rintz 276; Tullaia Powell 361; Lou Kujawinski 475; Donna Schultz and Tommy Schultz 49b; Barbara Uhlemann 62 (MH); Holly Powell 560; Ryan Hill 338; Jim Herr and Clara Herr 546; Aubrey Hemminger 503; Anne Heider 155; Peggy Brayfield 22 (MH); Anna Pfau 500; Roberta Strauss and Shirley Figura 68b (for Charlie Derleth); Emerald O'Brien and the Columbia singers 107.

The arranging committee reported that eighty-one songs were led both Saturday and Sunday. There were eighteen states and one province represented. Announcements were made. The class sang 347 as the closing song. Marcus Whitman offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Marcus Whitman; Secretary—Dave Ressler

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION

City Hall, Holyoke, Massachusetts

March 12-13, 2016

Saturday, March 12

The Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Mike Nord leading 276. Leaders: Emma Schwartz 131b; Leland Kusmer 65; John Holbrook 475; Chris Frantz-Dale 299; Charles Taylor 192; Yuka Oiwa 148; Jennifer Jones 472; Andrew Magee 378b; Laura Timmerman 340; Brian Harris 313t; Deborah Marsh 33b; John Ostwald 254; Rachel Rogers 406; Max Wareham 129; Laura Keeler 210; George Dymont 168; Mills 228; Kate Richardson 163b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jeremy Galvagni leading 176b. Leaders: Chris Carlton 277; Joanne DeVoe 31t; Laura Borrelli 142; John Hughes 203; Traci Naylor 274t; Libby Brownell 383; Julia Reischel 99; Paul Butler 64; Maura Burns 474; Vale Cofer-Shabica 215; the Finance Committee and Matthew Leger-Small 486; Gideon Dresdner and Jorgen Harris 329; Michael Kaye 146; Sophie Soloway 404; Richard Schmeidler 120; Krista Guerrieri 159; Tom Padwa 71.

RECESS

The class was called together by Deirdre Montgomery leading 121. Leaders: D.J. Hatfield 212; Anna Melton 270; Ian Ludders 478; Mike Richards 77b; Cat Walsh 332; Terry Ryan 193; Mary Andrews and Anna Bowen 59; Angus Macdonald 300; John delRe 102; Laura Clawson 385b; Willis McCumber 500; Ruth Wampler 279; Keillor Mose 156; Rachel Speer 399b; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 86; Carly Goss 197; Sam Kleinman 434; Joanne Fuller 352.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ivy Hauser leading 312b. Leaders: Matthew Wojcik 302; Corinne Ducey 345b; Kelsey Ivey 536; Emma Rose Brown 507; Sasha Hsuczyk 114; Richard Ivey 39t; Lydia Llewallen 171; Joel Bassett 564; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 428; Phillip Langley 542; Alex Forsyth 292; Karen Rollins 327; Justin Bowen 172; Dan Hertzler 56b; Kyle Johnston 480; Molly Bledsoe 269; Elizabeth Stoddard and Annie Nixon 191; Charlie Basham 515; Ian Quinn 165; Chris Coughlin 426t; Crispin Walker 186; Laura Hodges 411; Doran Henkin 80t; Jean Seiler 273; Angharad Davis 384; Faiz Wareh 313b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Elsa Phemayotin and Mary Andrews leading 81t. Leaders: Anya Skibbie 37b; Ben Bath 512; Peter Golden 540; Myles Louis Dakan 122; Al McCready 227; Mary Skidmore 497; Michael Sensor 178; Guy Bankes and Leon Pulsinelle 174; Bill Holt 376; Leonard Spencer 250; Sarah Wang 504; Jesse Flynn 421; Rachel Weisberg 47b; Claire Hogan 42; Barbara Swetman 40; David DiLorenzo 448t; Alice Maggio 47t; Rachel Stevens 361; Cora Wareh 481. Mike Nord led 323t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 13

The Sunday session of the Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Mike Nord leading 30b. Leaders: Emma Schwartz 48t; Leland Kusmer 201; Sally Langendorf 138b; Curtis Brooks 385t; Lydia Vernon-Jones 415; Tristan Gordon 335; Sheila Kelly 318; Andrew Forsthoefel 268; Magda Erikson 269; Jesse C. Polhemus 438; Philippa Stoddard 283; Patty Wareh 460; Sunny Doyle 324; Paula Picton 123b; Kelly Taylor 217; Mel Novner 282; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 456; Margaret Youngberg 207.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Cheri Hardy leading 111b. Leaders: Gerald Clarke 214; Maggie Shar 348b; Micah Walter 432; Jesse Vear 568; Zach Marcus 501; Eric Sandberg 479; Bobbie Goodell 496; Sarah Galper 344; the Finance Committee and Matthew Leger-Small 319; Amy Valladares 162; James Baumgartner 29t; Dean Jens 225t; Vicki Hayes 122; Chris Holley 229; Stina Soderlin 58; Chris Geisler 84; Andre Kuney 163t; Tarik Wareh 200; Susan Murata 63.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Mills leading 160b. Leaders: Emily Hancock 300; Eileen Raab 107; Suzan Greenberg and Yael Tarshish 442; Evan Druce 472; Ines Lüttger 506; Troad 95; George Sigut 448t; Jeremy Galvagni 448b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Becky Wright and Sasha Hsuczyk. Becky read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins before leading 72b in their honor: Brenda Dearborn, Eric Hutter, Georgia Frazier, Ian Freur, Chloe Rombach,

Nancy Johnson, Rick Johnson, Susan Bukacek, Margie Baron, Carol Sherbeck, Cath Tyler, Ron Bornick, Margaret Bornick, Joan Forsthoefel, Steve Smith, Joe Crompton, Allison Steel, Jeannette DePoy, Susan Harcrow, William Gray, Clara Kirsher, Doris Damon, Francis Bliss, Janelle Davis, Sue Nord, Kathy Miller, Arthur Cohen, John Byrne Cooke, Nancy Nickerson, Tony Barrand, Holly Mixon, Laura Densmore, and Steve Sombor.

Sasha Hsuczyk read the following list of names of the deceased before leading 176t in their memory: Susan Hayes—Australia; Sami Balas and Sam Andrew—California; Carol Hall, Anne Winter, and Jordan McKenzie—Canada; Dan Adams, Alice Blanchard, and Irene Trembly—Connecticut; Terry Pratchett—England; Tommy Soper—Florida; Ron Sy and David Stein—Illinois; Roberta Robson—Louisiana; Reverend Robert Howes—Maine; David Strother—Maryland; John Beckoff, Patricia Corrigan, Anne Gallagher, and George Kelly—Massachusetts; Larry Manahan and Wesley Lego Bessette-Reiter—Minnesota; Sonia Kemper—Missouri; Angela Ricker—New Hampshire; James Wells, Leon J. Pulsinelle, and Joe Neighmond—New Jersey; George Benedetto, Anne Henry, John Wright, Mike Taylor, Linda Staekhouse, Peggy Waide, and Jean Delfs—New York; Trevor Stuart—North Carolina; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; David Moody—Oregon; Judy Creamer, Lloyd Staebler, Mary Staebler, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Betty Hanf, and Mary Mullen—Pennsylvania; John Lang—Scotland; Deborah Slavitt—South Carolina; Albert LeDoux—Texas; Paula—Vermont; Paul Christopher Mamon—Washington; Gary Frisch.

Leaders: Ruth Wampler 381; Alex Forsyth 285t; Lauren Bock 202.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Linda Shea leading 328. Leaders: Tim Erikson 449; Ben Bath 377; Kshama Ananthapura 270; Liz Cantrell 500; Lydia Llewallen 567; Alvaro Witt Duarte 216; Esther Wade 535; Lynne deBenedette 426b; Rachel Hall 428; Jesse P. Karlsberg 424; Phillip Langley 430; Crispin Walker and Margaret Youngberg 284; Anya Skibbie 203; Joel Bassett 36b; Kitty Kagay 112; Justin Bowen 362; Deidra Montgomery and Rachel Rudi 521; Charlie Basham 66; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 272; Kelsey Wessels 477; Corinne Ducey and Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 85.

RECESS

The class was called together by Becky Wright and Ivy Hauser leading 339. Leaders: Gerald Clarke 326; Peter Irvine 67; Becky Wright and Ivy Hauser 235; Alison Steele and family 105; Sarah Taylor 89; Ellen Lueck 81t; Ann Flight 511; Molly Merrett 76b; Ron Woodland 31t; Christine Andrews and Mary Andrews 70b; Becca Hawkins 294; Ian Quinn 424; Laura Clampitt 457; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 378t; Clarissa Lyons 290; Claire Hogan 445; Charles Taylor 408; Sam Kleinman 73t.

Committee reports were given, and announcements made. Mike Nord led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mike Nord; Vice Chairman—Emma Schwartz; Secretary—Leland Kusmer

OXFORD SINGING

Powerhouse Community Arts Center, Oxford, Mississippi Sunday, March 13, 2016

The 36th annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Powerhouse Community Arts Center on the second Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Warren Steel leading 48t. Matt Bell offered the morning prayer. Mark Davis then led 181.

The class entered into a business session. The following officers were elected to

serve: Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Wanda Capps; Arranging Committee—Marlin Beasley and Matt Bell.

Andrew George welcomed the class on behalf of the Yoknapatawpha Arts Council. Leaders: Wanda Capps 546, 454; Mark Tew 339, 406; Gravis Ballinger 56t, 112; Jan Murray 31t, 285t; Lisa Geist 428, 377; Arlon Gardner 180, 455; Earl Ballinger 439, 177; John Van Horn 209, 378b; Cliff Hall 288, 59; Jerry Kitchens 282, 480.

RECESS

Warren Steel called the class to order leading 424. Leaders: Drew McGuire 106, 422; Jess Weller 187; Nathan Stewart 483, 430; Richard Mauldin 133, 168; Shelby Castillo 300, 208; Stephen Smith 126, 58; Ken Tate 129, 475; Sarah Tidwell 42, 63; Andrew George and Warren Steel 45t.

RECESS

Mark Davis brought the class to order leading 74b. Leaders: Mary Amelia Taylor 228, 203; Danny Creel 472, 327; Anne Steel 39t, 556; Will McGuire 40, 87.

A memorial lesson was held. John Van Horn led 312t in memory of the following deceased: George Easley, Charles Porter, Margie Bryant, Kenneth Stead, Al Moreton, Becky Moreton, and Henry Ray Reynolds—Mississippi; Azilee Adams, Sandra Spradlin, Fred Killingsworth, and Robert DuPree—Alabama. Glenn Keeton led 77t for the sick and homebound.

Marlin Beasley led 318 and 512.

LUNCH

Mark Davis called the afternoon session to order leading 399b, 68t, and 481.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 365, 163b; Larry Ballinger 151, 217; Matt Bell 123t, 104; John Plunkett 391, 486; Henry McGuire 56b, 456; Dorothea Maynard 405, 361; Lee Uhlhorn 457, 36b; Chuck Howell 569b, 32t; Jack Barbera 162, 236; Logan Green and Caroline Brown 179, 547; Evangeline Schultz 448t, 183; Kataria Webb 171; Kevin Robinson 490, 268. Following announcements, Effie Burt and Anne Steel led 105.

Warren Steel led 157 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Mary Amelia Taylor.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Wanda Capps

HOLMFIRTH SACRED HARP SINGING

Wooldale Community Centre, Holmfirth

West Yorkshire, United Kingdom

Saturday, March 19, 2016

Cath Ingham called the class to order leading 77b, and welcomed everyone to Wooldale. John Hopkinson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cath Ingham 87; Vicki Elliott 28t, 30b; Mark Wardlaw 73b, 76b; Bob Butler 147t, 86; Ruth Steggles 33b, 89; Phil Tyler 374, 48b; Claire Welford 31t, 34b; Chris Brown 341, 340.

RECESS

Hannah Land called the class back to order leading 312b and 209. Leaders: Lin James 34t, 72b; Richard Mayers 65, 81t; Cath Ingham 128, 159; Bob Butler 313b, 547; Lin James 30t; Claire Welford 384, 501; Vicki Elliott 472, 201; Ruth Steggles 203, 323t; Mark Wardlaw 161, 196; Chris Brown 528, 392. John Copperwheat gave thanks for the lunchtime meal.

LUNCH

Judy Whiting called the class back to order leading 47t and 350. Leaders: Phil Tyler 68t, 269; Hannah Land 268, 351; Maria Wallace 38b, 142; Richard Mayers 455, 45t. Mark Wardlaw conducted the memorial lesson. Those remembered were Wendy

Ross—London; Mary Newell—Dalton; Ian Whiting—Barrow Upon Humber; Eileen McDougall—France; Steve Robinson—Denby Dale; Ana Jimenez Villareal—Bradford; Jerry Wright—Texas, USA; Trevor Stuart—North Carolina, USA; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania, USA.

He also spoke for the following sick and household: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Jeannette DePoy, Shelby Sampson, Melanie Hauff, Ian West, Dot Green, Cath Tyler, Sheena McMain, and Stephen Garbett. He led 565, and Richard Mayers offered a prayer.

Leaders: Lin James 549, 369; Vicki Elliott 404, 426b; Claire Welford 276, 440; Ruth Steggles 371, 198.

RECESS

Phil Tyler called the class back to order leading 299 and 121. Leaders: Judy Whiting 318, 492; Cath Ingham 566, 155; Maria Wallace 448t, 274t; Richard Mayers 408, 63; Hannah Land 417, 421; Mark Wardlaw 229; Lin James 82t; Maria Wallace 504.

Cath Ingham announced that she wished to give up the chairmanship of the singing, and asked for volunteers to continue it in future years. She then led 46 as the closing song. John Hopkinson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Cath Ingham; Secretaries—Bob Butler and Claire Welford

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SINGING IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM WALKER

Second Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina Saturday, March 19, 2016

The 22nd session of the South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker was held at Second Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Robert Kelley gave a brief introduction to shape notes, both seven shape and four shape systems. Frances Carnell led 59. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

The first morning session was from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Frances Carnell 34b; Dave Farmer 63; Chris Wilhelm 31b; Mary Baumeister 87; Diane Eskenasy 155; Jonathan Wood 410b; Jane Cannon 47t; Tom Ivey 65; Eddie Mash 122; Claudia Dean 275b; Harry Eskew 40; Jonathan Gaylord 48b; Robert Kelley 31t; John Plunkett 128; Jacob Linder 32b; Eric Carnell 171; Robert Kelly 81t (by request); Leon Carnell 47b; Frances Carnell 318.

RECESS

The second morning session was from *The Christian Harmony, 2010 Edition*.

Leaders: Frances Carnell 9b (CH); Dave Farmer 107 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 330 (CH); Mary Baumeister and Amanda Wiles 465t (CH); Adam Lockaway 109 (CH); Diane Eskenasy 126 (CH); Jonathan Wood 336t (CH); Jane Cannon 316 (CH); Tom Ivey 339 (CH); Eddie Mash 186 (CH); Claudia Dean 509t (CH); Jonathan Gaylord 67b (CH); Robert Kelley 472b (CH); John Plunkett 250t (CH); Jacob Linder 59t (CH); Leon Carnell 165 (CH); Frances Carnell 171b (CH).

LUNCH

The first afternoon session was from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Frances Carnell 370; Chris Wilhelm 213t; Mary Baumeister 330t; Dave Farmer 168; Diane Eskenasy 181; Jonathan Wood 207; Jane Cannon 548; Tom Ivey 507; Eddie Mash 192; Claudia Dean 105; Jonathan Gaylord 38b; Robert Kelley 151; John Plunkett 325; Leon Carnell 268; Jacob Linder 178; Frances Carnell 365.

In a business meeting, the class agreed to keep the same officers for 2017 as follows: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Treasurer—Bobbi Albert; Secretary—Mary Baumeister. It was decided that we will wait to buy more *Christian Harmony* books until the reprinting, and that we needed more *Sacred Harp*

loaner books.

RECESS

The second afternoon session was from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition.

Leaders: Dave Farmer 105b (CH); Chris Wilhelm 16 (CH); Mary Baumeister 212 (CH); Diane Eskenasy 51 (CH); Jonathan Wood 252 (CH); Jane Cannon 209 (CH); Tom Ivey 372 (CH); Eddie Mash 369 (CH); Claudia Dean 262 (CH); Jonathan Gaylord 24t (CH); Robert Kelley 285 (CH); John Plunkett 515 (CH).

Announcements were made. Frances Carnell led 347 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

HOBOKEN SCHOOL SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Hoboken Elementary School, Hoboken, Georgia

Saturday, March 19, 2016

The 21st annual session of the Hoboken All-Day Singing was called to order by Riley Lee leading 68t. Riley Lee offered opening remarks by welcoming those visiting, and then led the class in singing the minor and major scale. Elder Terry Herrin offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jessica Altman 47t; Amy Lee 544; David Lee 47b; Clarke Lee 74t; Kathy Lee 374; Julie Lee 558b; John Gentry 229; Jason Steidl 356; Jason Deal 72; Eli Hinton 99; Tollie Lee 330t; Matt Bell 131t; Jesse Roberts, Jr. and Ashley Thompson 365; Anna Hinton 142.

RECESS

Clarke Lee brought the class back together leading 336t. Leaders: Emily Eddins 210; Adam Brasich 273; Claudene Townson 572; Cole Hodges 587; Erica Hinton 68b; Thomas Smith 543b; Kellen O'Neal and T.K. Whitley 392 and "Jesus Loves Me"; Ezra Eddins 31b; Joanne Fuller 411; Gene Pinion 218; Johnathan Kelso 203; Eli Eddins 507b; Louis Hughes 138t; Steve Luttinen 380t.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back together leading 76b. Leaders: Tamara Harris 590; Kevin Barrans 434; Wynette Smith 145b; Jessica Kelso 269.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Riley Lee read verses from II Samuel 12 and Revelations 21-22 in memory of the deceased and in honor of the sick and shut-ins. Riley Lee led 486. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Elder Jesse Roberts, Jr.

Leaders: Stephanie Carter 505; Ellen Fournier 49t; Evie Eddins 482; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 516; Terry Herrin 478; Brenda Dunlap 331b; Rexanna Lester 461.

The blessing was offered by Jason Deal.

LUNCH

Clarke Lee brought the class back together leading 77t. Leaders: Sasha Hsuczyk 535t; Michael Spencer 380b; Reba Windom 559; Matt Hinton 65; Ashley Thompson 29b; Phillip Reeves 146; Alex Forsyth 101b; Karen Clark 514; Judith Parker 276; Syble Adams 367; Lindy Groening 464; Kendra Strickland 393; Shane O'Neal 287; Donna Bell and David Lee 49b; David Lee and family 500; Mary O'Neal 104.

RECESS

Riley Lee brought the class back together leading 96. Leaders: Morgan Bunch 594; Elie Snyder 268b; Jessica Altman and Jesse Roberts, Jr. 168; Tony Batten and Lynn Batten 63; Amy Lee 395t; J.R. Hardman 381t; Laura Densmore 370; Edmund Richardson 54t; John Gardenour 46; Trevor East 358.

Following announcements, Riley Lee led 463 as the closing song. Elder Clarke Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Riley Lee; Secretary—Amy Lee

VERMONT SINGING

First Congregational Church, Burlington, Vermont

Saturday, March 19, 2016

The annual Vermont All-Day Singing was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Kerry Cullinan. Barbara Waters welcomed all who came from near and far. The opening prayer was offered by Joseph Penzak. Kerry Cullinan led 49t, which was followed by site announcements.

Leaders: Pete Sutherland 315; Anna Mays 480; Jonathan Spencer 324; Sinead O'Mahoney 299; Ian Smiley 99; Sarah Galper 284; Leonard Spencer 245; Paul Gauthier 31t; Ann Pearce 159; Dan Hertzler 564; Susan Jaster 485; Chelsea Smiley 155; Dhyano Pierson 42; Jesse Vear 388; Ines Luttggen 271t; Anya Skibbie 29t.

RECESS

Chris Hollis called the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Troad 312b; Ian Smiley 486 (for Marsha Camp); Rachel Taylor 39b; Liz Cantrell 142; Mary Skidmore 421; Claire Hogan 481; Jocelyn Faichney 163b; Daniel Cappelletto 448t; Mark Williams 269; Sophia Donforth 474; Jesse Flynn 445; Brian Harris 224; Chris Holley 74b; Pete Sutherland 37b; Anna Mays 475; Jonathan Spencer 332; Sinead O'Mahoney 183.

Marsha Camp conducted the memorial lesson. Marsha Camp read the poem "Night Herons" (by Mary Oliver) for the following sick and shut-ins: Maci Shappy, Calvin Haly, Bob Clatworthy, Laura Densmore, John Sumner, Elsie Sumner, Nancy Castle, Peter Diamondstone, and Brenda Dearborn.

Marcia read "Miss Me, But Let Me Go" (Anonymous) in memory of the following deceased: Claire Sullivan, Tony Moran, Gary Frisch, Scott Perry, Rita Trudeau, Paul LeTourneau, Adam Vera, Hunt Blair, Clint Telford—Vermont; Francis Bliss—Maine; David Strontier—Maryland and Maine; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Angela Ricker—New Hampshire; Roberta Robson—Louisiana; Linda Stackhouse and Susan Kiaunis (Qnis)—New York; Albert LeDoux—Texas; Paul Christoph Mamon—Washington. Peter Sutherland led 267.

Leaders: Sarah Galper 48t; Leonard Spencer 236; Paul Gauthier 182; Dan Hertzler 280. Grace for the noon meal was offered by Joseph Penzak.

LUNCH

Paul Gauthier called the class back to order leading 84. Leaders: Chelsea Smiley 440; Rachel Taylor 40; Amy Valladares 328; Sue Dwelle 127; Susan Jaster 540; Dhyano Pierson 318; Jesse Vear 172; Sonya Skibbie 340; Sara Facceney 282; Liz Cantrell 300; Kerry Cullinan 68b; Mary Skidmore 567; Clare Hogan 410b; Mark Williams 313b; Jocelyn Faichney 512; Daniel Cappelletto 87; Jesse Flynn 106; Chris Holley 283; Ines Luttggen 338; Brian Harris 131b; Deidre Brown 193; Jonathan Spencer 133; Ian Spencer 383.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ian Smiley leading 107. Leaders: Sarah Galper 209; Leonard Spencer 254; Deanna Anderson 551; Paul Gauthier 302; Dan Hertzler 430; Troad 56b; Chelsea Smiley 128; Rachel Taylor 171; Amy Valladares 58; Susan Jaster 94; Dhyano Pierson 48b; Jesse Vear 378b; Anya Skibbie 228; Liz Cantrell 466; Kerry Cullinan 569b; Mary Skidmore 505; Claire Hogan 148; Sarah Facceney 457; Mark Williams 479.

In a business meeting, the Resolutions and other committee reports were given. The Secretary reported that there were 103 registrants from six states and two provinces.

There were thirty-four leaders, and we sang eighty-five songs. The Treasurer reported that expenses were met. Announcements were made. Anna Mays led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with a closing prayer offered by Mark Williams.

Chairman—Kerry Cullinan; Secretary—Peggy Kadima-Mazela

STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL
Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama
Saturday Night, March 19, 2016

The annual Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Sacred Harp singing held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama, on Saturday night before the third Sunday in March was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 59. Linda Sides offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Linda Sides.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 225t; Larry Ballinger 68b, 69t; Jerry Kitchens 155, 318; Brenda Chafin 42, 74b; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 406, 276; Nicholas Thompson 480, 472; Betty Baccus 129, 100; Judy Caudle 176t, 167; Ralph Wallace 119, 45t; Linda Sides 319, 72b.

RECESS

Larry Ballinger led 154 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 192, 75 (at the request of Ozella Blackmon); Julie Poston 89; Jerry Kitchens 112; Brenda Chafin 108t; Judy Caudle 415; Ralph Wallace 408; Henry Guthery 401. Announcements were made.

Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. Elder Ronald Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING
Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama
Sunday, March 20, 2016

The Godsey Sisters Memorial Singing in honor of Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams was called to order by Don Keeton leading 377. He then offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Don Keeton 100; Jerry Kitchens 39t, 35; Roma Rice 68b (for Edith Adams and Velton and Jonnie Chafin), 405 (for Kenneth Fannin); Betty Baccus 417 (for Steve Adams), 391; Steve Adams 99 (for Kermit Adams); Mike Hankins 30t, 31b; Glenn Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Isabella Keeton 282, 108t; Nicholas Thompson and Josh Wilson 120, 436; Loretta Whitman 81t (for Nellie Alexander), 283; Mike Heber 276, 37b; Eugene Forbes 101t, 112; Earl Ballinger 164, 187; Louise Yeager 358, 143.

RECESS

Jerry Kitchens called the class to order leading 155. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 146, 388 (for his sister); Glenn Keeton “Ashley”, “Joshua”.

Glenn then asked the class to include Sandra Spradlin (a great niece of the Godsey sisters) in the memorial. The class voted to change the name of the singing to

Godsey Sisters and Sandra Spradlin Memorial. Glenn led 126 in memory of Sandra Spradlin.

Leaders: Chris Ballinger 424, 400; Gravis Ballinger 273, 182; Amber Davis 44, 192; Lisa Geist 472, 540.

A memorial lesson was held. Roma Rice read the names of the following deceased: Morris Edward Godsey, Azilee Adams, Sandra Spradlin, Odie Horton, Willis Adams, and Lawton Keeton. Roma led 337 and 229.

Richard Mauldin closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Don Keeton called the class to order leading 269. Leaders: Shirley Tidwell and Isabella Keeton 235, 457; Larry Ballinger 268, 157; Brenda Chafin 183, 209; Dylan Feezell 36b, 208; Linda Sides “Janelle”; Parnell Berry 306, 373; Mike Heber 178; Nicholas Thompson 198 (for Kermit Adams); Nicholas Thompson and Josh Wilson 63; Chris Ballinger 344; Amber Davis 291; Lisa Geist 528; Dylan Feezell 530; Earl Ballinger 389; Linda Sides 225t; Eugene Forbes 137; Mike Hankins 480; Richard Mauldin 168; Larry Ballinger 217; Gravis Ballinger 215; Nicholas Thompson 196. Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Secretary—Roma Rice

GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING

Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia

Sunday, March 20, 2016

A singing from the Georgian Harmony was held on Sunday afternoon at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. All song selections are from The Georgian Harmony, a tune book of the music of Raymond Hamrick, with exceptions noted below.

The class was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by John Plunkett, who led 193. Eddie Mash offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 83; Judy Mincey 38; David Smead 90; Lisa Bennett 114; Sandra Wilkinson 25; Laura Ackerman 153; John Hollingsworth 171; Billy Hollingsworth 198; Andy Ditzler 251; Oscar McGuire 49; Helen Bryson 97; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 98; Eddie Mash 210; Andy Morse 233; Debora Grosse 84; Isaac Green 42.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 92. Leaders: Judy Mincey 76; David Smead 52; Lisa Bennett 252; Laura Ackerman 134; Sandra Wilkinson 118; Billy Hollingsworth 120; John Hollingsworth 196; Andy Ditzler 13; Oscar McGuire 26; Helen Bryson 50; Andy Morse 46; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 43; Isaac Green 29; Eddie Mash 224; Debora Grosse 225.

RECESS

The class reconvened, and sang three unpublished works from Mr. Hamrick’s early composing days. John Hollingsworth remarked this was probably the first time they had been sung by a class. The songs were titled “Sacred Harp”, “A Sinner’s Prayer” and “Angel’s Anthem”.

Eddie Mash offered a benediction. John Plunkett led 45 as the closing song.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Judy Mincey

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL SACRED HARP SINGING
Wilkins School Community Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Saturday, March 26, 2016

The 7th annual Pittsburgh Regional All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Wilkins School Community Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Katie White called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 171, and offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Katie White; Secretary—Penny Anderson; Treasurer—Gerry Hoffman.

Leaders: Penny Anderson 49t, 84; Gerry Hoffman 48t, 42; Brian How 503, 86; Stephanie Fida 108t, 108b; Dave Witter 228, 276; Susan Loucks 34b, 497; Jack Puskar 277, 96; Jo Schlesinger 27, 87; Frances Mary D'Andrea 47b, 384; Joel Kennedy 127, 49b; Susan Fetcho 95, 203.

RECESS

Katie White called the class together by leading 107. Leaders: David Fetcho 32b, 411; Penny Anderson 284, 114; Brian How 183, 448b; Katie White 81t, 547; Stephanie Fida 486, 156; Gerry Hoffman 99, 200; Dave Witter 323b, 410t; Susan Loucks 474, 122. Grace was offered for the noon meal by Katie White.

LUNCH

Penny Anderson called the class back to order by leading 312b. Leaders: Jack Puskar 324, 148; Susan Fetcho 178, 45t; Joel Kennedy 515, 180; Frances Mary D'Andrea 192, 155; David Fetcho 273, 448t; Gerry Hoffman 68b; Penny Anderson 344; Stephanie Fida 543; Brian How 48b; Katie White 236; Dave Witter 504; Susan Loucks 282; David Alexander 117.

RECESS

Susan Fetcho called the class together by leading 147t. Leaders: Jack Puskar 146; Lindsey Scherloun 112; Charles Anderson 79; Susan Fetcho 85; Joel Kennedy 159; David Fetcho 383; Frances Mary D'Andrea 318; Gerry Hoffman 300; Penny Anderson 209; Stephanie Fida 445; Brian How 313b; Katie White 143; Dave Witter 269; Susan Loucks 268; David Alexander 163b; David Fetcho and Susan Fetcho 163t; Stephanie Fida 464; Lindsay Scherloun 288; Charles Anderson 135; Jack Puskar 128; Frances Mary D'Andrea 455; Joel Kennedy 47t.

In a business meeting, Gerry Hoffman announced that expenses would be covered by today's donations and the previous year's surplus. Announcements were made. Penny Anderson reported that eighty-two songs had been sung.

Katie White offered the closing prayer, and led 347 as the closing song.

Chairman—Katie White; Secretary—Penny Anderson

HIGHER GROUND SINGING

United Campus Ministries Center, Terre Haute, Indiana
Saturday, March 26, 2016

The 21st annual Higher Ground Singing was called to order by Darrell Swarens leading 59 and Peggy Brayfield leading 51 (MH). Don Bardsley offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Peggy Brayfield and Darrell Swarens.

Leaders: Donald Bardsley 99; Terry Hogg 147 (MH); Samuel Sommers 89 (MH); Sheila Patterson 180 (MH); Mary Huffman 48b; LaMar Schlabach 48t; James Eldridge 176b; Stephen Huffman 155; Tom Morton 209; Grace Patterson 37b; Jim Patterson 109; Adrian Eldridge 215; Gary Huffman 515; Tim Morton 45 (MH); Virginia Eldridge 168; Mary E. Yeomans 159; Nate Zweig 112 (MH); John Huffman 163b; Katherine Eldridge 175; Joan Aldridge 300; Michele Cull 269.

RECESS

Darrell Swarens called the class back to order leading 36b. Leaders: Michael Han 128; Annaliza Cull 135; Terry Hogg 142 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 415; Sheila Patterson 512; Samuel Sommers 534; Mary Huffman 163t; Donald Bardsley 313b; James Eldridge 120; Stephen Huffman 365; Beth Garfinkel 496; John Hoerr 440; Curtis Cook 178; Barb Lund 384; Jim Patterson 278t; Adrian Eldridge 479; Tom Morton 503; Grace Patterson 29b; Gary Huffman 515; Nate Zweig 57 (MH); Tim Morton 127 (MH); Grace Patterson 29b; Mary E. Yeomans 138 (MH); John Huffman 236; Katherine Eldridge 309; Joan Aldridge 166.

LUNCH

Annaliza Cull reassembled the class by leading 47b. Leaders: Darrell Swarens, Brenda Waters, and Michele Cull 145 (MH) (in memory of Bob Meek); Peggy Brayfield 58 (MH); Terry Hogg 162 (MH); Michael Han 447; Virginia Eldridge 50t; Tom Morton 457; Curtis Cook 38b; Grace Patterson 504; Barb Lund 335; Samuel Sommers 522; Donald Bardsley 532 (for Janet and Frank Fraembs); John Hoerr 528; Tim Morton 497; Sheila Patterson 81t (for Janelle Davis); Mary Huffman 362; James Eldridge 324; Mary E. Yeomans 551; Nate Zweig 173 (MH); Jim Patterson 569b; Adrian Eldridge 279; Stephen Huffman 198; Grace Patterson 147t; Katherine Eldridge 358; Joan Aldridge 228.

Following announcements, Darrell Swarens and Peggy Brayfield led 62 as the closing song. Don Bardsley offered the closing prayer.

Co-Chairpersons—Peggy Brayfield and Darrell Swarens

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia** **March 26-27, 2016** **Saturday, March 26**

The 55th session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Alpharetta, Georgia. Philip Denney called the class together leading 47t. Jim Neal offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Matt Hinton 32t; Wyatt Denney 163t; Lela Crowder 217; David Brodeur 495; Faye Holbrook 475; Helen Bryson 522; Andy Ditzler 173; David Smead 214; Anna Hinton 209; Karen Rollins 74b; Phillip Langley 222; Erica Hinton and Lottie Hinton 314; Jason Stanford 491; Donna Bell 208; Don Bowen 99; Michael Spencer 382; Winfred Kerr 282; Virginia Dyer 454; Lisa Bennett 83t.

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class back to order leading 322. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 65; Dalton Lewis 472; Jim Neal 388; Judy Chambless 549.

A business session was held with the following officers and committee members elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matt Hinton; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Co-Vice Chairman—Wyatt Denney; Chaplains—Jim Neal and Clarke Lee; Secretary—Lela Crowder; Assistant Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Jeannette DePoy, Scott DePoy, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, and Andy Ditzler; Memorial Committee—Judy Caudle and Bridgett Hill Kennedy; Finance Committee—John Kelso and Isaac Green; Locating Committee—John Plunkett; Resolutions Committee—David Smead and Sasha Hsuczyk.

Leaders: Isaac Green 133; Debora Grosse and Anne Grosse 178; Scott DePoy 106; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Andrew Thompson 275b; Robert Chambless 480; John Kelso and John Hale 426t; Daniel Lee 565; Oscar McGuire 573; Mary Brownlee 556; Louis Hughes 408; B.M. Smith 340; Ellen Ray 89.

RECESS

Ellen Culpepper and Sam Culpepper called the class back together by leading 31t. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 44; Michael Thompson 411; Fred Eady 236; Mary Wright 71; Bill Beverly and Joan Miller 547; Rachel Carlisle 145t; Pam Nunn 507; Robert Kelley 439; Leanne Carter 56b; Shane O'Neal and Kellen O'Neal "Jesus Loves Me," 30b.

LUNCH

Lauren Bock called the class back to order by leading 40. Leaders: Laura Hodges 426b; Alex Forsyth 302; Gwen Gethner 430; Ann Jett 546; Reba Windom 216; Martha Beverly 504; Lindy Groening 396; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 142; Philippa Stoddard 392; Nathan Rees 447; Judy Caudle 310; Sasha Hsuczyc 177; Stanley Smith and Syd Caldwell 383; Danny Creel 498; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 564; Rachel Hall 377; Keillor Mose 455; Erica Martinez 27; Corinne Ducey 29t; Mike Richards 446; Clarke Lee 28t; Nancy Price 48b; Charles Woods and Charlene Wallace 283. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg recognized Charlene Wallace for fifty years of service as the secretary to the Georgia State Convention. Leaders: Richard Ivey 371; Betsy Jeronen 422.

RECESS

Tony Hammock brought the class back together leading 465. Leaders: Pat Temple 59; Janice Paulk 518; Bill Hollingsworth 365; Elizabeth Stoddard 423; Pleasance Crawford 488; Kyle Johnston 270; Ellie Snyder 228; Edmund Richardson 492; Abby Beavin 116; Brian Harris 500; Julie Lee 128; Jesse Veary 172; Joanne Fuller 73t; Ateven Snderson 321; Jonathon Smith 125; Matthew Bell 176b; William Price 441; Ben Fink 159; Syd Caldwell and Reba Windom 137; Jesse Roberts 171; Jerusha Wheeler 218; Karen Edwards 277.

Announcements were made. Matt Hinton and B.M. Smith led 46 as the closing song. Clarke Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, March 27

The Sunday session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Matt Hinton leading 277. Jim Neal offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Phillip Langley 385b; Lela Crowder 34b; Donna Bell 276; Jim Neal 77t; Faye Holbrook 380; Andy Ditzler and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 212; Jeannette DePoy, Scott Depoy, and David Stevens 349; Ellen Ray 335; David Smead 426b; David Brodeur and Andrew Thompson 496; Daniel Lee 36b; J.R. Hardman 99; Richard DeLong 36t; Michael Spencer 166; Erica Hinton 309; Ellen Culpepper 432; Oscar McGuire 485; Virginia Dyer 63; Samuel Williams 163t; Martha Beverly 197; Eli Hinton 146.

RECESS

Helen Bryson brought the class back to order leading 176t. Leaders: Jerusha Wheeler 304; Bobby Watkins 406; Nancy Price 35; Ateven Snderson 450; Dalton Lewis 354b; B.M. Smith 138t; Abby Beavin 104; Syd Caldwell 151; Lauren Bock 415; Ben Fink 240; Henry Johnson 271t; Susan Cheronos 300; Jesse Flynn 481.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 111b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Keillor Mose 156; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 425; Pat Temple 373; Corinne Ducey 60; Mike Richards 511; Rachel Hall 355; Erica Martinez 532.

Judy Caudle and Bridgett Hill Kennedy conducted the memorial lesson. Judy Caudle quoted words about blooming youth and reminded us to honor the sick and shut-ins who included: Nate Green, Norma Green, Susan Harcrow, Elsie Moon, Jack Paulk, Betty Shepherd, Jewell Wootten, Andy Worthington, Earlis McGraw, Geneva Prichard, Faith Riley, Janelle Davis, Gary Gronau, Charlie Derleth, Josephine Lefthand, Laura Densmore, and Joseph Rowe. Judy led 389 in their honor.

Bridgett Hill Kennedy reminded the class of the many different names of God and that He provides an escape from present dangers and provides for daily needs. Bridgett read the following list of names of the deceased: Robert DuPree, Evelyn Harris, Elder Neal Pritchard, Bennett Green, Gib Amason, Vernelle Amason, Jane Lindsley—Alabama; Robert Teichner, Caroline Bonnet—California; Dan Adams—Connecticut; Robert DePoy, Lucile Gunnells, George Garner, C.W. Garner, Bonnie Kiddle, James Jordan—Georgia; Francis Bliss—Maine; David Strother—Maine and Maryland; Ann Henry, Mike Taylor—New York; Prennis Page—North Carolina; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Sarah Hauser—Oregon; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Terry Snyder—Virginia; Paul Christopher Maven—Washington. Bridgett led 82t. Henry Johnson closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Nathan Rees 435; Alex Forsyth 404; Sarah Brinson and Kyle Johnston 38b.
LUNCH

Isaac Green called the class back to order leading 85. Leaders: Mary Wright 477; Jonathon Smith 165; Lindy Groening 562; Rick Hoffman 135; David Ivey 572; Sasha Hsuczyk 411; Patrick Frieson 328; Pam Nunn and Reba Windom 269; Philippa Stoddard 419; Richard Ivey 330t; Kathy Williams 227; Betsy Jeronen 440; William Price 299; Laura Hodges 336; Elizabeth Stoddard 312t; Pleasance Crawford 548; Gwen Gethner 333; Eli Snyder 456; Edmund Richardson 351; Brian Harris 101b; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 330b; Jesse Vear 434; Nicholas Tuff and Joanne Fuller 47b; Chuck Crawford 107; Amy Wells 112; Kyle Johnston 569b; Judy Caudle and Lisa Bennett 451; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 500.

RECESS

Seth Langer and Rob Dunn brought the class back together leading 37b. Leaders: Anders Wells 76b; Miriam Delirium and Keillor Mose 155; Tony Hammock 494; Hayden Arp 384; John Plunkett 236; Karen Edwards 472; Malinda Snow 460; Mike Richards, Brian Harris, Patrick Friesen, and Laura Hodges 189; Nancy Price, William Price, Betsy Jeronen, and Syd Caldwell 288; Rachel Hall, Sasha Hsuczyk, Alex Forsyth, Andrew Thompson, and Miriam Delirium 436; Rodney Ivey, Richard Ivey, and David Ivey 273; Elizabeth Stoddard, Philippa Stoddard, Jesse Vear, and Jesse Flynn 192; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher, Gwen Gethner, Corinne Ducey, and Amy Wells 318; Reba Windom, Bridgett Hill Kennedy, Judy Caudle, and Pam Nunn 196.

The convention went into a business session to hear reports from the various committees. The Locating Committee reported that a petition was received from Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church in Carrollton, Georgia, to host the 56th session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention in March, 2017. On a motion, second, and vote, the petition was approved. Lela Crowder presented the Finance Report. Sasha Hsuczyk and David Smead presented the Resolutions. All reports were approved, and the business session was closed. Announcements were made. Matt Hinton and Rodney Ivey led 56t as the closing song. Jim Neal dismissed the convention with prayer.

Chairman—Matt Hinton; Vice Chairmen—Phillip Langley and Wyatt Denney; Secretary—Lela Crowder; Assistant Secretary—Donna Bell

BRAZOS RIVER SACRED HARP SINGING (COOPER REVISION)

Carmine, Texas

Saturday, April 2, 2016

The class was called to order by Gaylon Powell leading 63. The opening prayer was offered by Leon Ballinger.

The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation:

Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman—Carter Cook; Secretary—Vickie Cook. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 49t; Carter Cook 268t, 168; Vickie Cook 335, 508; Linda Booker 107, 511t; Kristie Powell 133, 38t; Leon Ballinger 99, 120; Marcel LaFlamme 30b, 29b.

RECESS

Carter Cook led 183 to open the second morning session. Leaders: Carter Cook 203; Vickie Cook 28t, 38b; Linda Booker 447t, 138t; Lizi George 505, 559; Gaylon Powell 239, 131t; Kristie Powell 45t, 155; Leon Ballinger 402, 588; Marcel LaFlamme 427, 50b; Amy Denison 398b, 343; Carter Cook 571, 142. The blessing before lunch was offered by Carter Cook.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Gaylon Powell leading 448. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 47b; Vickie Cook 393, 392; Linda Booker 293b, 32t; Lizi George 500, 330t; Kristie Powell 489, 85; Leon Ballinger 143, 297; Marcel LaFlamme 361, 77t; Carter Cook 300, 217; Vickie Cook 276, 49b.

Announcements were made. Leaders: Linda Booker 478, 199; Lizi George 277; Gaylon Powell 250; Kristie Powell 543, 514; Leon Ballinger 186; Marcel LaFlamme 492.

Gaylon Powell led 527 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Don Kirby.

Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman—Carter Cook; Secretary—Vickie Cook

JONES MEMORIAL SINGING (COOPER BOOK) **Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama** **Saturday, April 2, 2016**

The class was called to order by Wayne Jones leading 225t. Mickey Smith offered the opening prayer. Evie Eddins led 140, 275t, and 50t for the introductory lesson.

Leaders: Billy Kelley 100; Myrtle Richburg 497; Rodney Ivey 567; Jamie Kelley 42; Gary Padgett 174; Eric Eddins 435; Loretta Jones and Lloyd Jones 45t, 138t; Chip Westbrook 398b; Nicole Bowman 133; Larry Shaw 505; Linda Westbrook 584; Tommie Spurlock 299.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Tim Jones leading 63. Leaders: Eli Eddins 273; Agnes Farris 410; Ken Kelley 182; Dana Eddins 203; Bill Hogan 270; Mike Jones 159; Nora Kirkland and Sue McKelvin 405; Donnie Powell 283; Tim Jones 120; Alice Sundberg 77t; Elam Eddins 235; Kennon Smith 189; Wayne Jones 73t; Janet King 148; Ewan Eddins 29t; Edith Eddins 47t; Ken Sundberg 446t; Wynette Smith 282; Ezra Eddins 29b; Ryan Bowman 476; Vickie Aplin 76b; Kevin Eddins and Eli Eddins 499. Wayne Jones led 369, followed by prayer offered by Tommie Spurlock.

LUNCH

Tim Jones led 553 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Janice Gardner 573; Brian Kelley 112; Annabelle Tanner and Evie Eddins 500; James Gardner 38b; Michael Jones 384; Merlene Hughes 561; Joe Nall 504; Stanley Smith 58; Chris Parris 96; Jillian Parris and Evie Eddins 492; Barbara Jones 276; Waylon Cravey 288; Cathy Parker and Amanda Martin 341; Wayne Jones, J.D. Jones, Betty Kendrick, Carmaletta Hawthorne, and Doris Jones 108t, 275t, 447t; Rodney Ivey 559; Wayne Jones 283 (for Lera and Wilburn Ellison); Nicole Bowman 518; Cathy Parker 568; Linda Westbrook and Brian Kelley 229; Ezra Eddins 32t; Wynette Smith 507b.

Announcements were made. Wayne Jones led 464 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by James Gardner.

Chairman—Wayne Jones; Vice Chairman—Tim Jones; Secretary—Barbara Jones

IOWA SINGING

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines, Iowa

Saturday, April 2, 2016

The 15th annual Iowa All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in April, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, Iowa. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Eric Saylor, who led 178. Rev. Sharla Hulsey offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Eric Saylor 168; Sharla Hulsey 31t, 34b; Bruce Voyles 63, 68b; Eleanor Haase 270, 40; Michael Moore 171, 299; Kit Canright 29t, 56b; Bruce Western 430, 415; Denise Kania and Anna Shewmaker 128, 217; James Page and Carole Briggs 169, 272; Jim Pfau 371, 312b; Annie Grieshop and Gaile Gallatin 159, 481; Megan Holm 155, 82t.

RECESS

Eric Saylor called the class to order leading 74b and 117. Leaders: Paul Wilson 495, 565; Paul Landskroener 448t, 271t; Cathy Lutz 472, 148.

Rev. Hulsey conducted the memorial lesson, leading 86 for the following sick and shut-ins: Martha Cady, Nancy Danino, Tom DeVries, Janelle Davis, Melanie Hauff, Berkley Moore, Mike Tegeder, Linda Hellerich, Valerie Eastman, Kay Draper, Randall Kennedy, Johanna Fabke, and Julie Veal.

Rev. Hulsey spoke and led 122 for the following departed: Melvin Beach, Owen Geerdes, Janet Stepp, Steve Wirtjes, Cam Wood, and Luella Zimmer—Iowa; Megan Barrett—Michigan; Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin.

Leaders: Donnie Simmet 39b, 123b; Carol Crawford 458. Rev. Hulsey led 49t as the grace before dinner.

LUNCH

Eric Saylor reconvened the class leading 339. Leaders: Eric Saylor 84; Carol Crawford 497; Linda Selph 480 (for Janelle Davis), 172; Brad Sparks 107, 282; Jenny Solheim “Glede”, 377; Steven Schmidgall 333, 496; Jim Crawford 228, 569t; Margot Connolly 457, 106; Jim Solheim “Missouri Harp”, 192; Ben Crawford 268, 146; Charlotte Baldwin, Scott Kalberer, and Carol Crawford 442; Annie Grieshop 344.

RECESS

Eric Saylor and Xavier Quinn called the class back together by leading 479. Leaders: Bruce Voyles 236; Rachael Demaree 59; Eleanor Haase 352; Michael Moore and Daniel Minnie 349; Kit Canright 48t; Bruce Western 212; Denise Kania 474; James Page and Carole Briggs 188; Megan Holm 99; Jim Pfau 278b; Donnie Simmet 477; Linda Selph 384; Paul Landskroener 313b; Paul Wilson 144; Jenny Solheim 318; Jim Crawford 546; Brad Sparks 87; Cathy Lutz 163t; Jim Solheim 485; Carol Crawford 101b; Margot Connolly 58; Steven Schmidgall 156; Sharla Hulsey 198; Paul Landskroener 218.

Eric Saylor led 347 as the closing song. Rev. Hulsey offered the benediction, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eric Saylor; Secretary—Annie Grieshop

HARPETH VALLEY / PRIESTLEY MILLER

MEMORIAL SINGING

Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Saturday, April 2, 2016

The 55th annual Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp Singing held at Radnor Primitive Baptist Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Randy Box leading 49t. He offered the morning prayer, and led 405.

Leaders: Sandie Scott 282, 317; Tim Reynolds 173, 148; Ron Harper 52t, 50t; Eddie

Mash 89, 299; Sarah Trumbore 122, 74b; Rick Hoffman 111t, 97; Rick Fretter 154, 155; Michele Cull 36b, 37b.

RECESS

Randy Box brought the class back together leading 75. Leaders: Kelsey Ivey 57, 392; Sandie Scott 46 (in memory of Kerene Ezell Box), "How Great Thou Art"; John Plunkett 470, 230; Leah Coffin 216, 500; Richard Ivey 331, 80b; Elizabeth Gentry 564, 358; Nathan Stewart 144, 327; Annaliza Cull 47b, 49b.

RECESS

Justin Bowen brought the class back together leading 105 and 176b. Leaders: Gail Doss 124; Gail Doss and Michele Cull 236; Vickie See and Billy See 30b, 178; Dorothea Maynard 442, 361; Rachel Rodgers 68b, 108t; Lewis Frost 39b, 34b; Robyn Whipp and Randy Box 101t, 455.

LUNCH

Randy Box called the class to order leading 106. The class went into business session, and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Randy Box; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

Leaders: Dewey Cooksey 503, 325; Nathanael Whipp 328; Marilyn Burchett 537, 29t; Tammy Heinsohn 547, 345b; Jonathan Wood 227, 129; Shelly Armstrong and Richard Ivey 535, 472; Tim Reynolds 573; Leah Coffin 133; Annaliza Cull 448t; John Plunkett 572; Elizabeth Gentry 141; Daniel Hood and Eddie Mash 365; Michele Cull 408; Nathan Stewart 426t; Sarah Trumbore 337; Rachel Rodgers 81t; Dorothea Maynard 128.

After announcements, Randy Box led 146 as the closing song. Eddie Mash dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Randy Box; Secretary—Sandie Scott

SALLY COGHLAN MEMORIAL

St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Rancho Cordova, California

Saturday, April 2, 2016

The first Sally Coghlan Memorial singing was called to order by Matthew Lawson leading 312b. The opening prayer was offered by Jennie Brown.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Pat Coghlan; Vice Chairman—Mo Coghlan;

Treasurer—Gretchen Muller; Secretary—Matthew Lawson; Arranging

Officer—Jennie Brown.

Leaders: Gretchen Muller 68b; Jennie Brown 47t; Dave Davidson-Methot 127; Rebecca Edwards 105; Josh Brent 47b; Carolyn Deacy 29t; Linda Domholt 348t; Leigh Cooper 456; Susan Turpin 328; Mary Ann Ciavonne 114; Karen Matthews 547; Mark Godfrey 313b; Jeff Begley 27; Ed Rice 86; Linda Berkemeier 52t; Terry Barber 128; Joel Chan 445; Thom Fahrbach 444; Greg Freed 42.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Mary Ann Ciavonne and Linda Domholt leading 28b. Leaders: Mary Gowins 283; Doris Loughner 479; Marsha Genensky 216; Karen Willard 214; Dave Barber 181; Dan Harper 66; Lindy Groening 560; Linda Booth 236; Clarissa Fetrow 192; Betty Marvin 486; Steve Helwig 100; Rebecca Edwards 422; Leigh Cooper 426t; Gretchen Muller 324; Jennie Brown 564; Jeff Begley 440; Linda Berkemeier 30t; Carolyn Deacy 432; Ed Rice 183; Dave Davidson-Methot 220.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Dave Barber leading 31t. Leaders: Joel Chan 35; Susan Turpin 312t; Thom Fahrbach 345b; Matthew Lawson 112; Mary Gowins 556. Linda Berkemeier and Stuart Pettygrove conducted the memorial lesson. Linda

reminded us of the power of remembering those who could not be with us, and led 330b to encourage the following sick and shut-ins: Ron Huss, Jim Harder, Amanda Meller, Melanie Hauff, Laird Schaub, Janelle Davis, Dan Thoma, Julie Thoma, Susan Harcrow, and Jeannette DePoy.

Linda Berkemeier then spoke of those who passed in the preceding year, including the following: Pastor David Bringman, Annie Lundahl, Nicholas Radelmiller, Ransom Rideout, Fr. Gregg Nolte—California; Douglas Casement—Florida; Louise Ferrell, Tammi Ziola, Sara Hauser, Fran Ross—Oregon; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Jay Wallace—Virginia; Rose Warnock—Maryland; and Janice Echols—Louisiana. She led 282 in their memory. Jennie Brown closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Lindy Groening 460; Mary Ann Ciavonne 376; Terry Barber 377; Greg Freed 436; Steve Helwig 458; Doris Loughner 59; Betty Marvin 169; Linda Domholt 235. Jennie Brown offered a luncheon prayer.

LUNCH

Clarissa Fetrow and Rebecca Edwards called the class to order by leading 36b.

Leaders: Karen Matthews 191; David Fetcho 202; Ken Hallock 272; Thom Fahrback 37b; Susan Fetcho 277; Mark Godfrey 384; Steve Helwig 532; Terry Barber 217; David Olson 313t; Karen Willard 426b; Jeff Begley 415; Leigh Cooper 392; Pat Coghlan 142; Dan Harper 268; Linda Booth 198; Ed Rice 146; Linda Berkemeier 566 (for Janelle Davis); David H. Wright 551; Jennie Brown 475; Susan Jones 504; Joyce Faidley and Susan Turpin 107.

RECESS

Lindy Groening called the class to order by leading 162. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 485; Rosemary Grady and Susan Jones 209; Joel Chan 46; Michelle Berleman 276; David Fetcho and Susan Fetcho 85; Dave Davidson-Methot 39t; Clarissa Fetrow 358; Dave Barber and Greg Freed 455; David Olson 176t; Karen Willard and Ken Hallock 315; Susan Turpin and Carolyn Chamtalain 106; Susan Fetcho 108b; David H. Wright and Susan Jones 186; Linda Domholt 73b; Thom Fahrback and Mary Gowins 411.

Resolutions were offered from the floor to meet again in roughly the same place in one year's time, and also to thank St. Clement's Church for hosting the singing. Both passed unopposed.

Gretchen Muller, Matthew Lawson, and Susan Jones led 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. David Fetcho closed the singing with prayer. Chairman—Pat Coghlan; Secretary—Matthew Lawson

ANN ARBOR SINGING **Keversion Hall, University of Michigan** **Ann Arbor, Michigan** **Saturday, April 2, 2016**

The 2nd annual U-M Ann Arbor All-Day Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mark Clague leading 34b. Will Fitzgerald offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Mark Clague; Vice Chairman—Jesse P. Karlsberg; Secretary—Gillian Inksetter; Arranging Committee—Gillian Inksetter, Adam Kahana, and Jesse Sacks; Treasurers—Jeremy York and Jesse P. Karlsberg.

Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg 48t; Cecelia Kramer 71; Gillian Inksetter 32t; Jeremy York 203; Jerry Creason and Connor O'Toole 270; Idy Kiser and Isabel Frye 49t; Jesse Sacks and Frank Chiodo 186; Bess Fitzgerald and Will Fitzgerald 99; Giles Simmer, Alexander Simmer, and Idy Kiser 63; Joe Broom and Adam Kahana 408;

Anne Missavage 454; Catherine Brown 313b.

RECESS

Maurice York called the class to order leading 547. Leaders: Jamie Yeats 39t; Sawyer Denton 159; David Stowe and Kate Thurman 126; Annie Jeng, Nathaniel Gualtieri, Tiffany Wilkins, and Benjamin Roberts 146; Jim Coppock 181; David Jones 40; Peter Trumbore and Showey Howey 84; Linda Coppock 85; John Seaton and Edward Nunoo 47t; Marion Mitchell 29t; Linda Heemskerk and Lori Freye 277; Bob Borcharding 501; Ann Miczulski 171; Mark Clague and Ted Mercer 464.

RECESS

Martha Beverly called the class to order leading 344. Leaders: Megan Jennings and Anita Ho 481; John David Thacker and Luis Rungel 49b; Michaela Natal 145b; Bill Beverly 546; Jan May 276; Cecelia Kramer and Audrey Shepherd 106; Pleasance Crawford and Matthew Durham 492; Charlotte Wolfe and Matthew Wildman 87; Samuel Sommers 426b; Ted Mercer and Trevor King 110.

Will Fitzgerald and Samuel Sommers conducted the memorial lesson. Samuel spoke, and Will led 34t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Laura Densmore, Johanna Fabke, Janelle Davis, Lila Mitchell, Jeannette DePoy, and Suzanne Flandreau.

Will spoke, and Samuel led 465 in memory of the following deceased: C.W. Garner and George Garner—Georgia; Evelyn Harris, Robert DuPree, Gib Amason, Vernelle Amason, and Azilee Adams—Alabama; Oliver Kindig-Stokes and Zach Strass—Pennsylvania; Loraine Bayer and Donald Natal—Ohio; Daniel Sommers—Indiana; Francis Bliss—Maine; Eveline Inksetter—New York and Quebec; Kathy Hessert-Tucker and John Young—Michigan; Christopher Broom—Virginia.

Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg 189; Jeremy York 66. Will Fitzgerald offered a prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

Jan May began the afternoon session by leading 36b. Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 365; Ben Jackson and Nathan Walhout 107; Martha Beverly and Susana Engdahl 176b; John Manish and Mark Clague 287; Jerry Creason, Julian Goodson, and Jacob Phillips 56b; Bess Fitzgerald 421; Anne Missavage 362; Catherine Brown 535; Jim Coppock 504; Bob Borcharding 383; Megan Jennings 436; Jamie Yeats 178; Linda Coppock 532; David Stowe, Nicole Chung, and Cullen O'Neil 147t; Peter Trumbore 105; John Seaton and Catherine Borland 48b; Jesse P. Karlsberg 68b (in memory of George Seiler); Mark Clague 417.

RECESS

Idy Kiser brought the class to order leading 312b. Leaders: Marian Mitchell 300; Pleasance Crawford 389; Martha Beverly and Nick Campbell 318; Samuel Sommers 232; Ted Mercer 275t; Charlotte Wolfe 163t; Ann Miczulski 385b; Maurice York 347; John David Thacker and Peter Sackett-Ferguson 457; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 269; Linda Heemskerk 38t; Jan May 540; Gillian Inksetter 200; Liz Smith-Yeats and Gillian Inksetter 236; Marcy Toon and Charlotte Wolfe 515; David Ketcham, Abby Ketcham, and Mark Clague 268; Mark Clague, Sam Collins, Kathleen Patrick, Eli Buchert, Jake Phillips, Peter Goggin, Peter Sackett-Ferguson, Harry Hwang, and Laura Jackson 45t; Jesse P. Karlsberg and Mark Clague 242.

Mark thanked all who helped make the singing a success. The Treasurers reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that 144 singers from fourteen states and one province had attended, and that sixty-seven leaders led eighty-six songs.

Following announcements, Mark Clague led 267 as the closing song. Will Fitzgerald offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Clague; Vice Chairman—Jesse P. Karlsberg; Secretary—Gillian Inksetter

POTOMAC RIVER CONVENTION

The Grange, Great Falls, Virginia

April 2-3, 2016

Saturday, April 2

The annual session of the Potomac River Convention was called to order by Nora Miller leading 47t. Kevin Griffin Moreno offered the morning prayer.

The class went into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Kelly Macklin; Vice Chairman—Brenda Dunlap; Secretaries—Kathy Manning, Zoe Plaucher, Robin Bisson, and Jim Glaser; Treasurer—Lucas Husted; Arranging Committee—Josh Barnett, Mary Helen Dupree, and Graham DeZarn.

Leaders: Kelly Macklin 171; Matt Roberts 455; Brenda Dunlap 409; Richard Green 163t; Mary Helen Dupree 64; Evan Duncan 122; Jessica Keyes 382; Tim Slattery 315; Mary Ann Daly 324; John delRe 133; Claire Chapin 497; Jim Glaser 438; Joyce Wade 268; Adrian Mariano 296; Kathy Manning 335; Lee Schumacher 117; Joni Seidenstein 106; Joel Miller 404; Julia Seidenstein 284; Lucas Husted 227.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Corinne Ducey leading 73t. Leaders: Barbara Barry 506; Matt Ference 368; Cat Tucker 454; John Alexander 102; Kat Kohorst 131b; Lamar Matthew 156; Adrienne Robertson 300; Ben Shirley 38b; Abigail Beavin 67; Kevin Griffin Moreno 192; Diane Ober 410t; Leon Pulsinelle 228; Rachel Hall 410b; Guy Bankes 543; Liz Meitzler 68b; Joshua Barnett 384; Lydia Llewallen 114; Graham DeZarn 201; Mel Novner 208; Merry Bruns 229; Kyle Johnston 61.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Mary Helen Dupree leading 87. Leaders: Joel Miller 100; Chris Wolf 203; Ina Shea 130; Myles Dakan 542; Carol Buche 86; Jesse Polhemus 426t; Nora Miller 379; Karl Dise 417; Sophie Soloway 442; Patrick Friesen 196; Becca Gibson 500; Jesse Krikorian 128; Corinne Ducey 492; Mary Langley 416; Rachel Speer 470; Owen Kelley 105; Bridget Camden 110; Kyle Johnston 99; Molly Hickman 376; Adrienne Robertson 59; Jill Geroca 144; Dean Jens 536; Mel Novner 270; Elissa Kreig 159; Matt Roberts 112.

RECESS

The class was called together by Joshua Barnett leading 76b. Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle 278t; Lydia Llewallen 445; Les Updike 373; Martha Burns 288; Rachel Hall 181; Robin Betz 178; Karl Dise 320; Susan Green 272; Jessica Keyes 480; Pat Hilgard 254; Myles Dakan 138t; Abigail Beavin 426b; Guy Bankes 352; Carol Buche 547; Patrick Friesen 436; Bev Yaeger 142; Ina Shea 456; Jesse Polhemus 560; Jesse Krikorian 96; Julia Seidenstein 39t; Chris Wolf 200; Becca Gibson 405; Lamar Matthew 522; Sophie Soloway 398; Kevin Griffin Moreno 354t; Rachel Speer 217; Ben Shirley 294; Diane Ober 551; Joel Miller 329. Kelly Macklin led 323t as the closing song. Kevin Griffin Moreno offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, April 3

The Sunday session of the Potomac River Convention was brought to order by Kelly Macklin leading 140 (ShH). Song selections were from the Shenandoah Harmony. Leaders: Jim Glaser 293 (ShH); Mary Ann Daly 21 (ShH); Lucas Husted 114 (ShH);

Bev Yaeger 310 (ShH); Tim Slattery 264b (ShH); Nora Miller 385 (ShH); Matt Roberts 78 (ShH); Brenda Dunlap 422 (ShH); Graham DeZarn 46 (ShH); Gillie Campbell 1b (ShH); Kevin Griffin Moreno 416 (ShH); Joni Seidenstein 241 (ShH); Joel Miller 184 (ShH); Claire Chapin 80 (ShH); Josh Barnett 36 (ShH); Adrian Mariano 278 (ShH); Jessica Keyes 105 (ShH); John Alexander 434 (ShH); Corinne Ducey 145 (ShH).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by John D. delRe leading 363b (ShH). Leaders: Liz Meitzler 15 (ShH); Ben Shirley 79 (ShH); Julia Seidenstein 320 (ShH); Robin Bisson 431 (ShH); Kat Kohorst 424b (ShH); Dean Jens 227 (ShH); Cheryl Mitchell 191 (ShH); Chris Wolf 319 (ShH); Bridget Camden 60 (ShH); Jesse Krikorian 112 (ShH); Abigail Beavin 34 (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 171 (ShH); Peter Pate 2 (ShH); Rachel Hall 154 (ShH); Barbara Barry 225 (ShH); Gerald Clark 236 (ShH); Kyle Dice 403b (ShH); Miranda Elliot-Rader 22b (ShH); Kyle Johnston 404 (ShH). The memorial lesson was conducted by John W. delRe. "We come to the singings large and small for a complicated mix of socializing, music, and spirituality." John quoted: 'And then there is also a need that each should understand where he came from and what she is- and what will become of him' Archbishop of York, Wulfstan 1002-1023. We remembered the following sick and shut-ins: Rosalie Duncan, Ethel Strube, Ralph Lee Smith, Frank Duncan, April Majka, Laura Densmore, Martin Kilmer, Helen Slattery, Sue Nord, and Alan Jabbour.

We remembered the following deceased: Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Betty Hanf, Mary Mullen—Pennsylvania; Robert DuPree—Alabama; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; David Strother, Rocky Fagan, and Jim Fagan—Maryland; Pat Goodman, Hayden Hurst, and Jamie Pocklington—Virginia; Larry Manahan—Minnesota; Joseph Trevellin—Illinois; Brian Love—Connecticut; Alice Rainaldi, Toney Rainaldi, Francesca Costantino, and Ernesto Costantino—Michigan; Leon J. Pulsinelle, Hugh Kilmer, and Joe Neighmond—New Jersey; Madeline Rockcastle and Verne Rockcastle—New York; Prennis Page—North Carolina; John Schaffer—Colorado. John led 380 (ShH). Kevin Griffin Moreno led a prayer to close the memorial lesson. Leaders: Thomas Ward 129 (ShH), Jim Glaser 127 (ShH).

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Matt Roberts leading 1b (ShH). Leaders: Myles Dakan 1t (ShH); Becca Gibson 290 (ShH); Jesse Polhemus 99 (ShH); Jimmy Brady 296 (ShH); Ina Shea 398 (ShH); Michael Nord 242 (ShH); Lydia Llewellyn 364b (ShH); Patrick Friesen 96b (ShH); Carol Buche 110 (ShH); Thomas Ward 169 (ShH); Sophie Soloway 14 (ShH); Lucas Husted 266 (ShH); Rachel Speer 60b (ShH); Karl Dise 125 (ShH); Martha Burns 260 (ShH); Rachel Hall 324 (ShH); Jesse Krikorian 170 (ShH); Jessica Keyes 381 (ShH); Gerald Clark 76 (ShH).

RECESS

Bethany Towne called the class together leading 339b (ShH). Leaders: Nora Miller 329 (ShH); Bridget Camden 287 (ShH); Dean Jens 414b (ShH); Rachel Hall, Jesse Krikorian, Thomas Ward, Ina Shea, and Bethany Towne 254 (ShH); Corinne Ducey 253 (ShH); Joni Seidenstein 326b (ShH); Kelly Macklin and Josh Barnett 417 (ShH); Robert Landrum 16 (ShH); Graham DeZarn 104b (ShH); Carol Buche 140b (ShH); Kevin Griffin Moreno 130 (ShH); Robin Bisson 17 (ShH); Miranda Elliot-Rader 81 (ShH); Lucas Husted and Michael Nord 113 (ShH); Lydia Llewellyn, Kyle Johnston, and Abigail Beavin 3b (ShH); Myles Dakan 323 (ShH); Brenda Dunlap and Mary Helen Dupree 305 (ShH); Jesse Polhemus, Sophie Soloway, and Patrick Friesen 239 (ShH); Matt Roberts 457 (ShH); Josh Barnett and Chris Wolf 248b (ShH); Becca Gibson and John delRe 56 (ShH).

Kelly Macklin led 157 (ShH) as the closing song. Brenda Dunlap offered resolutions. Kevin Griffin Moreno asked for a blessing on the day. Chairman—Kelly Macklin; Vice Chairman—Brenda Dunlap; Secretaries—Kathy Manning, Mary Helen Dupree, Zoe Plaughter, Jim Glaser, and Robin Bisson

BETHEL SINGING

Bruce, Mississippi

Sunday, April 3, 2016

The 67th annual Sacred Harp singing at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church was held in memory of Hugh Bill McGuire. Henry McGuire called the class to order leading 547t (WB). Arlon Gardner offered the morning prayer.

Henry McGuire led 460, and the class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Drew McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel.

Leaders: Mark Davis 535, 217; Darlene Reynolds 282, 511 (WB); Mike Hankins 63, 480; Arlon Gardner 278t, 70b; Ann Jett 47b, 77t; Anne Steel 278b, 348b; Chris Ballinger 176b (WB), 145t (WB); Ken Tate 547, 475; Will McGuire 317b (WB), 45t (WB).

RECESS

Henry McGuire, Drew McGuire, Will McGuire, Charlie McGuire, and Thomas Burns called the class together leading 485t (WB). Leaders: Drew McGuire 131b, 396; Lisa Geist 527, 528; David Killingsworth 448b, 277; Shelby Castillo 472, 432; Chuck Howell 127, 452; Sarah Tidwell 31t, 32t; Gravis Ballinger 273, 268; John Van Horn 122 (WB), 192 (WB); Regina Derstine 181, 347.

RECESS

Henry McGuire called the class together leading 532. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 540, 98; Reba Windom 208, 546; Andy Davis 269, 400; John Plunkett 114t (WB), 54t (WB); Danny Creel 222, 182; Julie Heerin 417, 64; Warren Steel 185, 183; Chuck Howell 84.

LUNCH

Henry McGuire called the afternoon session together leading 492 (WB) and 505 (WB). Leaders: Mark Davis 131t; Mike Hankins 111b; Arlon Gardner 454; Ann Jett 327; Darlene Reynolds 335; Chris Ballinger 350; Anne Steel 47t; Brian Harrison 139, 40; Ken Tate 147t; Will McGuire 87; Lisa Geist 272; Drew McGuire 542; David Killingsworth 28b; Shelby Castillo 411; Gravis Ballinger 519 (WB); John Van Horn 196; Regina Derstine 504; Larry Ballinger 403; Reba Windom 224; Andy Davis 254; John Plunkett 504 (WB); Danny Creel 89; Julie Heerin 82t; Warren Steel 379; Robert Earl Alexander 35, 124.

Following announcements, Henry McGuire, Drew McGuire, and Mark Davis led “The Drone” as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Danny Creel.

Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Drew McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama

Sunday, April 3, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Edwardsville Baptist Church, Edwardsville, Alabama, was held on the first Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Cecil Roberts leading 60. Robert Chambless offered the opening prayer. Cecil welcomed everyone, and then led 35.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 164, 289; Donna Bell 101t (for Glenda and Bert Collins), 68b (in memory of her daddy, George Garner); Judy Chambless 462, 472; Winfred Kerr 314, 89; Jack Nelson 32t, 480; Rene Greene 500, 186.

A business session was held with the following officers retained or appointed: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Henry Johnson; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless. A motion was made to change the start time of the singing from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. CST. The motion carried, and Cecil Roberts reiterated the start time.

Leaders: Virginia Dyer 61 (for Robby Rivers, whose mother passed away on April 1), 225t; Tony Hammock 131t (in memory of Elder Neal Prichard), 105; Sherrell Cleino 135 (in memory of her aunt, Nellie Mae White), 335.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Henry Johnson leading 88t. Leaders: Richard DeLong 374, 375; Andy Ditzler 96; 121; Samuel Williams 326, 196; Charlene Wallace 155, 299 (for Earlis McGraw); Dalton Lewis 63, 354b; Pearl Guier 303, 448b; Isaac Green and Sadie Wicker 133, 176t; Robert Chambless 176b, 274t; Karen Rollins 283 (for Earlis McGraw), 213b; David Brodeur 52t, 54; Oscar McGuire 276, 441; Chance Cook 192.

Judy Chambless conducted the memorial lesson. Judy stated, "What we can be thankful for is that if we keep the faith, regardless of the outcome God will see us through, whether it be through sickness or whether we be facing death." She reminded us that God will see us through these times and our families through these times if we will wake up each morning realizing that for one more day we have been blessed with this beautiful world. The sick and shut-ins honored were Susan Harcrow, Earlis McGraw, Janelle Davis, Jeannette DePoy, Glenda Collins, Eloise Wootten, Lois Bowman, James Hughes, Mona Nelson, Virginia Futral, Hester Edwards, and Lucy Garner. The deceased remembered were Elder Neal Prichard, Nellie Mae White, Bill Cleino, George Garner, C.W. Garner, and Curtis Hamrick. Judy led 544. Cecil Roberts offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Johnathon Kelso 177 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Fallon Cook 548 (by request), 142. Reverend Jeff Layton, pastor of the church, offered the blessing of the noon meal.

LUNCH

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order leading 399b. Leaders: Jason Stanford 97, 568; Ann Simpson 452, 445; Samuel Williams 428; Karen Rollins 227; Tony Hammock 284 (for Earlis McGraw); Fallon Cook 358; Henry Johnson 418; David Brodeur 530; Robert Chambless 163b; Andy Ditzler 156; Jack Nelson 236; Isaac Green 85; Richard Delong 395; Oscar McGuire 515; Sherrell Cleino 127; Jason Stanford 46.

Announcements were made. Cecil Roberts, Henry Johnson, and Donna Bell led 47b as the closing song. Jason Stanford offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Henry Johnson; Secretary—Donna Bell

ELDER HOMER BENEFIELD, KATHERINE BENEFIELD AND MILDRED JOHNSON MEMORIAL

Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, South of Tallapoosa, Georgia

Friday night, April 8, 2016

The annual session of the Elder Homer Benefield, Katherine Benefield, and Mildred Johnson Memorial singing was held on Friday night before the second Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts called the class to order by leading 56t (in memory of Elder

Homer Benefield). The opening prayer was offered by Daniel Williams. Cecil welcomed everyone, and then led 37b.

Leaders: Johnny Wright 63, 145t; Donna Bell 47t (in memory of Evelyn Harris), 426b; Karen Rollins 36b 35; Joyce Lambert and Diane Clayton 127 (in memory of Joyce's parents, Elder Homer and Katherine Benefield and Diane's mother, Mildred Johnson. This singing began as a birthday celebration for them, and since their passing has become a memorial in remembrance of them), 82t.

A business session was held with the following officers retained or appointed: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Johnny Wright; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Richard DeLong.

Leaders: Sarah Roberts 59, 323b; Daniel Williams 31t (for his mother, Emmadene Williams), 61, 65; Dalton Lewis 146, 354b; Judy Van Duzer 315, 312b; Virginia Dyer 340 (in memory of George Garner), 212. Johnny Wright offered the blessing over the evening meal.

DINNER

Johnny Wright brought the class back to order by leading 294. Leaders: John Plunkett 295, 271t (for Earlis McGraw); Winfred Kerr 45t, 282; Paul Lindholm 283, 278t; Adrian Eldridge 317, 58 (in memory of his dad); Darrell Swarens 81t, 72b; Corrie Van Duzer 280 (for her sister, Katie), 497; Eddie Mash 287, 277; Cindy Gray 165 (for her brother, Larry Keaton), 342; Rene Greene 454 (in memory of George Garner), 428; Brenda Dunlap 409, 278b; Sherrell Cleino 452 (in memory of Nellie Mae White), 335; Grady Keaton 358 (by request), 507; Mary Morris 100 (in memory of her parents Grady and Grace Keaton, and in honor of her brother, Larry), 64; Richard DeLong 374 (for Earlis McGraw), 132.

Following announcements, Cecil Roberts noted that six states were represented at tonight's singing. Cecil and Johnny Wright led 138b as the closing song. Eddie Mash offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Johnny Wright; Secretary—Donna Bell

STATE LINE CHURCH

Near Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama

Saturday, April 9, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church, off Hwy 78 at the Alabama/Georgia state line in Cleburne County, Alabama, was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Rodney Ivey leading 82t. Eddie Mash offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by retaining the same officers as follows:

Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 76b; B.M. Smith 30b; Judy Caudle 85; Jack Nelson 551; Robert Chambless 452 (in memory of David Watts); Reba Windom 192; Jim Aaron 47b; Angela Myers 272; Henry Johnson 435; Loyd Ivey 303; Rene Greene 456; Paul Lindholm 210; Bea Aaron 568; Jeannette DePoy 421; David Ivey 195 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard); Ulrike Tietjen 50t; Pam Nunn 216 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard); Tom Owen 474; Winfred Kerr 314.

RECESS

B.M. Smith led 101t to bring the class together. Leaders: Judy Mincey 475; Harald Grundner 82b; Anna Hinton 142; Darrell Swarens 208; Karen Rollins and Rodney Ivey 365; Daniel Williams 123b; Eddie Mash 556; Judy Van Duzer 77t; Adrian Eldridge 210; Laura Densmore 486; Cecil Roberts 312b (for Earlis McGraw); Ben Fink 99; Anita Landess 379; Helen Bryson 546; Gary Rogan 155; Sarah Huckaby 186; Vivian Rogan 215.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by David Ivey leading 144. Leaders: Tony Hammock 284 (for Earlis McGraw); Brenda Dunlap 288; Corrie Van Duzer 117; Nathan Stewart 377; David Smead 153.

Helen Bryson conducted the memorial lesson. She read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Earlis McGraw, Nate Green, Norma Green, Eloise Wootten, Susan Harcrow, Janelle Davis, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, and Susan Bingham.

Helen then read the following list of names of the deceased: Sharon Noojin, Evelyn Harris, Nellie Mae White, Elder Neal Pritchard, and Robert DuPree—Alabama; George Garner, Robert DePoy, and Bernice Stedman Thompson—Georgia; Bennett Green—Kansas; Todd N. Thomas—Indiana; John Schaffer and Donald Klein—Colorado.

Helen spoke using “blest be the tie that binds” as her subject matter. She led 330b, and John Kelso closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: David Brodeur 61; Don Bowen 283; Erica Hinton and Lottie Hinton 112; Kathy Williams 273. Matt Hinton asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Rodney Ivey leading 39b. Leaders: John Plunkett 329; Sherrell Cleino 335; Matt Hinton 460; Sandra Wilkinson 277; Elizabeth Gentry 361; Lisa Bennett 45t (in memory of her parents); Donna Bell 225t; Fred Eady 84; Oscar McGuire 344; Scott DePoy 65 (in memory of Robert DePoy); John Kelso 564 (for his mother-in-law); Philip Denney 120; Harald Grundner and Ulrike Tietjen 312t; Tom Owen, Ben Fink, and Paul Lindholm 318; Gary Rogan and Vivian Rogan 159; Corrie Van Duzer and Judy Van Duzer 280 (for Katie); Darrell Swarens, Sarah Huckaby, and Laura Densmore 441; Brenda Dunlap and Anita Landess 275t; Adrian Eldridge, Eddie Mash, and Nathan Stewart 383; Judy Chambless 472 (for all cancer patients); Pam Nunn, Rene Greene, and Reba Windom 269; Rodney Ivey, David Ivey, and Loyd Ivey 426t; Jack Nelson 560.

Pam Nunn gave the Treasurer’s Report for State Line Church. Rodney Ivey and Tom Owen led 56t as the closing song. Tom Owen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Judy Caudle

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING **Mennonite Meetinghouse, Rochester, New York** **Saturday, April 9, 2016**

The New York Regional All-Day Singing, hosted by Rochester area singers, was called to order by Thom Metzger leading 77b. The opening prayer was offered by Jeff Van Riper.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Thom Metzger; Arranging Officer—Eileen Metzger; Chaplain—Jeff Van Riper; Secretary—Sue Hengelsberg.

Leaders: Sue Hengelsberg 87; Eileen Metzger 39t; Jean Seiler 65; Eric Bean 270; Pattie Wareh 171; Jan May 228; Melody Johnson 474; Bob Wheeler 40; Gillian Inksetter 498; Dan Brown 276; Ginny Huszagh 66; Dennis Leipold 59; Laurie Dempsey 34b; Brian How 183; Joanna Wheeler 163b.

RECESS

Tarik Wareh reconvened the class by leading 31t. Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 102; Katie White 547; Dev Crasta 504; Joanne Fuller 500; Faiz Wareh 506; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 290; Tarik Wareh 462; Mary Skidmore 254; Cora Wareh 481; Barbara Swetman 400 (for Laura Densmore); Thom Metzger 274t; Sue Hengelsberg 306; Jean Seiler 142.

RECESS

Eileen Metzger led 148 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Pattie Wareh 477; Eric Bean 236; Jan May 532; Melody Johnson 33b; Bob Wheeler 168; Gillian Inksetter 111b; Thom Metzger 324; Dan Brown 49b; Ginny Huszagh 455; Dennis Leipold 186; Laurie Dempsey 155; Brian How 107; Joanna Wheeler 86. Jeff Van Riper offered a prayer to close the morning session.

LUNCH

Dev Crasta called the class together leading 36b. Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 492; Candis Bailey 277; Katie White 82t; Joanne Fuller 460; Faiz Wareh 156; Katie Reimers 503; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 38b; Tarik Wareh 160b; Mary Skidmore 189; Cora Wareh 122; Barbara Swetman 546; Thom Metzger 454 (for Ron Bornick); Sue Hengelsberg 127. Announcements were made.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ginny Huszagh leading 56b. Leaders: Eileen Metzger 383; Jean Seiler 217; Eric Bean 285t; Gillian Inksetter 212; Jan May 344; Laurie Dempsey 312b; Brian How 146; Katie White 203; Bob Wheeler 209; Gerry Hoffman 192; Dennis Leipold 182; Melody Johnson 384; Ginny Huszagh 195; Candis Bailey 335; Joanna Wheeler 551.

RECESS

Gillian Inksetter called the class back together by leading 147b. Leaders: Chris Haller 497; Joanne Fuller 542; Tarik Wareh 154; Mary Skidmore 499; Pattie Wareh 85; Barbara Swetman 178 (for Margaret Bornick); Faiz Wareh 163t; Katie Reimers 48t; Brian How 117; Cora Wareh 58; Candis Bailey 569b; Chris Haller 184.

Thom Metzger thanked all for coming, and led 347 as the closing song. Jeff Van Riper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Thom Metzger; Secretary—Sue Hengelsberg

COUNTY LINE CHURCH

Jefferson County, Alabama

Sunday, April 10, 2016

The annual spring Sacred Harp singing at Old County Line Church was held on the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 30t and 81t. The morning prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

Leaders: Cassie Allen 36b; Yancey Jett 312b, 89; Richard Mauldin 35, 34b; Eugene Forbes 168, 186; Earl Ballinger 187, 203; Don Keeton 284, 354t; Buell Cobb 325, 177; Karen Rollins 153, 297; Linda Sides 31t, 215; Glenn Keeton 278t (for Toney Smith), 349; Marlin Beasley 282, 348b; Betty Baccus 454 (for Willodean Barton), 147t.

RECESS

Yancey Jett led 441 to bring the class together. Leaders: Nate Green 549 (in memory of Sharon Noojin), 105; Nicholas Thompson 216 (for Betty Shepherd), 137; Billy See and Vickie See 30b, 163b; Bruce Rye 76b, 411; Carolyn Thompson 550, 280; David Johnson 159, 268; Michael Thompson 74b, 196.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Cassie Allen leading 167. Leaders: Harald Grundner 74t, 270; Lisa Geist 276, 273; John Plunkett 545, 160b; Ulrike Tietjen 416, 224; Samuel Williams 269, 500; Warren Steel 68t, 352; B.M. Smith 475, 318; April Watson 146, 354t. Ken Tate offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cassie Allen leading 182. Leaders: Taylor Watkins 345t, 345b; Emma Calvert, Ainslie Allen, and Amelia Jett 76b, 196, 108b; Julianna Jett and Amelia Jett 142; Joyce Walton 392; Bea Aaron 341, 456; Gravis Ballinger

112; Henry McGuire 107, 544; Lucy Heidorn and David Heidorn 275b, 389; Steve Adams 99 (for Kermit Adams); Larry Ballinger 151; Lisa Geist 304 (by request); Susan Allred 183; Jackie Tanner 73t (in memory of Bud Oliver); Chris Ballinger 460, 84; Virginia Watts 274t; Ken Tate 147b; Emily Brown 77t, 228; Ann Jett 546; Bob Watkins 455, 406; Wanda Capps 144; Danny Creel 56b; Cindy Tanner 436 (in memory of Kenny Graves); Cassie Allen 383 (by request); Harald Grundner and Ulrike Tietjen 312t; Lucy Heidorn, David Heidorn, Ken Tate, Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, Danny Creel, Cindy Tanner, Yancey Jett, Shelley Calvert, Emily Brown, Cassie Allen, and Julianna Jett 155.

Announcements were made. Cassie Allen led 172 (by request). Yancey Jett and Cassie Allen led 323t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Danny Creel.

Co-Chairmen—Cassie Allen and Yancey Jett; Secretary—Emily Brown

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Dekalb County, Alabama

Sunday, April 10, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama, was held on the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Jeffery Wootten and Jared Wootten leading 82t and 32t. Bro. Chris Boggs offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Jeffery Wootten, Jared Wootten, and Chris Boggs 97; Terry Wootten 376; Aaron Little 378t; Susan Cheronos 300; Myra Dalton and Alex 203; Eschol Hughes 283; Angela Myers 348b; Amber Saylor and Spencer Saylor 277, 312b; Stephen Miller 463 (CB); Daniel Bearden 163b (in memory of a friend); Judy Chambless 37b; Teresa Saylor 209; Adrian Eldridge 107; Laura Densmore 29t; Brenda Carroll and Chris Carroll 299; Henry Johnson 102; Robert Chambless 225t (for Earlis McGraw).
RECESS

Jeffery Wootten and Jared Wootten led 76b to bring the class together. Leaders: Rodney Ivey and David Ivey 53; Drew McGuire 472; Claudene Townson and family 448t, 68b; Sierra Saylor 504; Tom George 332; Judy Mincey 540; Mel Kersey 66; Donna Wootten and Anna Wootten 74b; Aaron Wootten 159; Wayne Wootten 155; Cheyenne Ivey 168; Nathan Stewart 222.

Shane Wootten conducted the memorial lesson. He read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Pauline Oliver, Delorese Lee, Johnny Lee, S.T. Reed, Wayne Reed, Janelle Davis, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Eloise Wootten, Marlon Wootten, Susan Harcrow, Walker Pike, and Susan Bingham. He then read the following list of names of the deceased: Sharon Noojin, Naomi Carroll, Donald Carroll, Joe Corbin, Wade Mitchell, Carl Frame, and Robert DuPree—Alabama; John Schaffer and Donald Klein—Colorado; Todd N. Thomas—Indiana; Robin Jones—Kentucky; Tom Watson—Tennessee; Bernice Thompson—Georgia; Loraine Bayer—Ohio.

Shane spoke of love for each other, love of God, and hope in Christ. He led 518 (CB). David Lee closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Syble Adams, Ronda Arnold, and Pam Wilkerson 505 (CB); Darlene Dalton 285t; Sarah Wootten 460; Robin Smith, Jeanette Mosteller, and Wilma Corbin 36b; Chris Boggs, Michelle Boggs, Eliza Boggs, Clayton Boggs, and Isaac Boggs 354b; Dewayne Wootten 441; Hayden Wootten, Cole Wootten, and Colby Brown 282, 313t; Jenny Mann, Britt Mann, Karolina Mann, Kaylee Mann, and Karlie Mann 30b, 500 (CB). Phil Summerlin asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jeffery Wootten and Jared Wootten leading 101t. Leaders: Richard Ivey 421; Linton Ballinger 212; Stacy Pilcher and Susan Pilcher

196; Marty Wootten, Levon Wootten, and Amanda Stewart 546; Terry Wootten, Dewayne Wootten, Marty Wootten, Levon Wootten, Patricia Wootten, and Amanda Stewart “Pass Me Not”; Jeffery Wootten, Kennedy Wootten, and Cole Wootten 445; Daniel Mosteller, Jeanette Mosteller, Leon Mosteller, Jimmy Mosteller, and Patricia Fleming 511b (CB); Tom Owen 108b; Scott Ivey and Isaac 375; James Eldridge 42; David Lee 39t; Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 542; Eddie Mash 269; Don Bowen and Shane Wootten 465 (CB); Judy Caudle 455; Sonny Erwin 480; Darrell Swarens and Katherine Eldridge 77t; Gary Rogan and Vivian Rogan 146; Elene Stovall 142; Rick Foreman and Cheryl Foreman 135; Ben Fink 183; David Killingsworth 347; Brenda Dunlap 230; Louis Hughes 314; Phil Summerlin 270; Anita Landess and Becky Rice 31t; Corrie Van Duzer, Judy Van Duzer, Dani Lindholm, Paul Lindholm, Anita Landess, and Darlene Dalton 344; Virginia Eldridge 224; Mary Ruth Stiefel 322; Michele Cull 128; Dennis George and Rodney Ivey 290 (by request); Loyd Ivey, Lorrie Wootten, and Shane Wootten 426t (in memory of Hobert Ivey); David Saylor 106; Charles Meitzler 182; Jenny Mann “Sweet Beulah Land”.

Announcements were made. Shane Wootten dismissed the class with prayer.
Co-Chairmen—Jeffery Wootten and Jared Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle

SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL SINGING
Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama
Saturday, April 16, 2016

The annual Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Sacred Harp singing held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by David Light leading 30t. Marlin Beasley offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Nicholas Thompson.

Leaders: David Light 274t; Nicholas Thompson 36b, 213t; Riley Grace Jordan 49b, 47b; Butch White 34b, 86; Marlin Beasley 61, 137; Daniel Bearden 448b, 317; Nancy Thompson 138t, 112; Billy See and Vickie See 480, 178, 288, 108b; Anita Landess 101t; J.C. Rutledge 87, 568; Wes Reid 163b, 159.

RECESS

Nicholas Thompson led 32t and 358. Leaders: Robert Walker 145b; Daniel Bearden 101b, 162; David Light 143, 208; Nancy Thompson 215, 343; Marlin Beasley 282, 318; Wes Reid 497, 479; Riley Grace Jordan 99, 569b. Butch White asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with David Light leading 176b (in memory of Sharon Jordan Leach) and 200. Leaders: Anita Landess 312t, 328; Nicholas Thompson 472, 532 (by request); Daniel Bearden 387, 287; Butch White 278t, 448t; Nancy Thompson 278b, 384 (in memory of Willard Hopper), 405 (for Kenneth Fannin); Wes Reid 475, 354b; Marlin Beasley 460, 276; Billy See and Vickie See 30b, 503; Robert Walker 171; David Light 436; Nicholas Thompson 192 (by request); Butch White 547.

Announcements were made. David Light led 46 as the closing song. Nicholas Thompson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

MIDDLE GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING
Union Primitive Baptist Church, Johnstonville, Georgia
Saturday, April 16, 2016

The 13th annual Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. Harry Eskew called the class to order leading 59. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Helen Bryson. Harry Eskew welcomed Mercer University students attending the singing today.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 34b; Helen Bryson 100; John Plunkett 490; Bill Hollingsworth 288; Richard DeLong 36t; Martha Harrell 178; Debora Grosse 94; Gene Pinion 228; Lela Crowder 32t; Philip Denney 168; Jeannette DePoy 89; B.M. Smith 138t; Susan Ford and Oscar McGuire 45t; Robert Kelley 115; Karen Rollins 540.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 50b (in memory of Sara Lynn Fountain and Jimmy Fountain of Union Primitive Baptist Church). Leaders: Riley Lee 545; Jesse Karlsberg 486; Charlene Wallace 283 (for Earlis McGraw); Sandra Wilkinson 313t; Philip Ford 47b; Matt Ebarb 344; Rita Haley 268; Scott DePoy 48t; Rosemund Watson 503; David Smead 571; Patty Dancy and son, Joshua Byrd 119; David Brodeur 60; Mary Brownlee 556; John Hollingsworth 354t.

John Plunkett, on behalf of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, presented a plaque to the family of Raymond Hamrick. In his remarks, John noted that Raymond was very active in the Publishing Company early on. Further, Raymond was noted for being generous with his time, sharing of information, and contributions to Sacred Harp music. He was known as a prolific writer and his dry wit was well known throughout the Sacred Harp community. Accepting the plaque were Raymond's daughter Patty Dancy and grandson, Joshua Byrd. Raymond's daughter, Susan Hatfield, could not be in attendance. Also present was Raymond's niece, Sharon Hamrick.

Leaders: Laura Akerman and Mercer students 454; Lisa Bennett 492; Rose Yntema 183; David Grant 34t.

LUNCH

Harry Eskew called the class to order leading 63. Leaders: John Plunkett 111b; Karen Rollins 389 (for Earlis McGraw and in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Riley Lee 318; Marilyn Tucker-Mark 159; Sandra Wilkinson 111t; B.M. Smith 101t; Helen Bryson 287; Robert Kelley 467; Sharon Hamrick 276; Susan Ford 457; Philip Denney 87; Rose Yntema 163b; Debora Grosse 405; David Brodeur 56b; Bill Hollingsworth 466; Lela Crowder 110; David Grant 523; Lisa Bennett 569t; Wayne Watson 112; Jesse Karlsberg 83b; Rosemund Watson 149; Patty Dancy 155; Philip Ford 49t; David Smead 323t; Mary Brownlee 501; Harry Eskew 128; Oscar McGuire 515 (in memory of Sara Lynn Fountain).

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by John Plunkett

Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Helen Bryson

PARIS SACRED HARP SINGING
Ste. Bernadette Church, Chaville, France
Saturday, April 16, 2016

The first Paris All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Léopoldine

Guillaume leading 523. Mary-Jane Wilkie offered the morning prayer. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Léopoldine Guillaume; Secretary—John Davis.

Leaders: John Davis 34b; Frédéric Eymard 47t; Stacey Latimer 569b; Steve Brett 73t; Amanda Parkes 101b; Gerben Vos 99; Eva Striebeck 272; Yotin Tiewtrakul 171; Laura Eisen 183; Dermot Peel 84; Anne Eringa 535; Ellen McNeill 40; Caro Stamm-Reusch 29t; Ewan Paterson 122; Lauren Ciancio 39t; Dominik Fraune 277; Cornelia van den Doel 370; Margaret Bradshaw 105.

RECESS

Dara Desmond called the class to order leading 133. Leaders: Frans Ris 143; Kate Coxon 168; Piers Blewett 496; Christina Reuter 228; Florent Decherf 123t; Kevin Kennedy 349; Lisa O'Grady 268; Keith Macdonald 200; Lauren Ciancio 480; Mary-Jane Wilkie 121; Jaap Wiering 448b; Geoff Grainger 156; Hessel Castricum 236; Stefan Swat 278t; Eva Striebeck 475; Gerben Vos 142; Yotin Tiewtrakul 48t; Stacey Latimer 503.

RECESS

Caro Stamm-Reusch called the class to order leading 65. Leaders: John Davis 318; Amanda Parkes 546; Steve Brett 562; Frederic Eymard, Florine Vieilly-Eymard, Tierno Eymard, and Jérôme Eymard 312b; Margaret Bradshaw 300; Ellen McNeill 163b; Dermot Peel 148; Frans Ris and Tjitske de Schipper 86; Anne Eringa 332; Kevin Kennedy 377; Bianca Geburek 58; Cornelia van den Doel 270; Dominik Fraune 102; Kate Coxon and Natalie Adenot 42; Piers Blewett 481; Christina Reuter 33b; Ewan Paterson 290; Keith Macdonald 299; Léopoldine Guillaume, Bénédicte Guillaume, Albertine Guillaume, Gonzague Guillaume, Perrine de Sancy, Philippine de Sancy, Natalie Adenot, and John Davis 47b. Mary-Jane Wilkie offered the blessing before the midday meal.

LUNCH

Cornelia van den Doel called the class to order leading 178. Leaders: Laura Eisen 547; Lisa O'Grady 428; Yotin Tiewtrakul and Georges Boboé 125; Dara Desmond 196; Florent Decherf and Gwendal Geleoc 209; Mary-Jane Wilkie 551; Jaap Wiering 31t; Geoff Grainger 89; Hessel Castricum 181; Stefan Swat 159; Eva Striebeck 521; Gerben Vos 344; Lauren Ciancio and Evalyn Robinson 410t; Stacey Latimer 146; Caro Stamm-Reusch 114; Ellen McNeill 282; Amanda Parkes 564; Steve Brett 422; Margaret Bradshaw 421; Dermot Peel 117.

RECESS

Steve Brett called the class to order leading 230. Leaders: Frans Ris 269; Anne Eringa 440; Keith Macdonald 497; Kate Coxon 340; John Davis 217; Christina Reuter 49t; Ewan Paterson 87; Piers Blewett 288; Kevin Kennedy 373; Mary-Jane Wilkie 486; Frédéric Eymard, Christian Eymard, and Fred Aubert 274t; Dominik Fraune 163t; Lisa O'Grady 454; Stefan Swat 106; Laura Eisen 28t; Dara Desmond 501; Stacey Latimer 46.

A business meeting was held to hear reports from the various committees. Lauren Ciancio gave the Finance Committee report, declaring that all expenses had been met. John Davis gave the Secretary's Report, announcing that ninety-eight songs had been led by fifty leaders. Seventy singers registered from seven countries. The business meeting was concluded.

Léopoldine Guillaume and John Davis led 62 as the closing song. Mary-Jane Wilkie offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Léopoldine Guillaume; Secretary—John Davis

FUTRAL, HENRY, AND NELSON MEMORIAL
Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama
Saturday, April 16, 2016

The annual Futral, Henry and Nelson Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church in Goodwater, Alabama. The class agreed to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral. Elder Ronnie Wilburn offered prayer.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 49t, 45t, 123t; Robert Chambless 285b, 77t; Winfred Kerr 59, 282; Judy Chambless 104, 105; Edna Ruth Phillips 164, 480; Richard Mauldin 146, 446; Denice Burleson 358, 288; Daniel Dean 67, 569b.

RECESS

Jack Nelson brought the class back together by leading 524. The memorial lesson was conducted by Jack Nelson. The sick and shut-ins were Floy Wilder, S.T. Reed, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Myrlene Redmond, Anne Mauldin Chalker, Jacob Acton, Earlis McGraw, Hester Edwards, David Wilburn, and Sarah Wilburn. The deceased were Dawson Adams, Robert DuPree, and Elder Mike Smith—Alabama; Loraine Bayer—Ohio. Jack Nelson led 30b, and Elder Ken Milner closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 317, 39b; Jo Snodgrass 426t, 279; Shane Brown 410t, 445; Myra Goss 454, 200. Elder Durwood Hornsby blessed the food before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson brought the class back together leading 147t. Leaders: Stormy Britton 490, 323b; Robby Anderson 373, 452; Wendy Anderson 496, 98; Roy Nelson 31b, 44; William Futral 72b, 73t; Ken Milner, Taylor Kennedy, and Jack Nelson 45t, 47b; Richard Mauldin 358; Shane Brown 235; Daniel Dean 566; Stormy Britton, Myra Goss, and Sylvia Wesson 340; Robbie Anderson and Ronnie Wilburn 312b. By request, the class sang 25 (JB) and “What A Day That Will Be”. Elder Daniel Dean dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral

RHODE ISLAND SINGING
Providence, Rhode Island
Saturday, April 16, 2016

The 13th annual Rhode Island All-Day Singing was held in the Providence Friends Meeting House on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Laura Hodges, who welcomed everyone, and led 59. Liz Cantrell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sophie Soloway 36b; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 474; Ross Parker 547; Molly Bledsoe and Lynne deBenedette 89; Tara Mulder 101t; Kiri Miller 564; Danny Wood 74b; Brian Harris 131b; Micah John Walter 80b; Celia Devine 362; Barb Ames 235; Ben Vincent 426b; Bob Elliott 335; Leyland delRe 280; Andre Kuney 82t; Anna Kellar 65; Sally Langendorf 348b; Leon Pulsinelle 39b; Vicki Hayes 48t; Jesse Flynn 106.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Eric Beecher, who led 67. Leaders: Ian Quinn 462; Declan M. Miller and Jesse C. Polhemus 294; Mary Skidmore 379; Elizabeth Stoddard 171; Alvaro Witt Duarte 99; Sarah Faichney and Ben Bath 512; Mary Andrews 378t; Willis McCumber 27; Chris Holley 268; Tara Mulder 35; Jeremy

Galvagni 348b; Krista Guerrieri 339; Ivy Hauser 360; D.J. Hatfield 218; Charles Biada and Carson Evans 47b; Emily Hancock 77t; Claire Hogan 79; Keillor Mose 71; Jesse Vear 328; Emily Hale Sills 540. Liz Cantrell offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Patrick Friesen called the class back to order by leading 121. Leaders: Bethany Towne 419; Linda Shea 361; John delRe 466; Deidra Montgomery 320; Lydia Llewallen 179; Gwen Gethner 505; Matthew Leger-Small 475; Sasha Hsuczyk 411; Angharad Davis 500; Laura Borrelli 196; Michael Nord 434; Liz Cantrell 300; Christine Andrews 456; Rachel Hall 181; Robert Stoddard 298; Molly Merrett 573; Christina Wallin 327; Philippa Stoddard 272; Doron Henkin 377; Paula Picton 349; Peter Golden 111b; Lindsay Kruse 454; Kyle Johnston 501.

RECESS

Molly Bledsoe led 162. Leaders: James Baumgartner 441; Greg Vallette 503; Chris Coughlin and Rudy Torres 472; Julie Botnick 69t; Mike Richards 73t; Wendy Sibbison 477; Tristan Gordon 234; Gerald Clark 172; Serena Putterman 86; Ben Bath 304; Tyler Benjamin 168; George Dymont 444; John Hughes 112; Patrick Friesen 430; Eric Beecher 209; Lynne deBenedette 274t (for Tom Padwa and Joanne DeVoe).

Laura Hodges and Sophie Soloway thanked all present for joining us to sing, and the officers and volunteers for their efforts. A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports. Treasurer Tara Mulder reported that all expenses had been met, and that the remaining funds would be donated to the Religious Society of Friends in thanks for the use of their meeting house. Secretary Jesse C. Polhemus reported that eighty-seven leaders led eighty-three songs. The class resolved to meet again on Saturday before the third Sunday in April, 2017. Announcements were made.

Laura Hodges and Sophie Soloway led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. Liz Cantrell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairpersons—Laura Hodges and Sophie Soloway; Secretary—Jesse C. Polhemus

PINE GROVE SINGING

Pine Grove Church, Collinsville, Alabama

Sunday, April 17, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver leading 32t. Donnie Reed offered the morning prayer.

Wayne Reed welcomed the class. He thanked everyone for their prayers, cards, letters, and phone calls. He related that S.T. was currently in rehabilitation for a fractured vertebra in his neck, and that this was probably the first singing at Pine Grove that S.T. had missed in ninety-five years. He asked that the singing today be dedicated to S.T. Reed. Wayne Reed, Scot Oliver, and Donnie Reed led 146 for S.T. Reed, and then led 235.

Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 101t; Judy Caudle 314 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Kelsey Ivey 317; John Kelso 197 (for his mother-in-law); Angela Myers 406; Buell Cobb 330t; Karen Ivey 411; Andy Ditzler 208 (in memory of Tony Conrad and Woody Cornwell); Marty Wootten and Anna Wootten 99; Lauren Bock 100; Taylor Watkins 345t; Darrell Swarens 36b; Anita Landess 379; Nicholas Thompson 383; April Watkins 345b; Drew McGuire 181; Adrian Eldridge 434.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey and Hayden Wootten led 81t to bring the class together. Leaders: Boyd Scott 358; Allison Whitener 134; Jesse P. Karlsberg 316; Paula Oliver 42; Gideon

Lloyd and Ezra Lloyd 34b; Terry Wootten 29t; Vickie See and Billy See 480; Alanna Blanks, Eric Blanks, Emma Blanks, and Bryant Beard 405; Isaac Lloyd 26; Jared Wootten 111b; Mark Carroll 30b (in memory of Naomi Carroll); Syble Adams, Richard Ivey, and Shane Wootten 496; Syble Adams and Shane Wootten 349; Isaac Green 282; Eddie Mash 503; David Ivey 172; Bob Watkins 475; David Brodeur 64; Linda Thomas and Rodney Ivey 73t (in memory of Bud Oliver).

RECESS

Taylor Watkins led 76b to call the class to order. Leaders: Richard Ivey 391; Henry Johnson 439; Susan Cheronos 564; Claudene Townson 70b; Richard Mauldin 168; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 273, 318 (for Eloise Wootten); Jamey Wootten 276; Hayden Wootten and Levon Wootten 321; Jesse P. Karlsberg 126; Karen Ivey and Terry Wootten 472; Buell Cobb 138t; Judy Caudle 430 (for Susan Harcrow); Kelsey Ivey 440; Darrell Swarens 87 (in memory of Bob Meek); Paula Oliver 270.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Scot Oliver and Eric Blanks leading 313t. Leaders: Allison Whitener 228; Eddie Mash 74t; Richard Ivey 566 (for S.T. Reed); Daphene Causey and David Ivey 140; Emma Blanks, Cayden Garrett, and Sarah Mikeal 354b; Ezra Lloyd and Gideon Lloyd 47b; April Watkins 111t; Isaac Lloyd 163b; Nathan Stewart 301; Boyd Scott 127; Nicholas Thompson 218; Jesse P. Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 216; Jared Wootten and Hayden Wootten 155; David Brodeur 180; Susan Cheronos 300; Richard Mauldin 43; Drew McGuire 530; Bob Watkins 229; Vickie See and Billy See 339; Angela Myers 142; Rodney Ivey and Sharon DuPriest 299 (for the Eddins family); John Kelso and Lauren Richardson 49b (for Ellen Marie Harris); Adrian Eldridge and Angela Myers 396; Isaac Green, Wes Reid, and Lauren Richardson 133; Henry Johnson 521; Andy Ditzler 267; Anita Landess 224; Coy Ivey 465 (CB); Bill Windom, Reba Windom, Shelby Castillo, and Drew McGuire 28b; Buell Cobb, Shane Wootten, and Linda Thomas 131b.

Announcements were made. Scot Oliver and Donnie Reed led 56t as the closing song. Donnie Reed dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairmen—Scot Oliver and Wayne Reed; Secretary—Judy Caudle

ENON SINGING

Chickasaw County, Mississippi

Sunday, April 17, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Enon Primitive Baptist Church was called to order after dinner by Brian Harrison leading 63 and 155. Leaders: Ester Mann 297, 171, 64; Andy Davis 142, 82t, 400; John Van Horn 384, 81t, 53; Henry McGuire 74t, 137, 438; Stephen McLeod 396; Robert Earl Alexander 75, 424, 124; Judy Harrison 358, 59, 40; Regina Derstine 30b, 379, 335; Colvin Mann 147t, 49t, 268; Andy Davis 236; Warren Steel 134, 203, 36b; Brian Harrison 519 (WB).

Following announcements, Brian Harrison led 282 as the closing song. Robert Earl Alexander dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Judy Harrison; Vice Chairman—Ester Mann; Secretary—Judy Harrison

NEW HAVEN SINGING

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

Sunday, April 17, 2016

The 6th annual New Haven All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held in Connecticut Hall on the campus of Yale University. The class was called to order by Angharad Davis leading 38t. The opening prayer was offered by LaRee Delahunt.

Leaders: John Klaess 32t; Jonathan Kaufman Scher and Kassie Urban-Mead 159;

LaRee Delahunt 34b; Julius Pasay 270; Paula Picton 48t; Vicki Hayes 131b; Charlie Urban-Mead 40; Ian Quinn 31b; Chris Geissler 49t; Alice Beattie 35; John Holbrook 354t; Emma Swartz 426t; Brooks Chupp 287; Doron Henkin 228; Charlotte Ehrman 486; Sam Kleinman 428; Julia Reischel 203; Holly Laws 319; Solon Gordon 274t; Mary Skidmore 421.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ellen Lueck leading 92. Leaders: Terry Ryan 164; John Gambell 56t; Amy Valladares 196; Brian Harris 383; Ines Luetngen 88t; Alex Inglis 65; Emily Hale Sills 344; Andre Kuney 277.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Christina Wallin and Jason Steidl. Ms.

Wallin's lesson referenced Dan Adams, who noted that having a singing brought to him "made his eternity". Ms. Wallin then read the following names of those who were sick or shut-in: Joanne Fuller, James Cantrell, Kshama Ananthapura, Joanne DeVoe, Darryl Horst, and Jesse Polhemus. She led 330b in their honor.

Mr. Steidl reminded us that Sacred Harp brings "beauty, kindness, and goodness" to our lives, and then read the following names of those who are deceased: Dan Adams, Beverly Porter, and John Irvine—Connecticut; Ann Henry and Richard Nunley—New York; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Peggy Waide, Marilyn Dewar, and Norman Pierce—North Carolina; Grace Sensenig Horst, Rachel Zimmerman Farrey Histan, and Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Anna Kathryn Shenk Eby—Virginia; Sandi Peaslee—Massachusetts; Margaret Fitzgerald—Florida; Joyce Fagan—New South Wales; Donald Kleinman and John Schaeffer—Colorado; David Strother and Francis Bliss—Maine; Rob Walker—Rhode Island. He led 69t in their memory. Mr. Steidl closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Charles Biada 430; Nancy Mandel 123b; Robert Stoddard 426t; Alvaro Witt Duarte 186; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 546; Keillor Mose 222; Gwen Gethner 441; Jesse Vear 528; James Baumgartner 102; Laura Hodges 30b; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 391; Margaret Youngberg 280; Philippa Stoddard 200; Al McCready 153; Rachel Stevens 318; Liz Cantrell 192; Chris Holley 475. The blessing before the noon meal was asked by LaRee Delahunt.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Ian Quinn leading 111t. Leaders: Matthew Leger-Small 438; Lydia Llewallen 171; Micah John Walter 542; Mike Richards 436; Cheri Hardy 99; Stephanie Fida 532; Kyle Johnston 290; Claire Hogan 42; Aldo Ceresa 411; Vicki Elliott 377; Linda Shea 306; Carol Huang 201; Chris Cotter 57; Elizabeth Stoddard 534; Becky Wright 396; Rachel Hall 423; Jeremy Galvagni 70b; Krista Guerrieri 117; Anna Kellar 148; Cat Fanyosome 168; Sasha Hsuczuk 564.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Julie Botnick leading 52t. Leaders: Michael Kaye 480; Christina Wallin and Jason Steidl 417; Jordan Lewis 81t; John Holbrook 45t (for Rev. Samuel Slie); Jesse Flynn and Jesse Vear 384; Katie FitzGerald 187; Douglas Fower 299; Gerald Clark 101b; Patrick Friesen 229; Sarah Underhill 324; Jon Giles 359; Nancy Britton 151; Lynne deBenedette 217; Ellen Lueck 111b.

The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that there were eighty-five songs led by eighty-eight leaders with registered participants representing twelve states, the United Kingdom, and Canada. Ellen Lueck and Philippa Stoddard gave the Resolutions Committee report, thanking all who helped make the singing a success, and announcing the resolution to meet again in Connecticut Hall on the third Sunday in April, 2017. Announcements were made.

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

Chairman—Angharad Davis; Vice Chairman—John Klaess; Secretaries—Kassie Urban-Mead and Jonathan Kaufman Scher

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama

Sunday, April 17, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church near Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in April. Robert Chambless called the class to order by leading 32t, then welcomed everyone. Robert acknowledged that several of our regular singers have passed away since the last time we met here and we miss their presence today. He then led 56t. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 30t; Donna Bell 285t, 36b; Cecil Roberts 48t, 49b; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 81t, 340; Tony Hammock 284 (for Earlis McGraw), 97; Karen Rollins 119, 343; Ruth Daniel 47t (in memory of her sisters, Evelyn Harris and Nellie Mae White, and Elder Neal Prichard), 378t; Lisa Bennett 26, 421 (for Janelle Davis); Sherrell Cleino 452 (in memory of Nellie Mae White), 88b (in memory of William Cleino and Edward Cleino).

RECESS

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order by leading 168. A business session was held with the following officers retained: Chairman—Robert Chambless; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Philip Denney 535, 61; Rene Greene 66, 340 (by request); Judy Chambless 410t, 549 (both songs were in memory of Stanly Edwards. Stanley was Chairman of this singing for many years); Robert Chambless 55 (Robert noted that this song was written by A.J. McClendon, who is buried at this cemetery); Samuel Williams 411, 534; Virginia Dyer 155, 112; Richard DeLong 332, 399b; David Smead 275t, 29t; John Plunkett 409, 88t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins. Karen explained the tradition of a memorial lesson to the visitors, stating that it is usually held in the last hour before lunch on Sunday because it is considered the preaching hour, the most sacred hour, and it's a time we stop to remember those who can't be here because they're sick and shut-in or they've passed away in the past year. She mentioned Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God." Karen spoke and read the lists of names. The sick and shut-ins honored were Earlis McGraw, Susan Harcrow, Eloise Wootten, Janelle Davis, Hester Edwards, Nate Green, Norma Green, James Hughes, Lucy Garner, and Joyce Bell. The deceased remembered were Elder Neal Prichard (pastor of this church), Nellie Mae White, George Garner, C.W. Garner, Curtis Hamrick, Evelyn Harris, Bill Cleino, Edward Cleino, Maggie Denney, Mattie Lou Pope, Lewis Bennett, Betty Jo Bennett, Sharon Noojin, and Bennett Green. Karen Rollins then lead 389. Philip Denney offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 171, 441; Winfred Kerr 314, 146; Lisa Bennett 496; Virginia Dyer 186; John Plunkett 500; Rene Greene 172. The blessing of the noon meal was offered by Jerome Thompson.

LUNCH

Robert Chambless brought the afternoon session to order by leading 317. Leaders: David Smead 521; Samuel Williams 117; Ann Simpson 358, 354b; Tony Hammock 400; Philip Denney 313t (in memory of Jimmie Denney); Donna Bell 532; Cecil Roberts 163b; Ruth Daniel 335; Oscar McGuire 229; Winfred Kerr 89; Sherrell

Cleino 127 (for Uncle Clellan); Ann Simpson 159; Judy Chambless 527.
Following announcements, Robert Chambless led 77b as the closing song. Tony Hammock offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Robert Chambless; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Donna Bell

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Alpharetta, Georgia
Saturday, April 23, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer. Elder Bobby Cagle called the class to order leading 33b and 569b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve:
Chairman—Andy Morse; Vice Chairman—Elder Bobby Cagle; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: John Plunkett 52t, 47t; Andy Ditzler 29b, 348t; Jesse Karlsberg 122, 89; Lisa Bennett 27, 82b; David Smead 138t, 41; Judy Mincey 474, 180; Helen Bryson, Jan Fields, and Tebora Bobe 138b, 139; David Brodeur 58, 65; Daniel Williams 426t, 74t; Andy Morse 448t, 410t.

RECESS

Andy Morse called the class to order leading 472. Leaders: Faye Holbrook and Lauren Maggs 111b, 542; Isaac Green 24, 176t; Bobby Cagle 137; John Plunkett 148 (for Joan Durden); Andy Ditzler 435; Jesse Karlsberg 74b; Liz Bryant 354t; Judy Mincey 481; Lisa Bennett 284 (for Earlis McGraw and Janelle Davis); David Smead 449; Helen Bryson 217; David Brodeur and Faye Holbrook 67; Daniel Williams 42; Andy Morse 270 (for cancer survivors Kathy White, Jeannette DePoy, and his wife, Elaine); Isaac Green and Jesse Karlsberg 346; Faye Holbrook and Lauren Maggs 285t; Garrett Scholberg 154.

LUNCH

Elder Bobby Cagle called the class to order leading 499. Leaders: Isaac Green 35, 79; John Plunkett 54, 70b; Andy Ditzler 355; Jesse Karlsberg 116, 271t; Liz Bryant 566 (for George Snyder), 501; Judy Mincey 571; Lisa Bennett 129 (for George Burnette), 128; David Smead 231; Helen Bryson 313b; David Brodeur 57; Daniel Williams 341, 320; Andy Morse 50t; Faye Holbrook 358, 376; John Plunkett 229 (for Charles Cagle).

Announcements were made. Andy Morse led 347 as the closing song. Elder Bobby Cagle offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Andy Morse; Vice Chairman—Elder Bobby Cagle; Secretary—Helen Bryson

SHILOH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING **(COOPER EDITION)**

Frisco City, Alabama
Saturday, April 23, 2016

This singing was a revival of an all-day singing that was last held at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church in 1964. The class was called to order by Tim Taylor leading 36b and 47t. Hubert Nall offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ken Kelley 72, 522; Adrian Nall 393, 540; Hubert Nall 313, 168; Ryan Bowman 348t, 392; Wayne Jones 567 (in memory of Bill Aplin), 464; Alice Mosley 484; Nicole Bowman 28t, 65; Ken Sundberg 203, 27; Richard Mauldin 112, 148; Eugene Forbes 212, 505.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Tim Taylor leading 186. Leaders: Stanley Smith 81, 61; Loretta Jones and Lloyd Jones 571, 45t; Beuna Mae Purvis and Willonease Trauner 408, 410; Barbara Jones 82, 63; Chip Westbrook 500, 513t; Rebecca Bass 574, 587; Marion Patrick 580, 358; Alice Sundberg 461; J.A. Mosley 282; Katlin Bailey 516, 335. The class sang 369, and James Gardner offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Adrian Nall and Aubrey Barfield leading 96. Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 171, 200; Zilpha Cornett 122, 361; Mary Amelia Taylor 411, 344; Brenda Kyser 391, 573; James Gardner 30t; James Gardner and family 36b (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Mosley, parents of Janice Gardner, and members of Shiloh Church); Willonease Trauner and Stanley Smith 563, 572; Perry Keidel 107, 159; Shane Brown 48t, 68t; Linda Westbrook 229, 465; Darlu Nall 376, 277; Shannon Primm 276, 591; Tommie Spurlock 99; Tommie Spurlock and Nicole Bowman 146; J.A. Mosley 559; Hubert Nall 84; Tim Taylor 47b (requested by Terry Taylor).

Announcements were made. Tim Taylor announced that the Shiloh singing would continue, followed quickly by hearty applause from the class.

Tim Taylor, Martha Taylor, Mary Amelia Taylor, and Darlu Nall led 95b as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Taylor; Secretary—Darlu Nall

GOLDEN GATE SINGING

Trinity Lutheran Church, Alameda, California

Saturday, April 23, 2016

The 12th annual Golden Gate Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April at Trinity Lutheran Church, Alameda, California. The class was called to order by Linda Selph leading 61. Linda Domholt offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected:

Chairperson—Erika Wilson; Vice Chairperson—Rebecca Edwards; Secretary—Betty Marvin.

Leaders: Erika Wilson 59; Betty Marvin 492; Rebecca Edwards 47t; Miranda Fetrow 40; Linda Domholt 163b (in memory of Trinity's pastor, David Bringman); Gretchen Muller 34b; Carolyn Deacy 29t; Jack Ziegler 339; Wren Hyde 384; Susan Fecho 371; Bob Jost 535; Inder Khalsa 315; Vicki Chung 57; Joel Chan 445; Leigh Cooper 472; David Fecho 182; Mary Ann Ciavonne 497; Leah Coffin 113; Pat Coghlan 299; Katy Brown 35; Bob Brylawski 236.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Lindy Groening and Marie Brandis leading 101t. Leaders: Mark Godfrey 162; Hugh McGuire 217; Mary Gowins 336; Gordon Rees 476; Bernice Meagor and Linda Domholt 81t; Edward Rice 70b; Linda Booth 297; Alex Cotton 350; Annalise Perone 77t; Will Fitzgerald 532 (in honor of Janelle Davis); Carla Smith 76b; Greg Freemon 285t; Kevin Barrans 112; Emma Rose Brown 546; Ray Rechenberg 300; Eva Striebeck 306; Chris Cotter 432; Jerry Schreiber 536.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Kevin Beirne leading 388. Leaders: Greg Freed 99; Sue Lindner 216; David Wright 318; Esteban Veliz 365; Leigh Cooper 284; Betsy Jeronen 548; Adam Berey 230; Jeff Begley 117; Susan Willis-Powers 538; John

Wiens 361; Rogan Campbell 348t; Hans Guttman 480; Kate Fortin 170; Corinne Serfass 65. Linda Domholt offered the prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Lindy Groening and Concetta Branson leading 73t. Leaders: Thom Fahrbach 280; Bob Schinske 187; Jennie Brown 441; Steve Helwig 479; Clarissa Fetrow 214; Peter Ross 45t (in memory of Marian Bush); Marie Brandis 212; Kevin Beirne 392; Eva Striebeck 560; David Wright 500; Chris Cotter 506; Emma Rose Brown 473; Jerry Schreiber 245; Betsy Jeronen 215; Ray Rechenberg 282; Linda Booth 196; Kevin Barrans 419; Linda Selph 172; Carla Smith 491; Hugh McGuire 140; Carolyn Deacy and Will Fitzgerald 430; Hans Guttman 37b; Kate Fortin 179; Adam Berey 155.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Rogan Campbell leading 89. Leaders: Leah Coffin 547; Gordon Rees 539; Inder Khalsa 272; Mark Godfrey 436; Clarissa Fetrow 228; Steve Helwig and Erika Wilson 446; Katy Brown 344; Annalise Perone and Esteban Veliz 235; Corinne Serfass 148; Susan Fetcho, David Fetcho, and Linda Selph 121; Jeff Begley 477; John Wiens and Thom Fahrbach 556; Mary Gowins and Jennie Brown 475; Bob Schinske 63; Edward Rice 276; Michelle Berkman 178; Rebecca Edwards 376 (in memory of Sally Coghlan).

A business meeting was held. The Treasurer reported that expenses were met. The Secretary reported that at least 103 people from eight states and three countries attended, and ninety-nine songs were sung with sixty-four leaders. The Resolutions Committee, Will Fitzgerald and Linda Selph, thanked all who made the singing possible and resolved to meet again next year for the 13th annual Golden Gate Singing. Announcements of singings were made.

The officers led 62 as the closing song, and singers took the parting hand. Linda Domholt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Erika Wilson; Vice Chairperson—Rebecca Edwards; Secretary—Betty Marvin

RUSK COUNTY CONVENTION **Pine Grove Church, Henderson, Texas** **April 23-24, 2015**

Saturday, April 23

The 8th annual Rusk County Singing met Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April at Old Pine Grove Church near Henderson, Texas. The tune book for Saturday was the *Christian Harmony*, 2010 Revision. With the absence of the chairman and the vice chairman, Secretary Gaylon Powell called the class to order leading 206 (CH). Chris Nicholson offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Mike Hinton; Vice Chairman—Chris Nicholson; Secretary—Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 264 (CH); Mike Hinton 303 (CH), 143 (CH); Chris Nicholson 398t (CH), 399b (CH); Robert Vaughn 221b (CH), 142 (CH); Kristie Powell 258 (CH), 339 (CH); Carole Watts 189 (CH), 298 (CH); Natalie Fletcher 188 (CH), 131 (CH).

RECESS

Mike Hinton called the class back together leading 86t (CH). Leaders: Henry McGuire 86b (CH), 168b (CH); Charity Vaughn 29 (CH), 284 (CH); Chris Nicholson 338t (CH), 338b (CH); Gaylon Powell 155 (CH), 336t (CH); Robert Vaughn 299 (CH), 361 (CH); Kristie Powell 41t (CH), 548 (CH); Natalie Fletcher 367 (CH), 226t (CH). Henry McGuire asked the blessing at the dinner tables.

LUNCH

Mike Hinton called the class back together leading 70b (CH) and 291 (CH). Leaders: Henry McGuire 422b (CH), 432b (CH); Chris Nicholson 346 (CH), 347 (CH); Gaylon Powell 137 (CH), 136 (CH); Robert Vaughn 40t (CH), 71 (CH); Kristie Powell 105t (CH), 332 (CH); Carole Watts 382 (CH), 82t (CH); Henry McGuire 460t (CH), 64 (CH).

RECESS

Mike Hinton called the class back together leading 349 (CH) and 179 (CH). Leaders: Kim Vaughn 253 (CH), 149 (CH), 329 (CH); Chris Nicholson 67b (CH), 76b (CH); Gaylon Powell 256t (CH), 259t (CH); Robert Vaughn 222t (CH), 316 (CH); Kristie Powell 138 (CH), 493b (CH); Henry McGuire 493t (CH), 246 (CH). Mike appointed Kristie Powell and Charity Vaughn to serve on the memorial committee. Mike Hinton led 30b (CH) as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn.

Sunday, April 24

The Sunday session of the convention was held in conjunction with the Pine Grove Cemetery Homecoming. The tune book for Sunday was the Cooper Revision of the Sacred Harp. Mike Hinton called the class to order leading 31b (CB). David Rousseau offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mike Hinton 293b (CB); Gaylon Powell 203 (CB), 300 (CB); Kim Vaughn 558 (CB), 507b (CB); Henry McGuire 567 (CB), 133 (CB); David Rousseau 127 (CB), 72 (CB); Will McGuire 392 (CB), 484 (CB); Chris Nicholson 32t (CB), 31t (CB); Charity Vaughn 489 (CB), 73t (CB); Kristie Powell 210 (CB), 524 (CB).

RECESS

Mike Hinton called the class back together leading 138t (CB). Leaders: Carole Watts 461 (CB), 40 (CB); Sherry Rousseau 572 (CB), 573 (CB); Robert Vaughn 314 (CB), 38t (CB); Chris Nicholson 508 (CB), 507t (CB); Gaylon Powell 522 (CB), 486 (CB); Henry McGuire 458 (CB), 594 (CB).

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Charity Vaughn read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Myrl Jones, Leo Stanley, Mary Stanley, Amy Denison, Cheryl Foreman, Ruth Redmon, Dale Redmon, Jr., Adelaide Vaughn, Susan Harcrow, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Janelle Davis, and Alice McGuire. She made some comments, and led 540 (CB) in their honor.

Kristie Powell read the following list of names of the deceased: H.P. O'Mary and Bill Burnes—Texas; George Easley and Charles Porter—Mississippi; Robert DuPre—Alabama; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Donald Klein and John Schaffer—Colorado; Leonard Singletary—Burial in the Pine Grove Cemetery. She made some comments, and led 285t (CB) in their memory. The memorial lesson was concluded.

LUNCH

Mike Hinton called the class back together leading 87 (CB) and 369 (CB). Leaders: Kristie Powell 514 (CB), 273 (CB); Kim Vaughn 528b (CB), 467 (CB); David Rousseau 563 (CB), 341 (CB); Charity Vaughn 422b (CB), 411 (CB); Carole Watts 340 (CB), 501 (CB); Robert Vaughn 423 (CB), 47b (CB); Will McGuire 410 (CB), 465 (CB). It was agreed that as of next year, the Sunday session will begin at 9:30 a.m.

After announcements, Mike Hinton led 511t (CB) as the closing song. Gaylon Powell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mike Hinton; Vice Chairman—Chris Nicholson; Secretary—Gaylon Powell

EAST MIDLANDS SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Village Hall, Kegworth, Leicestershire, United Kingdom
April 23-24, 2016

Saturday, April 23

The class was called to order by Ian West leading 77b. Margaret Gillanders offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Rosalind Oldham; Arranging Committee—Vicki Elliott, Joe Vickers, and Sarah West.

Leaders: Helen Brown 32t; Joe Vickers 317; Hannah Land 76b; Chris Brown 81t; Cath Ingham 354b; Rebecca Over 380t (CB); Andrew Clark 30t; Scott Lewin 485 (CB); Sarah West 268b (CB); Phil Tyler 571 (CB); Geoff Grainger 40; Judy Whiting 171; Karen Turner 72b; Mark Wardlaw 502 (CB); Kate Coxon 581 (CB); Vicki Elliott 186; Chris Brown 210 (CB); Hannah Land 96 (CB); Phil Tyler 152 (CB); Rebecca Over 482 (CB); Rosalind Oldham 155.

RECESS

Mark Wardlaw reconvened the class leading 336t (CB). Leaders: Vicki Elliott 505 (CB); Sarah West 572 (CB); Ian West 105; Kuba Choinski 47t; Eimear O'Donovan 56t; Joe Vickers 230; Judy Whiting 504t (CB); Cath Ingham 350; Andrew Clark 38b; Helen Brown 39b; Karen Turner 34b; Geoff Grainger 523; Kate Coxon 474; Scott Lewin 34t; Eimear O'Donovan 177; Rosalind Oldham 480; Phil Tyler 388; Hannah Land 574 (CB); Kuba Choinski 501; Rebecca Over 273 (CB); Joe Vickers 324 (CB); Chris Brown 30t (CB); Cath Ingham 159; Mark Wardlaw 114b (CB); Vicki Elliott 140 (CB); Helen Brown 430 (CB); Andrew Clark 496; Scott Lewin 89; Judy Whiting 472; Phil Tyler 91; Kate Coxon 168. Grace for the midday meal was offered by Jonathan Stanyon.

LUNCH

Karen Turner reconvened the class leading 82t. Leaders: Eimear O'Donovan 212; Geoff Grainger 163b; Judy Whiting 441; Scott Lewin 440; Sarah West 208; Kuba Choinski 344; Vicki Elliott 187; Rebecca Over 514 (CB); Mark Wardlaw 449 (CB); Kate Coxon 475; Chris Brown 513t (CB); Rosalind Oldham 488 (CB); Andrew Clark 489 (CB); Hannah Land 54t (CB); Cath Ingham 144; Helen Brown 327; Joe Vickers 199 (CB); Phil Tyler 486 (CB); Rebecca Over 279 (CB); Chris Brown 478.

RECESS

Sarah West reconvened the class leading 207. Leaders: Eimear O'Donovan 408 (CB); Kuba Choinski 393 (CB); Karen Turner 573 (CB); Geoff Grainger 38t (CB); Rosalind Oldham 127; Vicki Elliott 392 (CB); Andrew Clark 107 (CB); Kate Coxon 567 (CB); Scott Lewin 563 (CB); Hannah Land 98 (CB); Joe Vickers 115 (CB); Helen Brown 30b; Mark Wardlaw 587 (CB); Judy Whiting 432; Cath Ingham 473; Sarah West 477.

Helen Brown and Ian West led 323t as the closing song. Gillian White dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, April 24

The Sunday session was called to order by Ian West leading 84. Joe Vickers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 59; Vicki Elliott 559 (CB); Chris Brown 575 (CB); Karen Turner 445; Nick Hall 73b; Joy Spreadborough 496; Kuba Choinski 505 (CB); Judy Whiting 492; Rachel Jordan 36b; Kate Coxon 166; Geoff Grainger 49b; Hannah Land 335; Sarah West 389; Joe Vickers 378t; Rebecca Over 156 (CB); Scott Lewin 229 (CB); Julie Russell 472; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 546; Nick Hall 451 (CB); Hannah Land 38t (CB); Mark Wardlaw 264t (CB); Karen Turner 228; Edwin

Macadam 457 (CB); Rachel Jordan 313t.

RECESS

Chris Brown reconvened the class by leading 148. Leaders: Kate Coxon 328; Joy Spreadborough 31t; Kuba Choinski 178; Sheila Girling-Macadam 133; Karen Turner 467; Ted Brown 81 (CB); Scott Lewin 32t; Julie Russell 30t; Edwin Macadam 288; Rachel Jordan 564; Rebecca Over 476; Geoff Grainger 535; Anna Baldini 217; Judy Whiting 456; Nick Hall 502; Hannah Land 454; Mark Wardlaw 519 (CB); Helen Brown 134; Joe Vickers 499.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Turner, who led 566 in memory of the following: Mary Newell, Ian Whiting, Eileen McDougall, Eileen Wilson, Michael Spittal, Dave Smith, Zam Walker, Helen Steven, Mike Smith, Lily Ford, Steve Woodings, Harry Greaves, Arthur Clarke, June Howieson, Roy Harris, Grenville Morris, George Reed, Brian Trowell, Jerry Wright, Thomas Robinson, C. W. Garner, George Garner, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, and Robert DuPree.

The sick and housebound lesson was conducted by Sarah West, who led 491 for the following: Sister Pippa, Earlis McGraw, Jeannette DePoy, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Shelby Sampson, Melanie Hauff, Roland Higson, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Laura Densmore, Kirsty Grainger, Dot Green, Cath Tyler, B.M. Smith, Dave Richardson, Gordon Hoyland, and Paula Mogensen. The memorial and sick and housebound lessons were closed with a prayer offered by Ted Brown.

Leaders: Vicki Elliott 544; Sheila Girling-Macadam 349; Ted Brown 77t; Kuba Choinski 112; Joy Spreadborough 390; Kate Coxon 141; Judy Whiting 150. Grace for the midday meal was offered by Kate Coxon.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Judy Whiting leading 312b. Leaders: Scott Lewin 354t; Geoff Grainger 313b; Emily Verrier 107; Rebecca Over 590 (CB); Mark Wardlaw 444b (CB); Rachel Jordan 182 (CB); Edwin Macadam 183; Julie Russell 34b; Chris Brown 464 (CB); Sarah West 268b (CB); Kate Coxon 183 (CB); Rosalind Oldham and Daniel Oldham 573 (CB); Karen Turner 511t (CB); Kuba Choinski 571 (CB); Helen Brown 392; Sheila Girling-Macadam 216; Joe Vickers 466; Joy Spreadborough 161; Nick Hall 460 (CB); Emily Verrier 410t; Ted Brown 113 (CB); Vicki Elliott 53; Mark Wardlaw 385b (CB).

RECESS

The class was reconvened by Sarah West leading 180. Leaders: Kuba Choinski 49t; Hannah Land 137 (CB); Connie Baldini 146; Rebecca Over 504b (CB); Nick Hall 417; Kate Coxon 271t; Chris Brown 270; Emily Verrier 159; Edwin Macadam 474; Anna Baldini 276; Sheila Girling-Macadam 278t; Mick Verrier 106 (CB); Rosalind Oldham 284; Julie Russell 47t; Rachel Jordan 114; Scott Lewin 143.

The Chairman announced that the 2017 Convention would be held on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in April. Ian West and Helen Brown led 95b (CB) as the closing song. Hannah Land dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Rosalind Oldham

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Haleyville, Alabama

Sunday, April 24, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Ken Tate leading 314.

The opening prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

The class was organized by electing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Parnell Berry; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging

Officer—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Ken Tate 36b; Earl Ballinger 273, 208; Yancey Jett 89, 440; Don Keeton 335, 477; Richard Mauldin 339, 64; Eugene Forbes 299, 155; Ann Jett 47b, 77; Gravis Ballinger 76b, 112, 82t; Loretta Whitman 75, 343, 283; Margaret Keeton 354t, 422; Chris Ballinger 300, 344, 410t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Parnell Berry leading 306. Leaders: Carolyn Nicholson 143, 294; Danny Creel 88t, 106, 215; Amber Davis 391, 192; Roma Rice 109, 371, 225t; Larry Ballinger 224, 56t; Ozella Blackmon 187, 186; Jerry Kitchens 382; Glenn Keeton 349 (in memory of Clarence McCool), 278b (for B.M. Smith), 278t (for Toney and Lavoy Smith); Zeb Ferguson, Kernisa Ferguson, and C.V. Ferguson 32t, 68t, 68b; Theresa Westmoreland 217, 434, 348b; Lisa Geist 546 (in memory of Tom and Lola Roberson), 276, 472; Jerome McVay 45t. Ken Tate asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ken Tate leading 135 and 454. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 389; Yancey Jett 172; Dillon Feezell 145b, 340, 384; Richard Mauldin 126; Loretta Whitman 411; Ann Jett 327; Chris Ballinger 460; Theresa Westmoreland 455; Jerry Kitchens 480; Roma Rice 566; Danny Creel 564; Amber Davis 214; Eugene Forbes 203; Gravis Ballinger 120. The class sang 171 by request of Alec and Millie Godsey, their children, and their grandchildren. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 528; Glenn Keeton 236; Lisa Geist 532, 196.

Announcements were made. Ken Tate led 146 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Parnell Berry; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

ALEWINE-LAMINACK MEMORIAL

St. Michael Lutheran Church, Cleburne County, Alabama

Sunday, April 24, 2016

The annual Alewine-Laminack Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at St. Michael Lutheran Church, in Cleburne County, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts brought the class to order by leading 146. The opening prayer was offered by Robert Chambless. Cecil welcomed everyone, and then led 75.

Leaders: Donna Bell 108t (in memory of Corene Laminack), 566; Judy Chambless 29t, 37b; Winfred Kerr 36b, 59; Charlene Wallace 61, 63; Virginia Dyer 40, 99; Ken McElroy 340, 274t; Dalton Lewis and Lisa Bennett 475 (for B.M. Smith), 32t; David Smead 283, 222; Henry Johnson 288, 388; Rene Greene 78, 142; Buell Cobb 27, 77b.

RECESS

Oscar McGuire brought the class back to order by leading 145t. Leaders: Tony Hammock 64, 56b; David Brodeur 55, 69t; Lisa Bennett 30t, 31t; Robert Chambless 70t, 68b; Andy Ditzler 317, 517; Oscar McGuire 276, 336; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 282, 335; John Plunkett 225t (for B.M. Smith and Earlis McGraw), 467; Richard DeLong 28t, 158; Shirley Johnson and Cecil Roberts 59, 303 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Ann Simpson 47t, 358; Ken McElroy and Daisy McElroy 294; Virginia Dyer 454 (for Stephen and Nell McElroy); Buell Cobb 136; Dalton Lewis 472; Rene Greene 313t.

Cecil Roberts thanked the class for \$402, and asked that the amount be noted in the minutes. The money will be used for upkeep of the church and cemetery. Lutheran services have not been held at this church for approximately 80 years. Cecil and the other singers thanked the Hulsey and Laminack families for their faithfulness in maintaining the church and cemetery. Bro. Jason Stanford offered the blessing of the

noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Cecil Roberts leading 277. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 172; Jason Stanford 348b, 229; John Plunkett 435; Henry Johnson 70b; Lisa Bennett 228; Oscar McGuire 163b; Richard DeLong 308; Tony Hammock 465; Robert Chambless 494; David Brodeur 230; David Smead 42b; Winfred Kerr 47b; Ann Simpson 290; Jason Stanford 399b (for Earlis McGraw).

Announcements were made. A business session was held and the following officers were retained or appointed: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith (absent, due to sickness); Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Cecil Roberts, Donna Bell, and Judy Chambless led 46 as the closing song. Judy Chambless offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Donna Bell

OLD FELTA SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING

Healdsburg, California

Sunday, April 24, 2016

The Old Felta Schoolhouse Singing was held in Healdsburg, California, on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Erika Wilson leading 171. Joel Chan offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jack Ziegler 313b; Lindy Groening 135; Mary Ann Ciavonne 39t; Dave Barber 361; Miranda Fetrow 77t; Mary Gowins 283; Carol Ciavonne 163b; Mark Godfrey 460; Betsy Jeronen 225t; Bob Schinske 411; Leah Coffin 564; Marie Brandis 546; Joel Chan 379; Kevin Beirne 377; Chris Cotter 213t; Jerry Schreiber 362; John Wiens 498; Vicki Chung 496; Leigh Cooper 318; Ray Rechenberg 203; Emma Rose Brown 444; Kevin Barrans 97; Eva Striebeck 278t; Carla Smith 34t.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Leah Coffin leading 47t. Leaders: Jennie Brown 276; Allegra Wilson 282; Thom Fahrback 177; Kate Fortin 30b; David Fetcho 396; Adam Berey 390; Erika Wilson 216; Marie Brandis 448t; Clarissa Fetrow and Miranda Fetrow 66; Merilark Padgett 445; Susan Fetcho 391; Mary Gowins 316; Chris Cotter 368; Betsy Jeronen 422; Patrick Ziegler 168; Leigh Cooper 522; Kevin Beirne 195; Emma Rose Brown 101b; Mary Ann Ciavonne 146; Dave Barber 383; Ray Rechenberg 229; Bob Schinske 228.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Susan Fetcho leading 52t. Leaders: Mark Godfrey 348b; Joel Chan 58; Kevin Barrans 75; Allegra Wilson 384; David Fetcho 149; John Wiens 487; Lindy Groening and Jennie Brown 558; Vicki Chung 178; Clarissa Fetrow 352; Carla Smith 185; Patrick Ziegler 170; Kate Fortin 277; Adam Berey 235; Merilark Padgett 569b; Thom Fahrback 173; Jerry Schreiber 234; Jennie Brown 187. Mary Ann Ciavonne and Jack Ziegler led 347 as the closing song. Joel Chan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Mary Ann Ciavonne and Jack Ziegler; Secretary—Erika Wilson

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING

Burritt on the Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama

Saturday, April 30, 2016

The annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May in the Old Country Church at Burritt on the Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Samuel Sommers leading 31b.

Loyd Ivey offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Vice Chairman—Stuart Ivey; Secretaries—Amanda Hardiman and Teresa Hope; Arranging Committee—Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger; Memorial Committee—Judy Caudle and Nathan Stewart.

Leaders: Teresa Hope and Amanda Hardiman 78; Lomax Ballinger 277; David Ivey 37t; Sherry Stover and Linton Ballinger 373; Daniel Lee 163t; Stuart Ivey 477; Jimmy Ballinger 565; Vella Dailey 496; Henry Johnson 138b; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Gravis Ballinger 215; Loyd Ivey 283; Karen Freund 542; Gary Leopold 159; Charles McCravy 121; Kelsey Ivey 141; Buddy Ballinger 399b; Anna Grace Sipe 77t.
RECESS

Stuart Ivey led 85 to bring the class back together. Leaders: David Brodeur 560; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 430; David Ballinger 340; Linda Sides 170; Nate Green 131t; Eli Hinton 99; Matthew Phillips 146; Pam Wilkerson 203; Cindy Tanner 498; Michael Thompson 196; Elene Stovall 200; Earl Ballinger 80b; Joyce Walton 500; Delone Cobbs 341; Ann Jett 546; Eugene Forbes 299; Daphene Causey 436.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Samuel Sommers leading 105. Leaders: Richard Ivey 54; Judy Mincey 475; Richard Mauldin 168; Allison Whitener and Grace Whitener 131b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Nathan Stewart and Judy Caudle. Nathan spoke and read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Susan Harcrow, B.M. Smith, Margie Smith, Eloise Wootten, Norma Green, Janelle Davis, Elsie Moon, Kermit Adams, Kenneth Fannin, Lynne deBenedette, Velton Chafin, Johnie Chafin, Willodean Barton, Ottis Sides, Floy Wilder, S.T. Reed, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Anne Chalker, and Earlis McGraw. He led 404 in their honor.

Judy Caudle spoke and read the following list of names of the deceased: Azilee Adams, Bennett Green, Dub Smith, Naomi Carroll, Dawson Adams, Robert DuPree, and Kenny Graves—Alabama; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Daniel Sommers—Indiana; Bernice Steadman Thompson and George Garner—Georgia. She led 403 in their memory. Elder J.L. Hopper closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 336; Lisa Geist 304; Butch White 547; Anna Hinton 142; Phil Summerlin 564; Nancy Thompson 40; Randall Smith and Rodney Ivey 137 (in memory of Virgil Phillips); Angela Myers 67; Tom George 486.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tom George leading 30t. Leaders: Charles Meidinger 186; Judy Caudle 451 (by request); Larry Ballinger 151; Cassie Allen 383 (by request); Andy Ditzler 292; Brad Bahler and Karen Bahler 192; Rick Cunningham 101t; Sharon DuPriest 212; Caleb Dillehay 163b; Erica Hinton 270; J.L. Hopper 189; Nathan Stewart 193; Drew McGuire 102; Matt Hinton 217; Hazel Heinze 145t; Justin Bowen 411; Theresa Westmoreland 338; Rick Hoffman 274b; Dillon Feezell 314; Mark Carroll 480; J.C. Rutledge 294; Elizabeth Gentry and Michele Banish 76b; Gail Doss 191; Julie Herron 32t; Karen Ivey 422; Dorothea Maynard 361.

Following announcements, Samuel Sommers and Stuart Ivey led 323t as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Vice Chairman—Stuart Ivey; Secretaries—Amanda Hardiman and Teresa Hope

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SHILOH SINGING SPRING SESSION

St. John's Episcopal Church, Harrison, Arkansas

Saturday, April 30, 2016

The Northwest Arkansas Shiloh Singing, Spring Session, was called to order by Dan Brittain leading 31b, and then he welcomed all to the singing.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 49b; Katy Black 143, 87; Bill Price 81t, 299; Anita Buswell 85, 145b; David Johnson 159, 268; Bill Caldwell 99, 350; Will Sims 178, 71.

The class elected the following officers: Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Bill Caldwell; Secretary—Katy Black.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 13 (MH), 75 (MH); Syd Caldwell 113 (MH), 172 (MH).

RECESS

Nancy Price brought the class back to order leading 384 (CB), 54t (CB).

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 336b (CB) (for Stanley Smith); Katy Black 32t, 551; Anita Buswell 571 (CB), 410 (CB); Bill Price 559 (CB), 515 (CB); Bill Caldwell 135 (MH), 180 (MH); Dan Brittain 72b, 73b; Nancy Price 117, 335 (CB); Dan Brittain 164 (MH).

LUNCH

Dan Brittain called the class back to order leading 62 (MH). Leaders: Will Sims 47b (CB), 488b (CB); Andrew Albers 488t (CB), 477 (CB); David Johnson 128 (CB), 45t (CB); Syd Caldwell 340 (for B.M. and Margie Smith), 318.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Bill Price, who spoke in memory of Lora Cargo and Nellie Mae White—Alabama; Lea Caudle—Arkansas; C.W. Garner and George Garner—Georgia; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; and Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania. We sang 53 in their memory.

Syd Caldwell spoke on behalf of the following sick and shut-ins: Betty Bamliss, Frank Christel, Betty Christel, Gail Cowart, Janelle Davis, Jeannette DePoy, Norma Green, Nate Green, Susan Harcrow, Myrl Jones, Earlis McGraw, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, B.M. Smith, Margie Smith, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Floy Wilder, and Jewel Wootten. We sang 463 (CB) to encourage them.

Leaders: Bill Price, Nancy Price, and Syd Caldwell 288; Dan Brittain 480, 16 (MH) (for Janelle Davis); Bill Caldwell 138t; Anita Buswell 282, 496; Syd Caldwell 418 (for Norma Green).

RECESS

Andrew Albers brought the class back into session leading 124 and 140.

Leaders: Bill Price and Nancy Price 96 (CB), 58 (CB); Syd Caldwell, Mary Alice Ingham, and Mary Ellen Wilkinson 59; Syd Caldwell 217; Katy Black, Monica Beery, and Anita Buswell 61; Katy Black 36b, 34b; Dan Brittain 125; Bill Caldwell 497; Syd Caldwell, Andrew Albers, and David Johnson 236. Announcements were made.

Syd Caldwell, Andrew Albers, and Bill Price led 472 as the closing song.

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Bill Caldwell; Secretary—Katy Black

PORTLAND SACRED HARP SINGING

The Little Church, Portland, Oregon

Saturday, April 30, 2016

The 10th annual Portland Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was called to order by Steve Helwig leading 448b. Thom Fahrback offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairperson—Julie Strayer Thoma; Treasurer—Nell Whitman; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen.

Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 61; Dan Thoma 26; Dorothy Robinson 70b; John Berendzen 349; Ruth Lineham 148; Delia Barrans 354b; Steve Tarr 179; Ana Tighe 99; Ben

Brown 268; Nancy Novotny 442; Marie Brandis 474; Ann Huckins 228; Laura McMurray 73t; Greg Saue 415.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Julie Strayer Thoma leading 37b. Leaders: Bruce Rowland 67; Joel Menk 210; Concetta Branson 39t; Roylan Messinger 535; Jennifer Jones 472; Jack Lofton 328; Jake Kiakahi 48t; Ben Copenhaver 463; Linda Berkemeier 421 (for Janelle Davis); Mary Rose O'Leary 300; Kevin Beirne and Ruth Wampler 381 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Jen Rymut 402; Nathan Berry 68t; John Wiens 271t; Destiny Woods 505; Jeff Begley 501; Sean Francis Conway 33b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Steve Cackley leading 274b. Leaders: Kathy Vlach 344; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 142; Scott Kennedy 149; David Wright 171; Emma Rose Brown 476; Marilyn Murata 456; Adam Berey 318; AnnaLeigh Smith 378t; Eva Striebeck 488; Pat Coghlan 187; Leah Coffin 564; Kevin Barrans 168; Tamara Harris 89; Lucinda Saue 532. The noon blessing was offered by Thom Fahrbach.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Steve Helwig leading 47t. Leaders: Melissa Stevenson 457; Jake Hachey 480; Cornelia Stanton 473; Mary Gowins 222; Karen Willard 560; Chris Cotter 573; Anna Pfau 362; Clarissa Fetrow 234; Ruth Wampler 394; Kiri Miller 377; Carol Huang 419; Jane Cannon 548; Erik Schwab 220; Lindy Groening 181; Jennie Brown 411; Evelyn Lamb 367; Bob Schinske 91; Gillian Inksetter 151; Carolyn Deacy 384; Erika Wilson 123b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Stephanie Fida leading 445. Leaders: Kate Fine 475; Eric Holt 38b; Nell Whitman 159; Thom Fahrbach 110; Anna Pfau 428; Ben Copenhaver and Ben Brown 203; Kiri Miller 157; Sean Francis Conway 491; Mary Rose O'Leary and Carolyn Deacy 217; Jane Cannon and Eva Striebeck 182; Scott Kennedy 551; Jeff Begley 130; Chris Cotter, Emma Rose Brown, and Carol Huang 112; Evelyn Lamb 542; Ruth Wampler 279; Jack Lofton, Clarissa Fetrow, and Erik Schwab 392; Kevin Beirne, Gillian Inksetter, Jack Hachey, and Lacey Landry 269; Tamara Harris, AnnaLeigh Smith, Jake Kiakahi, Nathan Berry, Stephanie Argo, and Joel Menk 229; Karen Willard and Marilyn Murata 492; Kathy Vlach, Bob Schinske, and David Wright 352; Jennie Brown and Lindy Groening 192; John Wiens, Adam Berey, and Kevin Barrans 277; Leah Coffin and Mary Gowins 500; Greg Saue and Lucinda Saue 178.

The business meeting was reopened. The Treasurer reported the day's expenses were met. The Arranging Committee reported ninety-five songs sung and seventy leaders. Julie Strayer Thoma and Dan Thoma led 36b as the closing song. Thom Fahrbach offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Julie Strayer Thoma; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen

BOB MEEK MEMORIAL SHAPE NOTE SINGING CONVENTION

Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky

April 30-May 1, 2016

Saturday, April 30

The 21st annual singing convention at Harrods Creek Baptist Church was held the last Saturday in April and the Sunday following. Timothy Morton called the class to order by leading 47t. Eddie Mash offered the opening prayer.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed: Chairman—Timothy Morton; Finance Committee—Darrell Swarens and Liz Meitzler; Arranging Committee—Johanna Sims, Chandler Bainter, and Brenda Waters; Memorial Committee—Virginia Eldridge and Adrian Eldridge; Secretary—Johanna Sims.

During the first session, Buford Parrish, deacon of Harrods Creek Baptist Church, welcomed the class and gave a history of the church. Leaders: Johanna Sims 32t; Randy Webber 236; John Huffman 528; Laura Mattingly 49t; Zach Davis 56b; Clara Herr 273 (CB); Ray Rechenberg 133 (CB); David Carlton 265 (SoH); Mary Huffman 66; Erin Fulton 83 (SoH); Claire Outten 111 (SoH); Vickie See and Billie See 480; Sue Duff 276.

RECESS

Leaders: Liz Meitzler 142; Jim Herr 312t (SoH); Connor Herr 107; Tom Morton 209; Eddie Mash 518; Rich Overturf 294; Beth Garfinkel 188; Curtis Cook 178; Carol Medicott 440; Stephen Huffman 29t; Mary Brinkman 147t; Joshua Wright 572 (CB); Steve Duff 505 (CB); John Plunkett 411. The Finance Committee, Darrell Swarens and Liz Meitzler, were called at this time to ask for contributions toward convention expenses. They led 128.

Leaders: Bob Cull 569b; Joel Deckard 25b (SoH); Virginia Eldridge 208; Brenda Waters and Chandler Bainter 49b; Ben Fink 254; Doug Trent 68b; Darrell Swarens 441; Katherine Eldridge 451; Annaliza Cull 448t; Seamus Allman 503; Heather Summers and Timothy Morton 504; Michelle Cull 268; Mike Grimes 393; Michele Cull and Timothy Morton 176t. Tom Morton offered a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Leaders: Ben Fink 457; Timothy Morton 547; John Huffman 515; Zach Davis 162; Clara Herr 564; Ray Rechenberg 203; David Carlton 411 (CB); Mary Huffman 34b; John Plunkett 114 (SoH); Steve Duff 454; Erin Fulton 67; Claire Outten 196; Vickie See and Billie See 339.

RECESS

Leaders: Johanna Sims 344; Susan Zurcher 344 (CB); Liz Meitzler 331b (SoH); Sue Duff 36b; Stephen Huffman 163t; Jim Herr 222; Rich Overturf 488 (CB); Beth Garfinkel 551; Carol Medicott 475; Mary Brinkman 147b; Curtis Cook 260; Mike Grimes 496; Katherine Eldridge 485 (CB).

The arranging officer, Johanna Sims, announced that singers from nine U.S. states were represented. Announcements were made.

Timothy Morton led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Steve Duff.

Sunday, May 1

The Sunday session of the Bob Meek Memorial Convention was brought to order by Timothy Morton leading 82t. He welcomed everyone. The opening prayer was offered by Darrell Swarens.

Leaders: Johanna Sims and Annaliza Cull 571 (CB); Darrell Swarens 38 (SoH); Peggy Brayfield 454; Bob Cull 163b; Laura Mattingly 282; Annaliza Cull 155; Tom Morton 335; Tom Kochan 572 (CB); Doug Trent 146; Joshua Wright 38t (CB); Eloise Clark 313b; Joel Deckard 267b (SoH); Eddie Mash 450 (CB); Sue Duff 30t (CB); Katherine Eldridge 322 (SoH); John Plunkett 156.

RECESS

Leaders: Ben Fink 511t (CB); James Eldridge 67; Sheila Patterson 81t; Vickie See and Billie See 108b; John Bealle 69b; Adrian Eldridge 152; Jim Patterson 569b; Virginia Eldridge 110 (SoH).

The class then walked over and joined the congregation of Harrods Creek Baptist Church in the new building during their Sunday service. They sang 63 and 36b for

them, and then reconvened in the old church.

Leaders: Johanna Sims and Timothy Morton 384; Clara Herr 288; Heather Summers 159; Grace Patterson 47t; Rebecca Eldridge 65; Steve Duff 546.

Virginia Eldridge and Adrian Eldridge conducted the memorial lesson. They led 106 for the sick and shut-ins, and 410t in memory of the deceased. Adrian Eldridge closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: John Bayer 89t (SoH); Anna Krippenstapel 47b; Jim Herr and Connor Herr 377; Timothy Morton 59. Jim Herr offered a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Leaders: Michele Cull 76b; Joy Dunn 479; Tom Morton 496; Brenda Waters and Michele Cull 535; Darrell Swarens and Liz Meitzler 178; Liz Meitzler 49 (SoH); Kelly Toon 504.

Timothy Morton then introduced film documentarian, Leo Osborne. He set up a 360 degree camera in the hollow square to film two songs sung without a leader.

Timothy Morton called 300 and 31t from his seat in the bass section. John Bayer then called a third song, 268, in memory of Bob Meek, from his seat in the tenor section.

Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 133 (CB); Rebecca Eldridge and Katherine Eldridge 472; Ben Fink 486 (CB); Eddie Mash 263; Tom Kochan 463 (CB); James Eldridge 465 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Heather Summers 448t; Eloise Clark 73t; Joe Manning, Timothy Morton, Elsa Hansen, and Will Oldham 209; Joshua Wright 59 (SoH); John Bayer 132 (SoH); Grace Patterson 37b; Steve Duff 198; John Plunkett 54b (SoH); Jim Patterson 278b; John Bealle 373; Sheila Patterson 512; Sue Duff 141; Jim Herr and Clara Herr 310 (SoH); Vickie See and Billie See 312b; Darrell Swarens and Rebecca Eldridge 507; Adrian Eldridge, Virginia Eldridge, Katherine Eldridge, and James Eldridge 82t.

The arranging officer, Johanna Sims, announced that singers from nine U.S. states were represented. Announcements were made.

Timothy Morton led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by John Bayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Timothy Morton; Secretary—Johanna Sims

MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING

Ashland, Alabama

Sunday, May 1, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama, was held on the first Sunday in May. Some singers arrived early, and sang the following hymns from the *Lloyd's Hymnal*: 333 (LD), 340 (LD), 300 (LD), 530 (LD), 188 (LD) (for M.B. Forbes), 339 (LD), and 342 (LD) (in memory of Elvadie Wallace).

The class was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading 75 and 155. The opening prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Edna Phillips; Arranging Officer—Myrline Redmon.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 566 (in memory of Betty Forbes); Judy Chambless 142, 318; Buell Cobb 145t, 74b; Myrline Redmon 569b, 358; Robert Chambless 143, 84; Roy Nelson 31b, 39b; Cecil Roberts 274t, 76b; Shirley Berrey 480, 373; Richard Mauldin 126, 117; Pam Anderson 490, 405.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Eugene Forbes leading 101t. Leaders: Oscar

McGuire 171, 515; Jenny Acton 229 (CB), 170; Brandon Acton 36b, 53; Samuel Williams 278t, 163t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard Mauldin. He led 446 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Mona Nelson, Floy Wilder, Willodean Barton, Edward Lawrence, Ed Henry, Joan Henry, Kermit Adams, B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Louis Bowman, Tommy Futral, and Nell Estes. Richard spoke, and led 410t in memory of the following deceased: Gib Amason, Azilee Adams, George Garner, and Mary Simms. Bro. Ken Milner closed the memorial lesson, and asked a blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Eugene Forbes leading 186. Leaders: Daniel Williams 534; Ester Williams 159, 63; Jack Nelson and Ronnie Welburn 235, 438; Emma Jane Williams 74t, 77t; Robert Justice 56t, 77b; Pam Anderson and Frank Arnold 45t; Eric Cousins 135; Phillip Dudley 457; William Futral 61, 68b; Edna Phillips, Myrline Redmon, and Jenny Acton 340, 571 (CB) (in memory of Audress Gurley); Jacob Acton 282, 196; Jack Nelson “What A Day That Will Be” (by request).

Eugene Forbes and Jack Nelson led 46 as the closing song. Jack Nelson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Edna Phillips

PORTLAND CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING

The Little Church, Portland, Oregon

Sunday, May 1, 2016

The 4th annual *Christian Harmony* All-Day Singing was called to order by Bradley Knoke leading 398t. John Wiens offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairperson—Ana Tighe; Treasurer—Nell Whitman; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen.

Leaders: Anna Stoerch 401b; Betsy Jeronen 21; Cornelia Stanton 349; Ana Tighe 336t; Eric Holt 61b; Dan Thoma 417t; Steve Cackley 111b; Steve Tarr 419t; Marie Brandis 337; Kelly Kennedy 318; Linda Berkemeier 131; Scott Kennedy 180; Sean Francis Conway 372; Adam Berey 383.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jen Rymut and Tom Fenalosa leading 57.

Leaders: Leah Coffin 143; Jane Cannon and Bradley Knoke 329; Kevin Barrans 194; Stephanie Fida 168b; Ruth Wampler 162; Mary Gowins 362; Erik Schwab 460t; Tamara Harris 80; Bob Schinske 20; Kevin Beirne 172 (for his grandfather); Lindy Groening 16; Marilyn Murata 140; Jeff Begley 190; Carol Huang 64; Eva Striebeck 544; Thom Fahrback 142; Joel Menk 268; Karen Willard 537; John Wiens 91.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Lindy Groening leading 189. Leaders: Emma Rose Brown 316; Jake Kiakahi 205; Cornelia Stanton 253; Ben Copenhaver 490; Nathan Berry 402t; Kate Fine 82b; AnnaLeigh Smith 92; John Berendzen 293; Erika Wilson 103; Jen Rymut 10; Jennie Brown 276; Evelyn Lamb 548; Anna Pfau 186; Chris Cotter 326. The noon blessing was offered by Thom Fahrback.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Bradley Knoke leading 275. Leaders: Karen Willard 163b; Jane Cannon 378; Sean Francis Conway 453t; Jennie Brown 258; Joel Menk 101; Clarissa Fetrow 51; Ben Copenhaver 288; Ruth Wampler 367; Nathan Berry 6; Mary Gowins 167b; Carol Huang 307; AnnaLeigh Smith 138; Kevin Beirne 170; Anna Stoerch 312; Chris Cotter 365; Anna Pfau 176; Tamara Harris 221b; Evelyn Lamb 361; Jake Kiakahi 86b; Leah Coffin 206; Dan Thoma 24t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ben Copenhaver leading 493t. Leaders: Nancy Novotny and Thom Fahrback 208b; Nell Whitman 248; Emma Rose Brown 261t; Eva Striebeck 166; Scott Kennedy 117; Stephanie Fida 226t; Kelly Kennedy 117; Kevin Barrans 188; John Berendzen 105t; Lindy Groening 60; Erik Schwab 473; Adam Berey 424; Jen Rymut 54; Bob Schinske 197; Jeff Begley 11; Ana Tighe 334. The business meeting was reopened. The Treasurer reported the day's expenses were met. The Arranging Committee reported a total of forty-nine leaders and ninety songs sung.

Ana Tighe led 67b as the closing song. John Wiens offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Ana Tighe; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen

SHADY GROVE SINGING (KEETON CEMETERY)

Walker County, Alabama

Sunday, May 1, 2016

The 45th annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Shady Grove Church (Keeton Cemetery) on the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 104. The morning prayer was offered by Danny Creel. Glenn Keeton extended a warm welcome to everyone, and led 108b.

The following officers served for the day: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton and Isabella Keeton 32t; Gravis Ballinger 36b, 273; Theresa Westmoreland 200, 220; Mike Hankins 480, 276; Nicholas Thompson 411, 556; Ken Tate 547, 303; Becky Briggs 176t, 176b; Roma Rice 212, 31t; Larry Ballinger 472, 540; Amber Davis 187, 150.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Isabella Keeton led 64 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Loretta Whitman 143, 544; Danny Creel 428, 286; Parnell Berry 373, 283; Joshua Keeton 189, 475; Lisa Geist 228, 527; Marlin Beasley 137, 378b; Betty Baccus 134, 168.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Glenn Keeton leading 85. Leaders: Dorothea Maynard 442; Sarah Beasley, Dorothea Maynard, and Tina Marquez 146, 406; Tina Marquez 354b; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 127; Don Keeton 317, 112; Glenn Keeton and Joshua Keeton “Joshua”, “Ashley”.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenn Keeton leading 270. Leaders: Joey Clingan 132, 106; Juanita Beasley 61, 63; Julia Poston 40, 78; Glenn Keeton and Isabella Keeton 282 (for Bernice Wakefield); Gwen Cornelius and Joey Clingan 490; Gwen Cornelius 517 (WB); Jerome McVay 135, 45t; Theresa Westmoreland 192; Nicholas Thompson 216; Tina Marquez and Dorothea Maynard 79, 81t; Becky Briggs 387; Ken Tate 368; Lisa Geist 436 (for Parnell Berry); Danny Creel 145t; Lisa Geist 304 (by request); Marlin Beasley, Jonathan Marquez, and Joshua Marquez 30t.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton, Joshua Keeton, and Lena Keeton led 267 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton

FURMAN UNIVERSITY SINGING

**Daniel Recital Hall, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina
Saturday, May 7, 2016**

The 19th annual Furman University Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in May in the Daniel Recital Hall of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina. Frances Carnell called the class to order leading 21 (CH). John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

The first morning session was from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition. Leaders: Frances Carnell 22t (CH); Dave Farmer 107 (CH); Robert Kelley 75 (CH); Mary Baumeister 23t (CH); Chris Wilhelm 224 (CH); Jonathan Wood 26b (CH); Elie Snyder 302 (CH); Steve Walker 167t (CH); John Plunkett 260b (CH); Billy Hollingsworth 25b (CH); John Hollingsworth 136 (CH); Phil Perrin 360 (CH); Jacob Lindler 72t (CH); Mike Spencer 310t (CH); Ashley Bowen 157 (CH); David Libbey 67b (CH); Leon Carnell 346 (CH); Chris Berg 58b (CH).

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected for 2017: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister.

RECESS

The second morning session was from *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition. Leaders: Frances Carnell 153; Dave Farmer 324; Robert Kelley 128; Mary Baumeister 309; Chris Wilhelm 74t; Jonathan Wood 26; Elie Snyder 375; Steve Walker 569b; John Plunkett 284; Billy Hollingsworth 121; Phil Perrin 354b; Jacob Lindler 32b; Mike Spencer 370; Ashley Bowen 59; David Libbey 354t; Leon Carnell 547. Grace was offered by John Plunkett.

LUNCH

The first afternoon session was from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition. Leaders: Dave Farmer 294 (CH); Robert Kelley 264 (CH); Mary Baumeister 424 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 300 (CH); Jonathan Wood 199 (CH); Elie Snyder 154 (CH); Steve Walker 30t (CH); John Plunkett 284 (CH) (for Mother's Day); Billy Hollingsworth 193 (CH); John Hollingsworth 82t (CH); Phil Perrin 249 (CH); Jacob Lindler 59t (CH); Mike Spencer 404b (CH); Ashley Bowen 85 (CH); David Libbey 303 (CH); Zack Allen 130b (CH); Frances Carnell 82b (CH).

RECESS

The second afternoon session was from *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition. Leaders: Frances Carnell 314; Dave Farmer 532; Robert Kelley 172; Mary Baumeister 412; Chris Wilhelm 168; Jonathan Wood 27; Elie Snyder 399b; Steve Walker 107; John Plunkett 227; Billy Hollingsworth 28t; Phil Perrin 155; Jacob Lindler 288; Mike Spencer 308; Ashley Bowen 455; Henry Branson 208; Nick Gattis 276; David Libbey 224; Leon Carnell 198; Dave Farmer, Henry Branson, Emily Sigmon, and Kerby Baier 178.

Frances Carnell led 347 as the closing song. Leon Carnell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

MID-MICHIGAN SINGING

Okemos, Michigan

Saturday, May 7, 2016

The 8th annual Mid-Michigan All-Day singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church by Len VanderJagt leading 59. Wendy Wahn gave the benediction.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Len VanderJagt; Vice Chairman—Molly McGuire; Finance Officer—Marian Mitchell; Arranging Officer and Secretary—Anne Missavage. Leaders: Marian Mitchell 42; Barbara VanderJagt 63; Martha Beverly 171; Wendy Wahn 138t; Bob Borcharding 142; Peter Trumbore 299; Liz Geaslin 37b; David Stowe 268; Ann Miczulski 282; Will Fitzgerald 417; Jamie Yeats 466; Linda Selph 68b; Bill Beverly 25; Cecilia Kramer 157; Jan May 99; Idy Kiser 312b; John Seaton 48t; Chuck Crawford 287.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Anne Missavage leading 155. Leaders: Charlotte Wolfe 128; Gillian Inksetter 422; Ted Mercer 300; Linda Heemsterk 148; Janelle Davis 480; Pleasance Crawford 297; Mark Clague 410t; Catherine Brown 535; Judy Hauff 475; Showey Howey 87; Beth Fitzgerald 86; Len VanderJagt 350; Barbara VanderJagt 496; Marian Mitchell 528; Wendy Wahn 114; Bob Borcharding 497; Martha Beverly 383; David Stowe 126; Liz Geaslin 426t; Peter Trumbore 497.

RECESS

Molly McBride led 159 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Linda Selph 217; Marcy Toon and Charlotte Wolfe 344; Nate Zweig 432; Marian Mitchell 335; Ann Miczulski 361; Bill Beverly and Shari Krishnan 547; Jamie Yeats 39t; Jan May 474; Len VanderJagt 452. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Wendy Wahn.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Bob Borcharding leading 31b. Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 230; John Seaton 47t; Idy Kiser 362; Chuck Crawford 34b; Charlotte Wolfe 196; Cecilia Kramer 464; Gillian Inksetter 147t; Nate Zweig 146; Janelle Davis 448t; Pleasance Crawford 448b; Ted Mercer 431; Mark Clague 543; Judy Hauff 536; Linda Heemsterk 127; Bess Fitzgerald 565.

RECESS

Anne Missavage led 176t to bring the class together. Leaders: Catherine Brown 66; Peter Trumbore 313b; Linda Selph 384; Wendy Wahn 501; Barbara VanderJagt 209; Jan May 228; John Seaton 89; Gillian Inksetter 542; Jamie Yeats 107; Chuck Crawford 546; Ted Mercer 569t; Pleasance Crawford 172; Janelle Davis 178. Announcements were made. Len VanderJagt led 347 as the closing song. Wendy Wahn offered the closing blessing, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Len VanderJagt; Vice Chairman—Molly McGuire; Secretary—Anne Missavage

BOSTON SINGING

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brookline, Massachusetts

Saturday, May 7, 2016

The 7th annual Boston All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brookline, Massachusetts, on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Willis McCumber leading 47t. Micah John Walter offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Laura Borrelli; Vice Chairman—Christina Wallin; Secretaries—Emily Hale Sills and Micah John Walter.

Leaders: Laura Borrelli 335; Christina Wallin 72b; Emily Hale Sills and Micah John Walter 31t; Deidra Montgomery and Brian Harris 33b; Joanna Lieberman and Natalie Lieberman 37b; Mel Novner and Lisa Keegan 183; Bill Holt 191; Robert Dove 473; Zoë Madonna and Porter James 315; Ben Bath 217; George Dymont 215; George Pomfret 299; Tara Mulder 326; Ron Trial 276; Jessica Holland and Bill Holt

168; Ross Parker 474; Jesse Vear 432; Christopher Kain 282; Devereux Fuller 196; Richard Schmeidler 268; Mike Richards 426t; Bob Parr 112; Elizabeth Stoddard 165; Álvaro Witt Duarte 445.

RECESS

Micah John Walter called the class back to order leading 388. Leaders: Becky Wright 272; Vale Cofer-Shabica 495; Lynne deBenedette 162; Philippa Stoddard 296; Ian Quinn 416; Kelsey Ivey 214; Andre Kuney 99; Ivy Hauser 123b; Charles Biada 60; Mary Skidmore 548; Nicholas Tuff 448b; Doug Donley 198; Ines Lüttgen 43; Leon Pulsinelle 441; Julius Pasay 111b; Leah Velleman and Álvaro Witt Duarte 68b; Chris Coughlin 512; Gwen Gethner 270; Richard Ivey 170; Paula Picton 171; Andrew Forsthoefel 542; Joanne Fuller 532; Chris Noren 507; Kshama Ananthapura 384; Angharad Davis 480. Leah Velleman offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ben Vincent brought the class back to order leading 34t. Leaders: Liz Cantrell 142; Richard Ivey 411; Gwen Gethner 349; James Baumgartner 73t; Kelsey Ivey 444; Laura Hodges 394; Tom Malone 395; Pat Callahan 436; Doug Donley 344; Molly Bledsoe 380; Leon Pulsinelle 65; Emily Hancock 277; John Travers 66; Amy Valladares 383; Ian Quinn and Charles Biada 488; Laura Clawson 186; Andre Kuney 547; Joanne Fuller 500; Willis McCumber 385b; Mary Skidmore 269; Ivy Hauser and Becky Wright 447; Brian Harris 375; Jesse Vear and Elizabeth Stoddard 197; Julius Pasay 406; Liz Patton 376; Mike Richards and Vale Cofer-Shabica 546; Chris Coughlin, Deidra Montgomery, and Rachel Rudi 336.

RECESS

Ben Bath led 192 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Eli Hetko 105; Richard Schmeidler 254; Emily Hancock and Philippa Stoddard 76b; Andrew Forsthoefel 504; Leah Velleman 53; Angharad Davis 379; Ben Vincent 442; Ines Lüttgen 453; Liz Cantrell and Ron Trial 455; Paula Picton and Kassie Urban-Mead 292; Mel Novner 400; Tara Mulder and Ross Parker 477; Tom Malone and Joanna Lieberman 318; Zoë Madonna and Christopher Kain 146; Robert Dove and George Pomfret 515; Kshama Ananthapura and Richard Ivey 216; Bob Parr 391; Bill Holt 550.

A business session was held to hear reports. The Secretaries reported that sixty-five leaders had led a total of ninety-eight songs. The Finance Committee reported that expenses had been met. The Resolutions Committee, led by Mel Novner, thanked those who had organized and helped with the singing as well as everyone in attendance, and resolved to meet again the following year on Saturday before the second Sunday in May.

Following announcements, Laura Borrelli, Christina Wallin, Micah John Walter, and Emily Hale Sills led 62 as the parting hand was taken. Brian Harris offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Laura Borrelli; Vice Chairman—Christina Wallin; Secretaries—Emily Hale Sills and Micah John Walter

MEMPHIS SINGING

Grace Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee Saturday, May 7, 2016

The 5th annual Memphis Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Matt Bell leading 28t. Logan Green offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Matt Bell 30b; Logan Green 102, 285t; Michael Jones 497, 499; Kathryn Green 157, 128; Roy Beauchamp 47b, 213t; Warren Steel 172, 173; Gordon Bigelow 163b, 38b.

RECESS

Matt Bell brought the class together by leading 171. Leaders: Robert Green 150, 40;

Joe Thompson 66, 479; Jeff Corbett 99, 503; Bobby Neyman 309, 347; Rachel Green 148, 82t; Anne Steel 318, 61; Davis Beauchamp 47t, 277; Harris Beauchamp 56b, 163t; Andrew Beauchamp 122, 328; Nancy Graham 126, 222. Robert Green asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Seth Guess and Matt Bell opened the afternoon session by leading 358 and 143. Leaders: Robert Green 142, 137; Logan Green 227, 111b; Nathan Guess and Matt Bell 376, 146; Stephanie Beauchamp and Michael Jones 39b, 74b; Melissa Beauchamp 504, 458; Matt Bell and Justin Siebert 377; Warren Steel “Hurricane Creek”; Charles Schulz 159, 141; Rachel Green 106; Warren Steel 236; Anne Steel and Ellen Rardin 348b, 282; Dalton Green 189, 107; Seth Guess 117; Kathryn Green and Logan Green 269; Dalton Green 192; Charles Schulz 312b.

Following announcements, Matt Bell led 62 as the closing song, and then thanked everyone present for attending. Keifor Beauchamp offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman and Secretary—Matt Bell

AUGUSTA SACRED HARP SINGING

Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, Martinez, Georgia Saturday, May 7, 2016

The 7th annual Augusta Sacred Harp Singing was held at Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, Martinez, Georgia, on Saturday before the first Sunday in May. Gene Pinion began the meeting with a singing school, and led 49t and 569t. After the presentation, Joyce Heath welcomed everyone and the class sang 31t. John Gentry offered the opening prayer.

The class was called to order by Joyce Heath at 10:00 a.m. leading 212. Leaders: Richard Noegel 84, 78; Dawn Stanford 457, 159; Agnes Roberts 358, 143; Gene Pinion 100, 186; John Gentry 290, 29b; Chandler Thigpen 59, 154.

RECESS

Joyce Heath brought the class back to order by leading 217 and 215. Leaders: Thomas Smith 490, 72b; Sharon Strong 299, 218; Rob Dylan 38b, 89; Liz Blount 338; Tom Ivey 504, 505; Richard Noegel 268; Joyce Heath 340, 339. John Gentry asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Joyce Heath called the class back to order at 1:00 p.m. The class entered into a business session with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Richard Noegel; Co-Chairman—Joyce Heath; Secretary—Diane Goldman.

Leaders: Joyce Heath 201, 168; John Gentry 229, 47b; Dawn Stanford 65, 178; Agnes Roberts 64, 40; Gene Pinion 448b, 448t; John Gentry 163b; Chandler Thigpen 99, 318; Thomas Smith 162, 282; Sharon Strong 188, 344; Rob Dylan 274b, 45t.

RECESS

Joyce Heath brought the class back to order. Leaders: Liz Blount 393; Tom Ivey 82b, 242; John Gentry 102; Gene Pinion 263; Sharon Stone and Diane Goldman 501; Chandler Thigpen 439; Tom Gentry 515, 266.

Announcements were made. Joyce Heath thanked all who attended and helped with this year’s singing, and led 62 as the closing song. John Gentry offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Joyce Heath; Vice Chairman—Richard Noegel; Secretary—Diane Goldman

BRISTOL SINGING

Shirehampton Public Hall, Bristol, United Kingdom

Saturday, May 7, 2016

The 3rd Bristol All-Day Singing was called to order at Shirehampton Public Hall by Barry Parsons leading 176t. Marcos Sullivan offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kate Kirwan 59; Sue Lord 34b; Steve Brett 144; Leilai Immel 49t; Bridget McVennon 88b; Phil Owen 101t; Sarah West 389; Marcos Sullivan 344; Rachel Wemyss 335; Michael Walker 146 (for Steve Atkinson); Leila Gamaz 28t; Judy Whiting 77b; Charlie Williams 99; Fionnuala Kirby and Liam Kirby 42; Toby Goss 288; Susannah Gill 200; Mandy Townsend 318; Crispin Walker 567; Cath Saunt 110; Edwin Macadam 361; Grace Eileen 216; Sarah Hill 127; Nick Hall 515.

RECESS

Emma Hooper called the class back to order leading 277. Leaders: Chloe Somers 203; Piers Blewett 113; Eimear O'Donovan 222; Ed Johnson-Williams 411; Sheila Girling Macadam 489; Joel Wallenberg 66; Helen Brown 542; Francis Gaskin 487; Vicki Elliott 340; Dave Townsend 273; Leila Gamaz 48b.

The combined memorial lesson and sick and housebound lesson was conducted by Phil Owen. Phil talked about the premiere of Vaughan William's 'The Lark Ascending', which took place in the hall in 1920. The piece evokes images of both war and tranquility. The following sick and housebound were honored: Earlis McGraw, Jeannette DePoy, Geoffrey Reudle, Martin Bloom, Josie Bloom, Stephanie Ramamurthy, Ann Hilton, Adrian Hilton, Jackie Saunders, Brian Mitchell, Ruth Steggles, Karen Turner, Melanie Hauff, Roland Higson, Cath Tyler, B.M. Smith, Johnny Lee, Delores Lee, Helen Bushell, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Shelby Sampson, Gordon Hoyland, Lucy Chadwick, Peter Southern, Reginald Brett, Dorothy Allen, and Dave Richardson.

The following deceased were remembered: Steve Atkinson—Mount Sorrel; George Garner—Georgia, USA; Hester Edwards and Robert Dupree—Alabama, USA; Mike Spittal, Gillian Woodward, and Dawn Smith—London; Margaret Owen—Eynsham; Mary Newell—Dalton; Ian Whiting—Barrow-on-Humber; Eileen McDougall—France; Eileen Wilson—Nailsea; Tom Robinson and Jerry Wright—Texas, USA; Caroline Ritson's mother—Abingdon; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania, USA; Kath Mountstephen—Kingswood; and Dave Smith—Derby. Phil led 69t.

Leaders: Chris Brown 492; Teresa Maguire 56b; Rachel Jordan 500; Joe Jones 108b; Hannah Land 112; Rebecca Over 397; Ted Brown 111b; Steve Fletcher 315; Elise Cavicchi 299; Ross Harbison 192; Erin Johnson-Williams 532; Eva Striebeck 573; Bryan Seale 387; Alison Brown 180; Kate Coxon 564; Matthew Parkinson 75. The blessing before lunch was given by Leila Gamaz.

LUNCH

Sue Lord called the class back to order leading 288. Leaders: Cath Saunt 327; Piers Blewett 430; Gerben Vos 171; Hauke Grunefeld 472; Lisa O'Grady 491; Kate Coxon 383; Helen Brown 479; Michael Walker 456; Rachel Jordan 269; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 117; Joe Jones 280; Bryan Seale 436; Elise Cavicchi 58; Sarah Hill 434; Susannah Gill 440; Nick Hall 455; Eva Striebeck 379; Eimear O'Donovan 506; Bridget McVennon and Marcos Sullivan 213t; Rebecca Over 380; Hannah Land 91; Ed Johnson-Williams 32t; Mandy Townsend 448t.

RECESS

Phil Owen called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Liam Kirby 232; Alison Brown 228; Ross Harbison 377; Matthew Parkinson and Sam Cole 378t; Lisa O'Grady 278b; Steve Brett 499; Francis Gaskin 141; Steve Fletcher 183; Erin

Johnson-Williams 512; Gerben Vos 49b; Sarah West 541; Chris Brown 544; Emma Hooper, Charlie Williams, and Aubrey Hooper 268; Crispin Walker 133; Sue Lord 122; Judy Whiting 208; Kate Kirwan 292; Chloe Somers 209.

Barry Parsons made closing announcements, thanking all those involved in the organization and running of the day, and thanking those who had traveled to sing. Sue Lord reported that ninety-seven songs had been sung by sixty-three registered singers, with fifty-four leaders representing six countries (UK, Ireland, Germany, USA, Netherlands, and Peru). Bridget McVennon gave the Treasurer's report, stating that all expenses had been met.

Barry Parsons led 62 as the closing song. Ed Johnson-Williams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Barry Parsons; Vice Chairman—Kate Kirwan; Secretary—Sue Lord

ALASKA SACRED HARP CRUISE

Juneau to Sitka

May 13-20, 2016

A group of Sacred Harp singers participated in an eight day/seven night chartered cruise through Inside Passage of SE Alaska, beginning in Juneau and ending in Sitka, Alaska. In addition to whale watching, glacier viewing, beachcombing, and other site-seeing activities, there was daily singing from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and the B.F. White Sacred Harp, 2012 *Cooper Edition*.

Thursday, May 12

Pre-cruise evening singing, the Hanger Ballroom, Juneau

Steve Helwig called the class to order leading 39t. Leaders: David Ivey 155; Scott DePoy 277; Betsy Jeronen 548; Leslie Booher 163b; Paul Figura 452; Kathy Williams 276; Charlotte Ehrman 99; Shirley Figura 32t; Jerry Creason 77t; Patti Sontag 28b; Linda Sides 215; Jerry Schreiber 202; Liz Patton 313b; Dorothy Robinson 349; Les Sontag 178; Karen Ivey 203; Cornelia Stanton 473; Jeannette DePoy 300; Kari Lundgren 344; Roberta Strauss 436; Gail Doss 148; Anne Drexler 87; Susan Cheronos 564; Karen Ivey 187 (for Richard and Kelsey Ivey).

Friday, May 13

Cooper Book singing prior to boarding, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, hosted by Reverend Gordon Blue, Juneau

Steve Helwig called the class to order leading 39 (CB). Leaders: David Ivey 414 (CB); Charlotte Ehrman 393 (CB); Lucinda Saue 463 (CB); Paul Figura 475 (CB); Les Sontag 239 (CB); Greg Saue 38t (CB); Gail Doss 38b (CB); Kathy Williams 140 (CB); Nancy Britton 286b (CB); Jeannette DePoy 63 (CB); Karen Ivey 410 (CB); Pat Temple 505 (CB); Linda Sides 571 (CB); Roberta Strauss 96 (CB); Cornelia Stanton 559 (CB); Leslie Booher 392 (CB).

Saturday, May 14

Glacier Bay, 4:00 p.m.

Liz Patton called the class to order leading 46. Cornelia Stanton offered the opening prayer. Kari Lundgren welcomed all to the cruise. Leaders: Kari Lundgren 350; Scott DePoy 274t; Dorothy Robinson 506; Mary Wright 35; Mary Skidmore 564; Charley Basham 532; Anne Drexler 335; Shirley Figura 318; Lynn Basham 218; Jerry Schreiber 538; Sylvia Friske 38b; Barbara Swetman 542; Betsy Jeronen 422; Pamela Minor 569b; Lucinda Saue 168; Paul Figura 38t; Cornelia Stanton 349; Karen Ivey 129; Les Sontag 86; Roberta Strauss 142; Linda Sides 448t; Barbara Swetman and Alice Haldane 159; Charlotte Ehrman 486. Susan Cheronos offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Sunday, May 15

Tracy Arm, 4:00 p.m.

Pat Temple called the class to order leading 128. Kathy Williams offered the opening prayer. David Ivey conducted a class on women composers in the Sacred Harp. David spoke briefly about each composer, giving historical background and anecdotal stories. The class then sang the songs composed by women in chronological order. Leaders: Gail Doss 275b; Liz Patton 448b; Kathy Williams 406; Mary Skidmore 374; Lucinda Saue 345b; Mary Wright 112; Roberta Strauss 460; Shirley Figura 378b; Nancy Britton 426t; Kari Lundgren 438; Leslie Booher 367; Betsy Jeronen 26; Barbara Swetman 446; Mary Skidmore 534; Paul Figura 543; Mary Wright 545; Greg Saue 551; Steve Helwig 491; Sylvia Friske 77b; Cornelia Stanton 466; Linda Sides 504; Jerry Creason 348t; Jerry Schreiber 368; Dorothy Robinson 547. David Ivey remarked that six of these songs composed by women were in the top one hundred in terms of frequency of use, according to the Minutes Book. Kathy Williams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Monday, May 16

Sons of Norway Hall, Petersburg, 11:00 a.m.

Steve Helwig called the class to order leading 369. Leslie Booher offered the opening prayer. David Ivey gave a brief overview of the Sacred Harp for the impressive number of Petersburg locals who came to experience the singing. The entire singing was recorded and broadcast on Petersburg radio station KFSK. Leaders: Pamela Minor 84; Scott DePoy 201; Charley Basham 174; Susan Cheronen and Sue Menefee 300; David Ivey 45t; Charlotte Ehrman 147t; Lynn Basham 479; Les Sontag 31t; Karen Ivey 182; Jeannette DePoy 36b; Betsy Jeronen 440; Liz Patton 291; Jerry Schreiber 236; Leslie Booher 154; Cornelia Stanton 454; Pat Temple and the Sons of Norway Hall Cookie Ladies 72b; Kathy Williams 222; Linda Sides 480; Paul Figura 73t; Anne Drexler 99; Kari Lundgren 344. Leslie Booher offered the closing prayer. The class thanked the Sons of Norway Hall staff and volunteers for their generous hospitality, and class was dismissed.

Tuesday, May 17

Thomas Bay, 4:00 p.m.

Steve Helwig called the class to order leading 355 (CB). Steve Helwig offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Susan Cheronen 132 (CB); Cornelia Stanton 500 (CB); Mary Skidmore 38t (CB); Dorothy Robinson 105b (CB); Barbara Swetman 463 (CB); Mary Wright 290 (CB); Patti Sontag 293t (CB); Gail Doss 137 (CB); Greg Saue 563 (CB); Karen Ivey 465 (CB) (for Coy Ivey); Charlotte Ehrman 518 (CB); Roberta Strauss 478 (CB); Kari Lundgren 210 (CB); Leslie Booher 319 (CB); Jerry Schreiber 485 (CB); Linda Sides 505 (CB); David Ivey 572 (CB); Cornelia Stanton 229 (CB). Steve Helwig offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Wednesday, May 18

Near Five Fingers Lighthouse, Frederick Sound, 4:00 p.m.

Charley Basham called the class to order leading 515. Roberta Strauss offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Lucinda Saue 178; Kathy Williams 200; Liz Patton 339; Ann Sibole 146; Scott DePoy 65 (for his parents); Pat Temple 59; Mary Wright 312t; Paul Figura 496; Kari Lundgren 353; Charlotte Ehrman 287; Shirley Figura 361; Les Sontag 86; Mary Skidmore 269; Roberta Strauss 441; Jerry Schreiber 553; Cornelia Stanton 150; Nancy Britton 472; Pamela Minor 312b. Roberta Strauss offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Thursday, May 19

Near Baranof Warm Springs, 4:00 p.m.

Steve Helwig called the class to order leading 373. Scott DePoy offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Lucinda Saue 65; Jerry Creason 278t; Charley Basham 183; Betsy

Jeronen 215. Kathy Williams gave an overview of the history and significance of the memorial lesson. She spoke about those who have gone before, and the importance of what they have passed down to us.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mary Skidmore and Leslie Booher. Mary Skidmore spoke for the following sick and shut-ins and led 330b on their behalf: Susan Harcrow, Charlie Derleth, Geraldine Sharpton, Norma Green, Nate Green, Coy Ivey, Ottis Sides, Velton Chafin, Willodean Barton, Janelle Davis, Ann Jett, Earlis McGraw, Robin Gillespie, Joanne DeVoe, Bill Davis, Edward Swetman, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Eloise Wootten, and Louise Holland.

Leslie Booher spoke for the following deceased and led 163b in their memory: Ron Huss—California; Robert DePoy, Jacob A. Larsen—Georgia; Fran Ross, Tammi Ziola—Oregon; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Janice Postman—Oklahoma; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Roger McCarthy—New York; Litefoot—Alabama; Gwen Williams—Mississippi. Linda Sides closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Roberta Strauss 456 (for Geraldine Sharpton); Karen Ivey 430 (for Susan Harcrow); Jerry Schreiber 169 (in memory of Ron Huss); Linda Sides 225t; Pat Temple 473; Susan Cheronos 209 (in memory of Litefoot); Steve Helwig 59 (in memory of Stanly Edwards); Kathy Williams 273 (for her mother); Dorothy Robinson 448t (in memory of Tammi Ziola); Greg Saue 143 (in memory of Leta Marshall); Cornelia Stanton 276.

David Ivey thanked the Memorial Committee for a fine job in honoring those who could not be with us and those who have gone on. David and the class also showed appreciation to the staff of the Baranof Dream cruise ship for their excellent service and attention to detail, and to the parent company, Alaska Dream Cruises, for their excellent service and organizational skill in making this cruise possible. David also recognized Kari Lundgren and Steve Helwig for their hard work in organizing and planning. Steve and Kari thanked Cornelia Stanton as the person who had the original idea of a Sacred Harp cruise. Steve Helwig and Kari Lundgren led 454 as the closing song. Susan Cheronos offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Friday, May 20

Post cruise singing, Sitka Lutheran Church, Sitka

Kari Lundgren called the class to order leading 46. Steve Helwig offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Steve Helwig 560; Patti Sontag 268; Sylvia Friske 39t; Liz Patton 504; Mary Wright 480; Scott DePoy 201; Barbara Swetman 497; Charlotte Ehrman 157; Jeanette DePoy 475; David Ivey 530; Roberta Strauss 474 (in memory of Loraine Bayer); Lucinda Saue 503; Leslie Booher 535; Karen Ivey 67; Jerry Schreiber 362; Betsy Jeronen 564; Pat Temple 566; Tom Crane 288; Steve Helwig and Sue Menefee 48t; Les Sontag 49b; Mary Skidmore 245; Kathy Williams 208; Anne Drexler 87; Cornelia Stanton 318; Charley Basham 323t; Shirley Figura 213t; Nancy Britton 228; Sarah Beaver-Fujioka 82t; Paul Figura 282; Jerry Schreiber 347. Kari Lundgren thanked the local singers in Sitka who came to sing with those on the cruise. The class thanked the local Sitka singers for their warm hospitality, and their extraordinary post-cruise dinner on the ground. Kathy Williams offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Cruise Co-directors—Kari Lundgren, Steve Helwig, and David Ivey

KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP SINGING St. Raphael's Episcopal Church, Lexington, Kentucky Saturday, May 14, 2016

The 35th annual Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Ron Pen. After making a few announcements about the singing and the facilities, and offering a prayer, Ron led 549 (Hesperian Harp). *The Sacred Harp, 1991*

Edition, and *Southern Harmony* were used throughout the day.

Leaders: Alana Boltz 277; Joy Dunn 503; Tanner Jones 347; Mary Brinkman 49b; Donna Kwon 335; Tim Morton 127; Paul Wyatt 125; Zach Davis 16 (SoH) (for Jim Thobaben); Keith MacAdam 178; Tom Morton 209; Stephen Huffman 36b; Bob French 47b; Mary Huffman 276.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ron Pen. Leaders: Zach Davis 322 (SoH); John Huffman 327; Randy Webber 515 (for Howard Carlberg); Ben Fink 159; Glenn Koenig and Randy Webber 126; Zach Davis 344 (for Susan Liddle); John McCluskey and Ben Fink 197; Gwen Johnson and Ben Fink 457; Randy Webber 236 (for Shirley Carlberg); Judy Taylor 193; Traci Cornett and Stephen Huffman 284; Ron Pen 455; Randy Webber and Marguerite Emmons 186.

RECESS

Joy Dunn led 542 to bring the class together. Leaders: Randy Webber 504; Tanner Jones 339; Doug Trent 59; Ron Pen 146; Alana Boltz 128; Zach Davis 117 (for Jillian Lykens); Mary Brinkman 313b.

Zach Davis conducted the memorial lesson. Joy Dunn memorialized her Aunt Elvadeen Dunn, saying that they would have long telephone conversations and that Elvadeen would have singings at her home once a year. Elvadeen was a Kentuckian, and died in 2016. Joy led 278b (SoH). Ron Pen read a brief encomium to honor his mother, Yvonne. Yvonne would sing during family musicales, and would sing lullabies to Ron and his sister, including occasional up-tempo numbers she knew from her chorus line days, touring with the Three Stooges. An actress, singer and dancer, Yvonne was the subject of many photographs. Ron led 118. Tom Morton remembered Mary Catherine Hayes, Bill Hayes's mother. Catherine was a Kentuckian, and died at the age of 94 just before the 2016 Harrods Creek Singing. Tom led 421. Tim Morton spoke of Oliver Kindig-Stokes, a Pennsylvania singer, who died in an auto accident in October of 2015. Tim led 176t. Bob French remembered Lorrain Cannon, a long-time friend of his from Australia, who died in April, 2016. She had visited him in Lexington numerous times and had attended folk singings and Sacred Harp singings. Bob led 312b. Randy Webber memorialized Loraine Bayer of Ohio, who died of cancer in 2015. Randy mentioned Loraine's famous rainbow Jello salad/dessert, and led 38 (SoH).

Zach read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Brenda (Begie) Rechenberg (Ed Walton led 565); Norma Green (Stephen Huffman led 569t); Nancy Wyatt (Paul Wyatt reported that his wife, Nancy, is doing better after surgery, and then led 285t in memory of his deceased father, Wilton (Roy) Wyatt of Alabama). Zach Davis remembered his adopted grandfather, Terry White, a regular singer with the Lexington-based group, who had been ill for a number of years and died the day before the 2015 Kentucky Annual Singing. Zach felt that his relationship with Terry was what saved Terry spiritually, as Terry had not really had a religious faith before meeting Zach. Zach led 410t. That concluded the memorial lesson. Jim Thobaben asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Randy Webber leading 79. Leaders: Zach Davis and Marcy Thobaben 268; Annaliza Cull 472; Laura Earles 148; Brenda Waters and Annaliza Cull 535; Zach Davis 201 (for David Beshear); Michele Cull 300; Ben Fink 254 (for Mary Brinkman); John Huffman and Kay Huffman 147t; Ben Fink 522; Zach Davis and Gwen Johnson 524; Tim Morton 424; Paul Wyatt 464; Mary Brinkman and Ben Fink 481 (for Jim Thobaben); Ed Walton and Michele Cull 143.

RECESS

The class was reconvened by Tom Morton leading 496. Leaders: Zach Davis 107; Stephen Huffman 48t; Bob French 338; Mary Huffman 165 (SoH); Zach Davis 15 (SoH); Joy Dunn 34b; Doug Trent 480; Ron Pen 163b; Randy Webber 218; Laura Earles 278b; Brenda Waters 49t; Michele Cull 46; John Huffman 149; Ben Fink 549; Gwen Johnson and Ben Fink 282; Tim Morton 74b; Paul Wyatt 53; Zach Davis 45t (for Betsy Fleischer).

Randy Webber thanked everyone for coming, especially those who had come a long distance. Announcements were made. The class sang 267 as the closing song. All who wanted shared the parting hand, and the class was dismissed at 3:10 p.m.

Chairman and Treasurer—Charles H. Coulston; Secretary—Mary Brinkman

WASHINGTON SACRED HARP SINGING

Washington United Methodist Church, Washington, Arkansas

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Robert Vaughn made the opening remarks and talked about plain tunes, and then led 49t (CB). Dan Brittain spoke about tune names and fuguing tunes, and then led 36b (CB). Gaylon Powell spoke about anthems, and then led 239 (CB).

A business session was held and the following officers were elected:

Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Vice Chairman—B.R. Black; Secretary—Katy Black;

Chaplain—Rev. Keenan Williams; Arranging Officer—Gaylon Powell.

Rev. Williams welcomed the class, and stated that this church is the oldest Methodist church in Arkansas under continuous appointment since 1820. He spoke of the history in this area, and offered prayer.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 40 (CB); Katy Black 472, 384; Andrew Albers 452, 95; Will Sims 47b, 178; Waymon Minor 54t (CB), 314 (CB); Eddie Huckaby 276, 49b.

RECESS

Robert Vaughn called the class back to order leading 109. Leaders: Sonya Kirkham 559 (CB), 475 (CB); Chris Nicholson 293b (CB), 264t (CB); Kristie Powell 86, 277; Peggy Ray 569b, 143; Dan Brittain 345b, 278b; Gaylon Powell 350, 271t; Katy Black 107, 217; Andrew Albers 292b (CB), 401 (CB); Will Sims 587 (CB), 71; Waymon Minor 269, 195.

LUNCH

Robert Vaughn called the class back to order leading 95b (CB). Leaders: Eddie Huckaby 448b, 504; Sonya Kirkham 30t, 99; Chris Nicholson 490, 290; Peggy Ray 573 (CB), 507b (CB); Kristie Powell 138t (CB), 514 (CB); Dan Brittain 417, 43; Gaylon Powell 372 (CB), 484 (CB); Katy Black 313b; Andrew Albers 267b (CB). Announcements were made. A singing school may be planned for next year.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 82 (CB); Will Sims 125 (CB); Waymon Minor 280; Eddie Huckaby 209; Kristie Powell 45t; Sonya Kirkham 268t (CB); Chris Nicholson 81b; Peggy Ray 67; Dan Brittain 315 (CB); Gaylon Powell 543.

Robert Vaughn and Keenan Williams led 535 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Keenan Williams.

Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Vice Chairman—B.R. Black; Secretary—Katy Black

ST. JOSEPH'S ON THE MOUNTAIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Mentone, Alabama

Saturday, May 14, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church, Mentone, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May was called to order by Elizabeth Gentry leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Justin Bowen.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Elizabeth Gentry; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Cindy Tanner.

Leaders: Elizabeth Gentry 76b; Cindy Tanner 123t, 275b; Robert Chambless 72b, 225t; B.M. Smith 475, 389; Robert Walker 143, 480; Mary Blake Thompson 85, 335; Nathan Stewart 396; Claudene Townson 39t; Isaac Stiefel 146, 268; Lisa Bennett 316, 434.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Cindy Tanner leading 138b. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 293, 298; Loyd Ivey 204, 208; Isaac Green 24b, 282; Nate Green 67; David Smead 409, 410t; Judy Chambless 29t, 209; John Plunkett 420, 471; Justin Bowen and Sierra Cope 290, 222; Sandra Wilkinson 168, 176t.

RECESS

Elizabeth Gentry led 361 to bring the class to order. Leaders: David Brodeur 512, 513; Danny Creel 428, 485; Drew Smith 42, 183; Judy Mincey 464, 492; Syble Adams 472; Syble Adams and Scott Ivey 445; Loretta Smith, Amy Smith, and David Smith 274t, 317; Tom George 337, 278t; Sandy Ivey and Brianna Wells 201, 56t; Cheyenne Ivey and Brianna Wells 349, 542; Rodney Ivey 314.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Elizabeth Gentry leading 32t. Leaders: Bridgett Hill Kennedy 37b, 276; Lilly Gentry and Cheyenne Ivey 401; Scott Ivey and Brianna Wells 326, 216; B.M. Smith 318; Robert Walker and David Kearley 569b; Mary Blake Thompson 440; Robert Chambless 66; Isaac Stiefel 277; Lisa Bennett 340 (for Earlis McGraw); Andy Ditzler 34t; Nathan Stewart 304; Isaac Green, Elizabeth Fields, Justin Bowen, and Sierra Cope 133; David Smead 377; John Plunkett 197; Justin Bowen and Bryan Fields 546; Sandra Wilkinson 345t; David Brodeur 501; Danny Creel and Cindy Tanner 498 (for Ann Jett); Judy Mincey 180; Tom George 101b; Syble Adams 63; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 101t (for Betty Shepherd); Scott Ivey 230; Elizabeth Gentry 319.

Announcements were made. Elizabeth Gentry led 347 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Elizabeth Gentry; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

MONTREAL SINGING

Santropol Roulant, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Saturday, May 14, 2016

The first all-afternoon Sacred Harp singing, hosted by the Montreal Sacred Harp Singers, was brought to order by Isabelle Gervais Chapman. An introductory singing school for beginners was conducted by Dara Weiss and Isabelle Gervais Chapman. Dara Weiss led 49t, 39, and 155.

RECESS

Masti-Denise Mayrand led 47t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Sunny Doyle 312b; Michele Briand 45t; Ruth Dorfler 448t; Robert Stoddard 300; Ines Lutngen 448b; Trod Richmond 95; Phillipe Doyle 163b; Elizabeth Stoddard 171; Annie-Lou Chester 47b; Jamie Ross 378b; Doron Henkin 179; Hugh Thomas 276. Hugh Thomas offered an opening prayer, after which Masti-Denise Mayrand led 178.

RECESS

Dara Weiss led 376 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Sunny Doyle 146; Hugh Thomas 474; Anna Mays 475; George Dymont 215; Isabelle Gervais Chapman and Elizabeth Stoddard 436; Mastaneh Mayrand 421; Elizabeth Stoddard 162; Michele Briand 455; Doron Henkin 71; Trod Richmond 56b; Sunny Doyle and Philip Doyle 235; Robert Stoddard 480; Annie-Lou Chester 479; Ines Lutngen 74t;

Jamie Ross 410t.

RECESS

Isabelle Gervais Chapman led 318 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Sarah Wang 159; Anna Mays 274t.

A prayer for sick and shut-ins was offered by Hugh Thomas, who then led 452. The memorial lesson was read by Hugh Thomas, who then led 339.

Leaders: Robert Stoddard 65; George Dymont 515; Ines Luttgén 319; Doron Henkin 426b; Elizabeth Stoddard 457; Trod Richmond 168; Ruth Dorfler 107; Michele Briand 454; Sunny Doyle 38b; Sarah Wang 143; Masti-Denise Mayrand 569b; Phillippe Doyle 163t; Esther Wade 183.

Isabelle Gervais Chapman led 62 as the closing song. Hugh Thomas offered the closing prayer, after which the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Dara Weiss and Isabelle Gervais Chapman; Secretary—David Bainbridge

PROVIDENCE SINGING

Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church at Providence, Vinemont, Alabama Saturday, May 14, 2016

The annual Providence Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church at Providence on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Delone Cobbs leading 31b. The opening prayer was offered by Butch White. Delone Cobbs welcomed the class, and led 32t.

In a business session, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Christopher Mann; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Nicholas Thompson.

Leaders: Butch White 274t (for Judy Cobbs), 30b (for Elsie Moon); Christopher Mann 48t, 49t; Judy Caudle 33b, 472; Nicholas Thompson 405 (for Kenneth Fannin), 460 (for Arvid Holmes); Anna Grace Sipe 77t, 335; Nancy Thompson 65 (for Lily Hopper), 384 (in memory of Willard Hopper); Marlin Beasley 298, 285t; Richard Mauldin 312b, 168.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Butch White leading 63. Leaders: Geraldine Sharpton 299, 84; Garrett Sipe 45t, 40; Carol Newman 68b, 358; Eugene Forbes 317, 186; Vickie See and Billy See 480, 503; Mary Holcombe 163t, 421; Carol Fannin 329, 225t; Sonya Sipe 312t, 163b; Laura Hale 78, 81t. Richard Mauldin asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Christopher Mann leading 101t. Leaders: Hazel Heinze 86, 145t; Beth Anne Clay 178, 542; Susan Allred 76b, 112; Jacob Baker and Beth Anne Clay 354b, 87; J.L. Hopper 340, 158; Cindy Mann 127, 159; Delone Cobbs 341; Nicholas Thompson 436 (for Kenneth Fannin), 99 (for Kermit Adams); Vickie See and Billy See 339; Christopher Mann 47b (for Renee Bosswetter); Butch White 354t; J.L. Hopper 236 (by request); Marlin Beasley 455 (by request); Nicholas Thompson 390 (for Mary Holcombe), 384 (for Kenneth Fannin); Judy Caudle 454 (for Willodean Barton and Norman Crider).

Announcements were made. Butch White led 62 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Christopher Mann; Secretary—Judy Caudle

GOODSHAW SACRED HARP SINGING DAY
Goodshaw Baptist Church
Crawshawbooth, Lancashire, United Kingdom
Saturday, May 14, 2016

The 7th Goodshaw Sacred Harp Singing Day was held at Goodshaw Baptist Church, in the United Kingdom, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Chris Brown began the day by leading 52t. Harry Sidebottom welcomed singers to the church, and offered the opening prayer. Michael Walker conducted a singing school for the new singers present, in which he led 162, 39t, and 101t.

Leaders: Eva Striebeck 515, 171; Cath Ingham 135, 159; Jan Geerts 313t, 354t; Teresa Maguire 445; Richard Mayers 81t, 67; Joy Spreadborough 47t, 47b.

RECESS

Judy Whiting called the class back together by leading 503 and 441. Leaders: Werner Ullah 49b, 37b; Katie Morag and Michael Walker 146; Eva Striebeck 36b, 42; Richard Mayers 564, 107; Jan Geerts 480, 91; Chris Brown 40, 35; Michael Walker 63, 401; Joy Spreadborough 49b, 59. John Hopkinson gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chris Brown called the class back to order, and led 28t and 113. Leaders: Teresa Maguire 176b, 65; Mark Wardlaw 370, 385t; Judy Whiting 350, 34b (for Paula Wardlaw's birthday); Michael Walker 111b, 410b; Richard Mayers 334, 131t.

John Copperwheat and Arja Copperwheat spoke for the following deceased: Sylvia Smail—Edinburgh; Gillian Woodward, Dawn Smith, and Mike Spittal—London; Mary Newell—Dalton; Ian Whiting—Barrow on Humber; Eileen McDougall—France; Eileen Wilson—Nailsea; Steve Atkinson—Leicestershire; Kathleen Doss-Traywick—Alabama, USA; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania, USA; Tom Robinson and Jerry Wright—Texas, USA.

They spoke for the following sick and household: Karen Turner, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Shelby Sampson, Melanie Hauff, Ian West, Roland Higson, Johnny Lee, Dolores Lee, B. M. Smith, Dorothy Allen, Ruth Steggle, Sheila McMMain, and Olivia Powell. They led 209.

Leaders: Chris Brown 148, 457; Werner Ullah 102; Cath Ingham 155, 128.

RECESS

Cath Ingham called the class to order leading 141. Leaders: Mark Wardlaw 44; Eva Striebeck 133; Jan Geerts 497; Chris Brown 268; Teresa Maguire 106; Judy Whiting 72b; Richard Mayers 73b; Joy Spreadborough 31t; Werner Ullah 33b; Michael Walker 460, 84. It was reported that the Old Chapel was being repaired, and should be available for our singing in 2017.

Chris Brown and Judy Whiting led 323t as the closing song. Richard Mayers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Brown; Secretary—Cath Ingham

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL SINGING
Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California
Saturday, May 14, 2016

The 24th annual Los Angeles Regional Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Rick Russell leading 200. Al Grindon offered the opening prayer. A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected:

Chairman—Esteban Veliz; Vice Chairman—Annalise Perone; Treasurer—Jeff Begley; Secretary—Larry Arnstein.

Leaders: Esteban Veliz 489; Annalise Perone 448t; Larry Arnstein 556; Mary Rose O'Leary 211; Andrew Mashchak 168; Pat Keating 157; Maggie Taylor 117; Al

Grindon 122; Jeff Begley 385t; Eleanor Glewwe 481; Susan Willis-Powers 300; Peter Stenshoel 285t; Linda Booth 269.

RECESS

Corrie Van Duzer called the class back to order by leading 84. Leaders: Jon Rand 486; Colleen Dougher 454; Corrie Van Duzer 441; Pat Coghlan 272; Mason Shefa 165; Wendy Stone 274t; Carl Barnes 107; Carla Smith 275b; Mark Godfrey 102; Bruce Teter 145t; Elaine Denny 61; Laura Boyd Russell 440; Judy Van Duzer 442; Amy Ludwig 504; Mimi Wright 480; Rick Russell 430; Judy Getrich 99; Annalise Perone 436.

RECESS

Elaine Denny led 33b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Esteban Veliz 445; Catie Van Duzer 280.

Mary Rose O'Leary conducted the memorial lesson, leading 499 in memory of the following deceased: Tison Lacey, Ron Huss, Jody Cifra, Lois Clark, sister of Betty Herman, Matthew Foster, Marilyn Morales, Rick De Horney—California; Marge Christensen, Wayne Wagstrom—Minnesota; Lea Glewwe—Tennessee; John Schaffer—Colorado; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Kathleen Doss Traywick—Alabama.

Jeff Begley led 50 for Jeri Segal and Marilyn Murata led 473 for Ron Huss. Leader: Larry Arnstein 198.

LUNCH

Linda Booth called the class back to order by leading 344. Leaders: Alison Fisher 335; Jesse P. Karlsberg 189; Jess Bioletti 191; Alayna Leibman 112; Lauren Bock 500; Hillary Harder 267; John Marr 319; Jennifer Obeiden 196; Mairye Bates 270; Natalie Hall 142; Stephen O'Leary 334; John Gathje 47b; Pat Coghlan 272.

RECESS

Leaders: Leigh Cooper 434; David Olson 372; Mairye Bates 236; Jeff Begley 56b; Judy Van Duzer 173; Mark Godfrey 542; Pat Keating 157; Elaine Denny 216; Carla Smith 558; Todd Deal and Charlotte Bock 512; Lauren Bock 511; Catie Van Duzer 492; Jeff Carlsberg 392; Judy Getrich 546; Mimi Wright 510.

A business meeting was held to hear reports. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that there were a total of seventy-two songs led. The Resolutions were read. All of the reports were accepted by acclamation. Rick Russell and Esteban Veliz led 276 as the closing song. Al Grindon offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Esteban Veliz; Vice Chairman—Annalise Perone; Secretary—Larry Arnstein

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Heflin, Cleburne County, Alabama

Sunday, May 15, 2016

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by B.M. Smith leading 59. Robert Chambless offered the morning prayer. B.M. Smith welcomed everyone, and then led 101t.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice

Chairman—Glenda Collins; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Glenda Collins 100; Cecil Robert 35, 37b; Judy Chambless 82t, 372;

Charlene Wallace 155, 159; Winfred Kerr 47b, 89; Robert Chambless 303, 77t; Tony Hammock 348b, 314; Lisa Bennett 170, 34b; Aubrey Hemminger 171, 547; David Brodeur 70t, 72b.

RECESS

Glenda Collins brought the class back to order leading 45t. Leaders: John Plunkett 45b, 225t (in honor of Earlis McGraw); Samuel Williams 326, 372; Oscar McGuire 371, 573.

Robert Chambless conducted the memorial lesson. He read the list of names of the following sick and shut-ins: Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Nate Green, Norma Green, Susan Harcrow, Earlis McGraw, and Janelle Davis. He then read the following list of names of the deceased: Hester Edwards, Neal Prichard, Evelyn Harris, Nellie Mae White, Norma Jean Yates, Faye Turner, Sarah Nolan, Terry Lambert, George Garner, and C.W. Garner. John Plunkett led 340 for the memorial song, and Charlie Norton offered the prayer.

Leaders: David Smead 271t, 101b; Sylvia Holland 36b, 122; Richard DeLong 123b (for Michael Thompson's stepfather), 301; Virginia Dyer 532, 454; Andy Ditzler 109, 398. Charlie Norton gave the church and graveyard reports.

Leaders: Pam Nunn 186, 269; Ruth Daniel 47t, 378t; Dalton Lewis and Lisa Bennett 40, 63; Rene Greene 505, 172.

LUNCH

David Brodeur brought the class together by leading 358. Leaders: Jenny Prater 87, 119; Philip Denney 142, 300; Karis Askin 209, 224; David Smead 455; Aubrey Hemminger 344; Rene Greene 203; Samuel Williams 240; Oscar McGuire 515; Andy Ditzler 297; Richard DeLong 228; Pam Nunn 280; Lisa Bennett 196; Robert Chambless 77b; Cecil Roberts 399b; Winfred Kerr 282; John Plunkett 457; David Brodeur 73b; Philip Denney 73t; Karis Askin 276; Judy Chambless 527; Aubrey Hemminger 163t.

After announcements, B.M. Smith and Glenda Collins led 46 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Judy Chambless

GUM POND SINGING

Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Morgan County, Alabama Saturday, May 21, 2016

The Sacred Harp singing held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by J.L. Hopper leading 311.

Nicholas Thompson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: J.L. Hopper 52t; Judy Caudle 47t, 336; Nicholas Thompson 65, 192; Scott Ivey 108b, 108t; Chris Ballinger 170, 146; Cassie Allen 317, 270; Loyd Ivey 101t, 147t; Danny Creel 405, 50b; Milford Cobbs 75, 159; Elene Stovall 138t, 298; Delone Cobbs 49t, 354t; Larry Ballinger 71, 91; Justin Bowen 176t, 153.

RECESS

J.L. Hopper led 418 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 385b, 430; Philip Denney 384, 340; Geraldine Sharpton 300, 66; Bea Aaron 438, 341; Christopher Mann 535, 86; Craig Holmes 369, 479; Daniel Hopper 140, 240; Cindy Tanner 220, 546.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle. She spoke and led 472 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Lily Hopper, Nancy Thompson, Earlis McGraw, Susan Harcrow, Janelle Davis, Elsie Moon, Eloise Wootten, Ercyl Vidrine, Norman Crider, and Kenneth Fannin.

Judy spoke and led 459 in memory of the following deceased: Aunt Bera Bradford, Ben Bradford, Hester Edwards, Fred Killingsworth, Sandra Spradlin, and those who died on the Egyptian Air plane crash. Nicholas Thompson closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with J.L. Hopper leading 376. Leaders: Carolyn Thompson 396, 417; Lomax Ballinger 144, 299; Karen Rollins 343, 344; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 209 (for Janelle Davis), 440; Robert Walker 171, 480; Jim Aaron 47b, 503; Ann Jett 37b, 89; Nicholas Thompson 532 (for Janelle Davis); Justin Bowen 182; Loyd Ivey and Scott Ivey 454; Chris Ballinger 99 (for Kermit Adams and Steve Adams); Cindy Tanner 358 (by request of Brenda Childers); Robert Walker 145b. Elder J.L. Hopper led 46 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK)

Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church

Stroud, Chambers County, Alabama

Saturday, May 21, 2016

The annual all-day session of the Mount Pisgah Singing Society (organized in 1903) met at Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, and was called to order by Karen Clark at 9:00 a.m. leading 70t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

Don Clark welcomed everyone, and then recognized the following officers of the singing: President—Karen Clark; 1st Vice President—David Lee; 2nd Vice President—Eli Eddins; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Don Clark and Laura Densmore.

Leaders: David Lee 187; Eli Eddins 507b; Donna Bell 274t; Laura Densmore 30t; Don Clark 186; Helen Bryson 222; Edith Eddins 76t; Louis Hughes 225t; Judy Chambless 132; Larry Shaw 505; Frank Strickland 145b; Robert Chambless 163b; Elam Eddins 383; Tommie Spurlock 183; David Brodeur 151; Wayne Jones 395b; Henry Johnson 504t; Eric Eddins 210; Andy Ditzler 268b; Stanley Smith 156; Marion Patrick 358 (by request); Isaac Green 282; Paul Wyatt 125; Kevin Eddins 121; Emily Eddins 477; Brenda Dunlap 508.

RECESS

The second session of singing began with Eli Eddins leading 288. Leaders: Buell Cobb 45b; Ezra Eddins 77t; Alice Bejnar 520; Richard DeLong 98; Oscar McGuire 276; Jonathan Blakeley 133; Charlotte Bishop 229; Ewan Eddins 40; Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 571; Eli Hinton 99; Linda Fagan and Carol Buche 587; Evie Eddins 499; Hubert Nall 264t; John Plunkett 242; Matt Hinton 27; Eli Eddins 50t; Ryan Bowman 189; Stanley Smith 369. Elder Jonathan Blakeley offered the blessing before the noon meal at the tables.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing was called to order by David Lee leading 96. Leaders: Andy Morse 416t; McKenzie Flynn and daughter, Lilah Kate 559; Ann Riley Gray 464; Michael Walker 522; Dana Eddins 31t; Shane Brown 48t; Syble Adams 47b; Doug Donley 424; Nicole Bowman 331b; Isabelle Green 270; Carol Buche 488; Ann Tighe 112; Sharon Whitehead 143; Eric Schwab 581; Judy Mincey 494 (in memory of Lee Rogers); Don Clark, Karen Clark, and Evie Eddins 514; Don Clark 398b; Laura Densmore and Tommie Spurlock 574; Henry Johnson 77b; Andy Ditzler 309; Kathe Pilibosian and Chris Holley 567; Paul Wyatt 269; Eric Schwab 339; Beverly Dayton 543; Brenda Dunlap 122; Ellen Gwen 76b; the Eddins family 146.

Don Clark recognized Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Barrett in attendance at today's singing. Mr. Barrett is the great, great, grandson of Benjamin Lloyd. Benjamin Lloyd was a Chambers County Primitive Baptist elder. In 1841, Benjamin Lloyd compiled Lloyd's Primitive Hymns (also known as *Lloyd's Hymnal*), a collection of hymns to be

sung a cappella, with songs penned by John Newton, Charles Wesley, Isaac Watts, and other notable composers. These old hymns have been passed down from one generation to the next as oral tradition. The hymnals are still being used at Mount Pisgah, as well as many other Primitive Baptist Churches today.

Following announcements, Karen Clark led 484 (by request). Doug Donley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President—Karen Clark; 1st Vice President—David Lee; 2nd Vice President—Eli Eddins; Secretary—Donna Bell

GERMANY SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Zwölf-Apostel Kirche Parish Hall, Berlin, Germany
May 21-22, 2016

Saturday, May 21

The 3rd annual Germany Sacred Harp Convention was held in the parish hall of the Zwölf-Apostel Kirche in Berlin, Germany. The class was called to order by Andreas Manz leading 144. The opening prayer was offered by Yotin Tiewtrakul. Andreas Manz and Caro Stamm-Reusch welcomed the class and made announcements. Caro Stamm-Reusch led 28b.

Leaders: Christopher Schuller 229 (for the 764,038 people who walked the Balkan route last year); Cheryl Nylson 288; Evelyn Saylor 131b; James Schuller and Yotin Tiewtrakul 277; Jasmina Graf 505; Nina Riegler 34b; Rowan Coupland 31t; Ulrike Tietjen 309; Eckehard Neugebauer and Corinna Frische 49b; Magdalena Osthaus 432; Tobias Saalman 566; Christian Saupe-Wüst and Tobias Saalman 178; Corinna Frische 142; Yotin Tiewtrakul 228; Dominik Fraune 163t; Amelie Krüger 111b; Naomi Kaye Honova 215; Harald Grundner 201; Geoff Grainger 313b (for Colleen Jones); Peter Kocher 312b; Andreas Manz 37b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Eva Striebeck leading 159. Leaders: Stefan Swat 106; Patrick DeDauw 81t; Marcos Sullivan 377; Emma Rock 372; Georges Boboé and Yotin Tiewtrakul 448b; Ed Johnson-Williams 222; Zack Lindahl 189; Fynn Titford-Mock 179; Anna Spruch 191; Cath Saunt 306; Cornelia van den Doel 148; Camilla Marie Widholm 440; Ross Harbison 383; Kuba Choinski 112; Rachel Wemyss 56b; Hauke Grünefeld 42; Marielle Minutella 320; Heather Thompson and family 146; Joy Spreadborough and Chloë Spreadborough 354b; Ciske Boekelo and Fynn Titford-Mock 300; Joanna Bennett 456; Jan Kaye Hon 32b; Ann Chesterton and Andreas Manz 133; Andreas Manz and Caro Stamm-Reusch 99 (for Don Bowen). Christopher Schuller offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Magdalena Osthaus leading 114. Leaders: Johannes Sauer 84; Ophir Ilzetzki 198; Justyna Orlikowska 328; Joel Igli 236; Nimrod Weißlöwe and Adi Rosen 268; Erin Johnson-Williams 475; Francis Gaskin 567; Kate Coxon 500; Jantje Wilken and Tobias Saalman 535; Nathan Bowler 504; Magdalena Gryszko 480; Steve Brett 434; Christopher Lyons 344 (for Colleen Jones); Sarah West 568; Christopher Schuller 397; Eli Petzold 203; David Gordon 282; Mary Helen Dupree 474; Laura Eisen 225t; Claudia Jansen 481; Andreas Manz 85.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Nina Riegler leading 29t. Leaders: Boyan Pohl 497; Lari Jalbert 210; Daphna Naparstek and Ophir Ilzetzki 447; Will Fesperman 217; Sally Wandrey and Yotin Tiewtrakul 551; Constantin Dorsch 26; Peter Sabel 126; Silke Kunow-Koch and Caro Stamm-Reusch 122; Franziska Schmidt 542; Eva

Striebeck 454 (for Hannah Land and Ruth Steggle); Heather Thompson 86; Joy Spreadborough and Chloë Spreadborough 163b; Jan Kaye Hon and Naomi Kaye Honova 227; Magdalena Gryszko 176t; Erin Johnson-Williams and Ed Johnson-Williams 276; Ophir Ilzetzki and Cath Saunt 290.

Andreas Manz and Caro Stamm-Reusch led 523 as the closing song. Yotin Tiewtrakul offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, May 22

The Sunday session of the Germany Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Andreas Manz leading 448b. The opening prayer was offered by Yotin Tiewtrakul. The chairmen made announcements, and Caro Stamm-Reusch led 171.

Leaders: Evelyn Saylor 30b; Franka Sprzagala 370; Boyan Pohl 287; Heather Thompson and family 31t; Franziska Schmidt 339; Harald Grundner 74t; Zack Lindahl 506; Cherilyn Neilson 186; Inga Hübner and Ophir Ilzetzki 94; David Gordon and Ophir Ilzetzki 455; Kuba Choinski 40; Ariane Schlesinger and Hyke Sakaras 457; Camilla Marie Widholm 444; Justyna Orlikowska 411; Georges Boboé and Tobias Saalman 448t; Joanna Bennett 532; Hauke Grünefeld 113.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jessica Slighter leading 400. Leaders: Marielle Minutella 47t; Joanna Mankiewicz 148; Joy Spreadborough and Chloë Spreadborough 274t; Ulrike Tietjen 224 (for Bruce Rye); Daphna Naparstek 209; Tobias Saalman 66.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ophir Ilzetzki, who led 183 in memory of the following: William Tannenbaum—New York City, USA; Yeakov Rosen and Arie Shapira—Israel; Robert Dupree—Alabama, USA; Dawn Smith and Gillian Woodward—United Kingdom; Neva Rubenstein—California, USA; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania, USA; Gian Luca DiBari McCallum, Gertrud Koch, Günter Koch, Brunhold Schlesinger, Gerd Schlesinger, Birgit Hoffmeister, and Gisela Sakaras—Germany; Mary Kennedy—Ireland.

The sick and housebound lesson was conducted by Harald Grundner, who led 185 for the following: Maciej Gryszko, Ruth Steggle, Hannah Land, Karen Turner, Herbert Fechner, Olivia Powell, Becky Hendricks Cooper, Susan Bernucho, Kirsty Grainger, Reginald Brett, Tatiana Cichocka, Franz-Josef Fraune, Blake Weston, Janelle Davis, and Bruce Rye.

Leaders: Cath Saunt 235; Yotin Tiewtrakul 492; Nimrod Weißlöwe and Daphna Naparstek 267; Magdalena Gryszko 76b; Peter Kocher 421; Dominik Fraune 125; Naomi Kaye Honova 384; Corinna Frische 216; Meike Hoffmeister and Magdalena Gryszko 385b; Stefan Swat 278t; Patrick DeDauw 390. Patrick DeDauw offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Boyan Pohl leading 81t. Leaders: Kate Coxon 302; Bianca Geburek, Alma Geburek, and Evelyn Saylor 146; Fynn Titford-Mock 154; Sarah West 483; Eli Petzold 442; Erin Johnson-Williams 534; Christopher Lyons and Caro Stamm-Reusch 245; Francis Gaskin and Cath Saunt 408; Ross Harbison 82t; Ophir Ilzetzki and Nimrod Weißlöwe 269; Steve Brett 406; Ed Johnson-Williams 196; Mary Helen Dupree 296; Emma Rock 181; Rachel Wemyss 105; Christopher Schuller 93; Olgierd Orlikowski 70b; Tobias Ullersperger and Andreas Manz 128; Magdalena Osthaus 392; Cornelia van den Doel 84; Anna Spruch 377; Honorata Pawlicka-Zurakowska, Bradd Libby, and Zack Lindahl 213t; Ann Chesterton 210.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Justyna Orlikowska leading 27. Leaders: Christopher Schuller and James Schuller 64; Kama Dembinska 522; Geoff Grainger

503; Laura Eisen 547; Klaus Kringels and Tobias Saalman 38t; Johannes Sauer 285t; Nina Riegler 473; Amelie Krüger 282; Jasmina Graf 102; the singers from the Netherlands and France 477; the singers from Ireland 436; the singers from Israel 162; the singers from Poland 347; the singers from Scandinavia 452; the singers from the United Kingdom 401; the singers from Cologne 472; the singers from Bremen 564; the singers from Hamburg 34b; the singers from Munich, Frankfurt, and Tübingen 481; the singers from all places not already called 32t; the singers from Berlin 159.

The Chairmen thanked all those involved in the organization and thanked visiting singers. The Secretary reported 136 total attendees from seventeen countries, and 174 songs called. The Treasurer, Christopher Schuller, reported that all expenses had been met. Announcements were made.

Andreas Manz and Caro Stamm-Reusch led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Yotin Tiewtrakul, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Andreas Manz and Caro Stamm-Reusch; Secretary—Evelyn Saylor

JOHN NEWTON MERRITT MEMORIAL SINGING CONVENTION

Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi

May 21-22, 2016

Saturday, May 21

The 5th annual John Newton Merritt Memorial Singing Convention was called to order by Henry McGuire leading 33t. Elder Robert Vaughn offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry McGuire 142; Mark Davis 75, 112; Carole Watts 470, 475; Robert Vaughn 392 (CB), 173 (CB); Nathan Stewart 396, 392; Brian Harris 56b, 299; Lisa Geist 273, 546; Mike Hinton 495, 480; Mary Blake Thompson 348b, 85; Shelby Castillo and Lisa Geist 186, 203; Hugh McGuire 487t (WB), 196.

RECESS

Drew McGuire called the class back together leading 82t and 16 (CH). Leaders: Charity Vaughn 108b (CB), 212 (CB); Peggy Ray 507b (CB), 573 (CB); Sonya Kirkham 99, 54 (CB); Nancy Van Den Akker 77b, 532; Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 95, 124; Amber Davis 345t, 391; Will McGuire 317b (WB), 142 (CH); Henry McGuire 492 (WB).

LUNCH

Nathan Stewart called the class back together leading 96 (CB). Leaders: Julie Hereen 32t, 34b; Robert Vaughn 441b (WB), 543t (WB); Brian Harris 138t, 448t; Lisa Geist 472, 527; Mike Hinton 477, 456; Mary Blake Thompson 193, 130b (CH); Shelby Castillo and Lisa Geist 434, 411; Hugh McGuire 262, 138 (CH); Drew McGuire 261t (CH), 204; Charity Vaughn 422b (CB), 270 (CB); Peggy Ray 569b, 143.

RECESS

Will McGuire called the class back together leading 486 (WB). Leaders: Sonya Kirkham 59t (CH), 255 (CH); Nancy Van Den Akker 182, 120; Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 154, 410t; Amber Davis 192, 215; Julie Hereen 117 (CH), 417; Nathan Stewart 181, 304; Mark Davis 131 (CH), 155 (CH); Robert Vaughn 315 (CB); Henry McGuire 522 (CB); Henry McGuire, Mark Davis, and Hugh McGuire led The Drone as the closing song. Drew McGuire dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, May 22

The Sunday session of the John Newton Merritt Memorial Singing met at the Old Courthouse Museum in Vicksburg. The class was called to order by Henry McGuire leading 199 (CB) and 78 (CB). The opening prayer was offered by Drew McGuire.

Leaders: Mark Davis 258 (CH), 307 (CH); Carole Watts 40 (CB) 45t; Warren Steel 26, 392; Nathan Stewart 222, 189; Brian Harris 144, 102; Lisa Geist 269, 528; Mike Hinton 268, 340; Mary Blake Thompson 365, 29t; Shelby Castillo and Drew McGuire 430, 215.

RECESS

Drew McGuire, Will McGuire, and Henry McGuire called the class to order leading 511 (WB); Leaders: Hugh McGuire 497 (CB), 521 (CB); Peggy Ray 67 (CB), 540 (CB); Sonya Kirkham 330t (CB), 268t (CB); John Van Horn 133 (CH), 63t (CH); Andy Davis 400, 196; Nancy Van Den Akker 287, 549; Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 392 (CB), 408 (CB); Amber Davis 505 (CB), 137 (CB); Julie Hereen 148 (CB), 38t (CB).

Charity Vaughn and Carole Watts conducted the memorial lesson. Charity spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins. She read the following list of names and led 66 in their behalf: Janelle Davis, Earlis McGraw, Ozella Blackmon, Willodean Barton, Glenn Keeton, Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Susan Harcrow, Marion Grant, Ruth Redmon, Darlene Reynolds, and Alice McGuire.

Carole spoke on behalf of the deceased and read the following names: George Easley, Charles Porter, and Henry Ray Reynolds—Mississippi; Sandra Spradlin and Robert DuPree—Alabama; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Harold Hill—Texas. She led 544 (CB) in their memory.

Leaders: Drew McGuire 56b, 472; Mark Davis 200.

LUNCH

Henry McGuire brought the afternoon session to order leading 543. Leaders: Warren Steel 434; Nathan Stewart 383; Brian Harris 114; Lisa Geist 272; John Van Horn 157; Andy Davis 476; Amber Davis 224; Mike Hinton 318; Julie Hereen 106; Drew McGuire 78; Will McGuire 142 (CH); Nancy Van Den Akker 50b; Regina Derstine 69t; Mark Davis 228; Hugh McGuire 460; Shelby Castillo and Drew McGuire 216; Mary Blake Thompson 163b; Drew McGuire 236; Henry McGuire 85 (CH), 109 (CH); Henry McGuire and Hugh McGuire 442.

Announcements were made. Henry McGuire, Mark Davis, and Hugh McGuire led The Drone as the closing song. John Van Horn dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Carole Watts

THE BIG SINGING

Old Marshall County Courthouse, Benton, Kentucky Sunday, May 22, 2016

The morning session of the 133rd annual Big Singing using *The Southern Harmony*, compiled by William Walker, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by William Paris. Tim Reynolds offered the morning prayer. William Paris led 103.

Leaders: Don Waggener 39t; Don Waggener and Tom Kimble 182; William Paris 64; Marcy Thobaben 16; Vickie See and Billy See 92b, 305; Tim Reynolds 325, 107; David Killingsworth 51, 30; Michele Cull 27b, 46; Annaliza Cull 213, 283; Matt Meacham 11, 312t; Trent Hollinger 89b, 275; Tom Waggener 194; Tim Reynolds 195; Kerry Lovett 159b, 8t; Don Waggener 80.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Gary Clark leading 103 and 31t. The welcome was given by Gene Gilliland. William Paris offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Tom Waggener 10b, 189; Don Waggener 252, 80; Marcy Thobaben 46; Kerry Lovett 123, 144; Billy See and Vickie See 276b; William Paris 332, 3t; Tim Reynolds 322, 303; David Killingsworth 22t, 38; Michele Cull 302, 299; Annaliza Cull 283; Matt Meacham 83, 166; Trent Hollinger 294, 51.

The memorial lesson was conducted by William Paris, who led 123 in memory of the following deceased: Bill Futrell, Phyllis Niemi, and Martha Stroud—Kentucky; Loraine Bayer—Ohio.

Leaders: Amanda Graves 89b, 11; Gene Gilliland 10b, 8t; William Paris 133; Don Waggener 16; Gene Gilliland 299.

Gene Gilliland led 334 as the closing song. Gary Clark offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Gene Gilliland; Vice Chairman—William Paris; Secretary—Tim Reynolds

ROCKY MOUNT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING SINGING

Daviston, Alabama

Sunday, May 22, 2016

The Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church Homecoming Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charlotte Bishop leading 72b and 145b.

A business session was held and the following officers were appointed:

Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Sharon Whitehead; Arranging

Officer—Don Clark. The opening prayer was offered by Kenny Whitehead.

Leaders: Don Clark 497 (CB); Robert Chambless 145t; Karen Clark 534; Donna Bell 215; Emily Eddins 290; Brenda Dunlap 288; Henry Johnson 289; Karen Rollins 153; Ewan Eddins 36b; Judy Chambless 29t; Doug Donley 344; Oscar McGuire 485; Edith Eddins 282; Carol Buche 178.

RECESS

Charlotte Bishop brought the class back to order leading 463 (CB). Leaders: Ezra Eddins 148; Winfred Kerr 146; Kevin Eddins 474; Sharon Whitehead 480; Dana Eddins 283 (CB); Ted Price 99; Eric Eddins 100; Michael Walker 54t (CB); Eli Eddins 89 (CB); Laura Densmore 311 (CB).

Charlotte Bishop led 128. Karen Clark led 585 (CB) for the following sick and shut-ins: Floy Wilder, Delorese Lee, Johnny Lee, Rosalee Duncan, Earlis McGraw, Janice Stanson, Janelle Davis, Susan Harcrow, Nellie Estes, Jean Payne, Frances Treadwell, Larry Wooten, Mattie Perry, and Mary Shivers, and for the following deceased: Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Hester Edwards, George Garner, C.W. Garner, Robert Garner, Nellie Mae White, Elder Neil Pritchard, and Elder Mike Smith. Elder Ben Keeble closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Charlotte Bishop brought the class back to order leading 511b (CB) and 229 (CB). Leaders: Judy Chambless 340; Elam Eddins 297; Lynda Fagan 207b (CB); Ben Keeble 490; Brenda Dunlap 503; Doug Donley 127; Henry Johnson 231; Oscar McGuire 229; Emily Eddins 444t (CB); Carole Buche 505 (CB).

Following announcements, Charlotte Bishop led 108t as the closing song. Oscar McGuire offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Sharon Whitehead

BRIGHTON SACRED HARP SINGING DAY

Exeter Street Hall, Brighton, East Sussex, United Kingdom

Saturday, May 28, 2016

The first Brighton Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was called to order by Guy Hayes leading 37b. The opening prayer was offered by Ian Lamb.

Leaders: Piers Blewett 28b; Sarah Hill 36b; Rachel Jordan 492; Margaret Bradshaw 266; Lisa O'Grady 42; Catherine Roberts 348t; Ian Lamb 287; Jill Thompson 159;

Nick Hall 483; Seth Dickens 448b; Steve Biggs 276; Tom Gerber 277; Una Nicholson 271t; Teresa Maguire 106; Andrew Clark 107; Johannes Sauer 66.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Joe Jones leading 55. Leaders: Francis Gaskin 390; Emily Verrier 40; Ron Hollman 71; Sam Carter 283; Steve Brett 545; Toby Goss 313b; Ed Johnson-Williams 75; Vicky Tremain and Sarah Hill 448t; Leilai Immel 208; Iain Paxon and Guy Hayes 268; Matthew Parkinson 176b.

Piers Blewett spoke for the sick and housebound. He led 154 for Paula Mogensen, Reginald Brett, Jackie Saunders, Peter Zander, Karen Turner, Earlis McGraw, Jeannette DePoy, Hauke Grünefeld, Jane Davies, Melanie Hauff, Madeleine O'Brien, and Dave Richardson.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Una Nicholson. She led 565 in memory of the following deceased: Gillian Woodward and Dawn Smith—London; June Howieson—Hove; Mary Kennedy—Ireland; Margaret Owen and Fred Bennett—Eynsham; Steve Atkinson—Leicestershire; George Garner—Georgia, USA; Hester Edwards and Robert DuPree—Alabama, USA; Derek Stapleton and Sylvia Smail—Edinburgh; Anthony Pears—France; Gisela Sakaras—Germany; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania, USA.

Leaders: Erin Johnson-Williams 340; Kate Kirwan 187; Barry Parsons 441. The grace was offered by Catherine Roberts.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Kate Coxon leading 105. Leaders: Ella Cumber 292; Ali McKenzie Wilcox and Jill Thompson 504; Rachel Wemyss 278b; Elise Cavicchi 428; Rebecca Over 377; Hyke Sakaras 452; Grace Scrimgeour 547; Joel Wallenberg 99; Joe Jones 477; Arthur Swindells and Adam Whittles 112; Paul Setford 548; Natalia 189; Kate Kirwan 440; Leilai Immel 76b; Toby Goss 178; Emily Verrier 282; Ron Hollman 312t; Sam Carter 113; Teresa Maguire 51; Andrew Clark 535; Matthew Parkinson 568; Margaret Bradshaw 87; Lisa O'Grady 349.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Barry Parsons leading 81t. Leaders: Rachel Wemyss 270; Erin Johnson-Williams and Ed Johnson-Williams 314; Kate Coxon 416; Steve Brett 465; Hyke Sakaras and Rebecca Over 86; Joel Wallenberg 376; Ella Cumber 150; Grace Scrimgeour 216; Francis Gaskin 160t; Steve Biggs, Judi Chrysanthou, and Iain Paxon 49b; Seth Dickens and Anna Roberts 183; Tom Gerber 503; Arthur Swindells 474; Ian Lamb 84; Natalia 142; Johannes Sauer 163b; Nick Hall 455; Rachel Jordan 456.

Announcements were made by Guy Hayes, who thanked all who made the first Brighton All-Day Singing possible. Catherine Roberts reported that there were sixty-two registered attendees from five countries, and seventy-seven songs were sung. Guy Hayes led 62 as the closing song. Kate Coxon offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Guy Hayes; Vice Chairman—Sarah Hill; Secretary—Catherine Roberts

PICCOLO SPOLETO SINGING **Gage Hall, Charleston, South Carolina** **Saturday, May 28, 2016**

The 7th annual Piccolo Spoleto Singing began with a brief introduction to Sacred Harp given by Robert Kelley, who let 49t as a practice song.

Tom Ivey welcomed the class at 10:00 a.m., leading 101t. Buck Lea offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Michael Walker 31t, 207; Kathy Thom 117, 503; Buck Lea 106, 99; Judy Mincey 315, 468; Gene Pinion 302, 565; Ellen Lea 36b, 47t; Jane Cannon 32t, 32b;

Tom Ivey 59; Henry Stack 47b, 535; Rob Dillon 313b, 45t.

RECESS

Michael Walker called the class together by leading 134. Leaders: John Gentry 230, 547; Elizabeth Betz 354b, 25; Ian Quinn 52b, 150; Robin Betz 236; Dave Farmer 209, 186; Judith Parker 287, 178; Kathy Thom 282; Jenny Callison 146; Chandler Thigpen 319; Shannon Primm 564; Thomas Smith 268; John Plunkett 53; Joyce Heath 137; Mike Spencer 433; Agnes Roberts 358; Mike Richards 432.

LUNCH

Tom Ivey called the class back to order leading 56t. Leaders: Andrew Byrd 430; Robert Kelley 77t; Cleve Callison 34b; Sharon Strong 212; Buck Lea 542; Judy Mincey 182; Gene Pinion 217; Jane Cannon 478; John Gentry 229; Ian Quinn 228; Robin Betz 496; Dave Farmer 472; Judith Parker 168; Jenny Callison 35; Chandler Thigpen 439; Shannon Primm 442; Thomas Smith 49b; Elizabeth Betz 225b; Rob Dillon 159; Joyce Heath 30b; Ellen Lea 383.

RECESS

Michael Walker led 204 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Mike Spencer 166; Delaney Bowers 448t; Agnes Roberts 30t; Mike Richards 299; Cleve Callison 198; Robert Kelley 456; John Plunkett 101b; Sharon Strong 218 (in memory of Lucile Gunnels); Tom Ivey 242; Michael Walker 475; Ian Quinn 283; Mike Richards 222; Robin Betz 37t; Jane Cannon 382.

Tom Ivey thanked the arranging committee (John Plunkett and Michael Walker), Piccolo Spoleto Festival staff and volunteers, and all others who helped with this event.

After announcements, Tom Ivey led 347 as a closing song. Buck Lea dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Tom Ivey; Vice Chairman—Michael Walker; Secretary—Ellen Lea

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP CONVENTION SPRING SESSION (COOPER REVISION)

Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas

May 28-29, 2016

Saturday, May 28

The Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Convention, Spring Session, was called to order by Vivian Rogan leading 148. After prayer offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby, she welcomed the singers and listeners, and then led 331t.

Leaders: Janie Short 336t; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 171; Sonny Huckaby 450; Brody Ross 78; Jeb Owen 418; Addison Bowles 573; Silas Huckaby 383; Troxel Ballou 268t; Lauren Owen 159; Findley Ross 146; Abigail Huckaby and Sarah Huckaby 235; Zack Rogan 225t; Eli Hinton 99; Chelsea Miller 277; Ainsley Ross 142; Owen Ross 230; Jackson Owen 207t; Riley Owen 299; Vickie Cook 293b; Morris Nelms 563; Stephanie Argo and Ben Copenhaver 393; Reed Coates 442t.

A business meeting was held at this time. Since Vice Chairwoman Janie Short will become Chairwoman after lunch, Vivian Rogan called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Scott Curran was nominated and elected by acclamation. Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates were nominated as Secretaries and Arranging Committee, and elected by acclamation. The Chairwoman appointed Scott Curran, Rick Foreman, and Cheryl Foreman to serve on the Memorial Committee. The business meeting was closed.

RECESS

Janie Short opened this session by leading 128. Leaders: Liz Owen 95b; Carter Cook 168; Philippa Stoddard 192; Jeff Begley 378b; Jen Rymut 567; Rick Cunningham

514; Anne Weaver 122; Chris Noren 486; Cassie Allen 552; Ana Tighe 200; Erik Schwab 466; Syble Adams and Jeff Adcock 465, 108t; Rick Foreman and Cheryl Foreman 269; Kevin Barrans 507t; Marilyn Murata 392; Alvaro Witt Duarte 182; Nancy Price 511t; Paul Wyatt 499; Elizabeth Stoddard 150; Louis Hughes 444t; Judy Whiting 72; Guy Bankes 391; Karen Rollins 220 (for Earlis McGraw); Chris Brown 183; Lori Rodgers 36b; Rodney Ivey 98. Mike Hinton offered the blessing for the food.

LUNCH

Janie Short led 508 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Linda Booker 505; Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 96; Scott McCown 558; Laura Densmore 191; Robert Stoddard 199; Matt Hinton 470; Amy Peveto 559; John Berendzen 100; Diane Ross 300; William Price 515; Linda Thomas 541 (for Johnny and Dolores Lee); Sonny Erwin 569; Reba Windom 572; Kris Wiggins 30b; Mike Hinton 478; Earl Ballinger 421; Priscilla Wiggins 485; Ryan Ross and Findley Ross 112; Bill Bailey 121; Donald Ross and Cassie Allen 419.

RECESS

Scott Curran brought the class together by leading 155. Leaders: Kristie Powell 47b; Leon Ballinger 120; Tammy Powell 222; Alex Hawk 240; Catherine Rogan 384; Gaylon Powell 149; Greg Bowles 553; Michele Curran 172; Martha Aiken and Joy Simon 500; Amanda Bowles 367; John Baker 40; Chris Brown 113; Judy Whiting 176t.

Janie Short led 45t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell.

Sunday, May 29

The Sunday session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Convention, Spring Session, was brought to order by Janie Short leading 484 and 276. The opening prayer was offered by Leon Ballinger.

Leaders: Scott Curran 422b; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 31b; Gary Rogan 558; Tom Owen 68b; Eli Hinton 65; Amy Peveto 571; Brody Ross 145t; Kristie Powell 273; Addison Bowles 159; Leon Ballinger 507b; Riley Owen 47b; Cheryl Foreman 53; Silas Huckaby 203; Priscilla Wiggins 230; Jackson Owen 59; Diane Ross 132; Findley Ross 49t; Reba Windom 505; Lauren Owen 40; Louis Hughes 528b; Ainsley Ross 183; Rodney Ivey and Silas Huckaby 464.

RECESS

Janie Short brought the class back together by leading 85. Leaders: Olivia Powell 106; Philippa Stoddard 482; Kevin Powell 138t; Ana Tighe 99; Ryan Ross and Findley Ross 137; Jane Goforth 95t; Jeff Adcock and Syble Adams 543; Syble Adams, Tom Owen, Lauren Owen, and Addison Bowles 367; Carter Cook 217; Cheyenne Ivey and Rodney Ivey 133.

Rick Foreman described the purpose of the memorial lesson. Cheryl Foreman read the following list of names of the sick and homebound: Jeannette DePoy, Larry Wootten, Claudene Townson, Dolores Lee, Johnny Lee, Jewel Wootten, S.T. Reed, Karen Turner, Ruth Steggle, Ian West, Cath Tyler, Earlis McGraw, Janelle Davis, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Myrl Jones, Elaine Zidek, Howard Aiken, Gayle Cowart, Norma Green, Elsie Moon, Susan Harcrow, Eloise Wootten, Shisue Sugimoto, John Fruin, Jeri Segal, and Jimmy Foreman. She led 264b.

Rick Foreman read the following list of names of the deceased: Jerry Wright, Elder Bill Walden, Harold Hill, H.P. O'Mary, Thomas Robinson, and Jacque Bass—Texas; Oliver Kindig-Stokes and Betty Hanf—Pennsylvania; Francis Bliss—Maine; Ian Whiting and Mary Newell—United Kingdom; Eileen McDougall—France; Kathleen Doss Traywick—Alabama; Fran Ross—Oregon; James Allison Ridley and Paula Urteaga—Tennessee; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Burdie Cortes, Oscar Marin,

Jim Sanchez, Zana Mokricki, Tom Fagan, Elle Ard, Hilde Ward, and Ron Hess—California; Donald Klein and John Schaffer—Colorado; David Strother—Maryland and Maine; Wilton “Roy” Wyatt—Alabama and Minnesota. Scott Curran emphasized the circle of influence one singer can make in the lives of others, and the ripple effect of that influence among the Sacred Harp community. Rick Foreman read Philippians 4:7-8. Scott Curran led 591 in memory of the deceased. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Jeff Adcock. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 546; Chris Brown 514; Cassie Allen 355; Henry Schuman 229; Laura Densmore 311; Matt Hinton 38t; Marilyn Murata 218. The blessing for the food was offered by Gary Rogan.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Scott Curran leading 32t. Leaders: Bill Bailey 416b; John Berendzen 524; Karen Rollins, Matt Hinton, and Rodney Ivey 365; Paul Wyatt 520; Nancy Price and Kevin Barrans 590; Guy Bankes 504t; Elizabeth Stoddard and Linda Lutter 215; Kevin Barrans 210; William Price 81; Judy Whiting 268b; Jeff Begley 184b; Alvaro Witt Duarte 214; Vickie Cook 508; Erik Schwab 375; Chris Noren 55; Earl Ballinger 356; Kris Wiggins 58; Sonny Erwin 430; Ben Copenhaver 592; Donald Ross 378t; Tammy Powell 216; Mike Hinton 544; Linda Booker 39; Gaylon Powell 434; Greg Bowles and Amanda Bowles 68t; Jeb Owen and Liz Owen 96; John Baker, Martha Aiken, and Joy Simon 463; Sarah Huckaby and Michele Curran 198; Vivian Rogan and Catherine Rogan 559; Sonny Huckaby 395b. Announcements were made. Janie Short and the other officers led “Blissful Hope”, (page 6 in the Good Old Songs) as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

Chairwoman—Janie Short; Vice Chairman—Scott Curran; Secretaries—Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates

MIDWEST SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Pulaski Park Fieldhouse and Irish American Heritage Center
Chicago, Illinois
May 28-29, 2016
Saturday, May 28

Ginny Landgraf opened the Saturday session of the 31st meeting of the Midwest Convention at Pulaski Park Fieldhouse by leading 59. Samuel Sommers offered the invocation.

Leaders: Mary Rogel and Jerry Gripshover 49b; Rochelle Lodder 49t; Dave Barford 542; Randy Neufeld 99; John Seaton 47t; Eileen Ferguson 36b; Cathryn Bearov 426b; Michael Mosley 432; Steve Warner 475 (in honor of Don Bowen); Jenny Solheim 444; Peter Bradley 538; Joel Menk 57; Jim Helke 540; Matthew Seifert 217. A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairpersons—Mary Rogel and Jerry Gripshover; Vice Chairpersons—Susan Geil and Randy Neufeld; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder.

RECESS

Jim Swanson called the class to order leading 274t. Leaders: Linda Selph and Lyda Jackson 81t (for Janelle Davis); Bill Beverly 546; Nathan Migdal and Alec Jenkins-White 282; Grace Patterson 278t; Jacob Lee 300; Barb VanderJagt 87; Leon Pulsinelle 344; John David Thacker 122; Eleanor Haase 270; James Nelson Gingerich 569b; Kelly Brest van Kempen 335; Bill Waddington 430; Beverley Rose Enright 543; Larry Nothwehr 547; Ann Missavage 528; Myles Alexander 53; James Solheim “Happy Birthday, Stand Up and Sing!”. Mary Rogel announced appointed officers and committees as follows: Memorial Committee—John Seaton and Wendy

Wahn; Finance Officer—Randy Neufeld; Arranging Committee—Carolyn Deacy, Judy Hauff, Anna Pfau, Clarissa Fetrow, and Ann Sleeva; Chaplains—Jim Swanson, Becky Browne, Will Fitzgerald, Ryan Wheeler, and Samuel Sommers.

RECESS

Ginny Landgraf called the class to order leading 324. Leaders: Alec Jenkins-White 198; Susan Geil 474; Gerry Hoffman 492; Martha Beverly 216; John Bealle 434; Katie White 448t (for Janelle Davis); Marian Mitchel 287; Len VanderJagt 350; Matt Wells 348t; David Smead 411; Wendy Wahn 207; Cathy Lutz 472; Brad Oglesby 208; Ted Johnson 142; Cecelia Kramer 168; Matthew Lind 36t; Lisa Grayson 340; Jim Patterson 178. Becky Browne offered grace before the noon meal with words of Psalm 118.

LUNCH

Anna Pfau called the class to order leading 328. Leaders: Steve Schmidgall 54; Jim Pfau 112; Lisa Bennett 562; Richard Ivey 396; Gillian Inksetter and Clarissa Fetrow 548; Aldo Ceresa 431; Becky Browne and Gary Gronau 384 (in memory of Charles Derleth); Justin Bowen 209; David Brodeur 327; Pam Nunn 454 (in memory of her parents, Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); Jesse Latimer 192; Marcia Johnson 222 (for Melanie Hauff); Karen Isbell 348b (in memory of Charlie Derleth); Samuel Sommers 518; Gosia Perycz 436; Julie Vea 392; Andy Ditzler 550; Ted Mercer 86; Steve Helwig 227.

RECESS

Judy Hauff and Carolyn Deacy called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Anne Heider 236; Jake Kiakahi 89; Debbie Barford 218; Beth Todd 32t; Carol Ann Munro 556; Randy Neufeld 102; Sheila Patterson 362; Judy Hauff 536; Kate Fine 369; Dave Ressler 376; Eloise Clark 532; Jan May 228; Ann Sleeva 383; Dan Nickel 34t; Megan Holm 162; Bob Borcharding 361; Jim Swanson 564 (for Janelle Davis); Carolyn Deacy and Anna Pfau 269.

Mary Rogel and Jerry Gripshover led 347 as the closing song. Becky Browne dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, May 29

Mary Rogel and Jerry Gripshover opened the Sunday session at the Irish American Heritage Center by leading 34b. Ryan Wheeler offered the invocation.

Leaders: Debbie Barford 207; Bob Borcharding 146; Jim Pfau 203; Eleanor Haase 272; Bill Beverly 297; Anne Heider 171; Peter Bradley 169; Pam Nunn 556; Ann Sleeva 155; Cecelia Kramer 380; Megan Holm 445; Barb VanderJagt 107; Jim Swanson 488; Beth Todd 501; Marian Mitchell 106; John David Thacker 56t; Micah Sommersmith 157.

RECESS

Cathryn Bearov called the class to order leading 114. Leaders: Dave Ressler 189; Len VanderJagt 277; David Barford 480; Lisa Bennett 32b; Michael Mosley 352 (in memory of Seka); Jake Kiakahi 82t; Steve Schmidgall 496; Steve Warner 99 (in honor of Don Bowen); Lisa Grayson 436; Benjamin Bedroske 375; AnnaLeigh Smith 383; Matt Wells 456; Ted Johnson 222; Elizabeth Gentry 76b; Gerry Hoffman 196; Martha Beverly 283; Karen Isbell 485; Alec Jenkins-White 218; Jenny Solheim 214.

RECESS

Jim Helke called the class to order leading 39t. Leaders: Anne Missavage 280; Natalie Jablonski 197; Bill Waddington and Danny Hallum 299; Kate Fine 318. John Seaton spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins. He led 48t for the following sick and shut-ins: Janelle Davis, Melanie Hauff, Angie Holtzman, Caroline Linde, John Thomas, Harvey Wahn, Janet Fraembs, Frank Fraembs, Lisa Cohen, Joan Bradbury, Carol Brindley, Earlis McGraw, Delorese Lee, Laird Schaub, Lila Mitchell, Kirsty Blattner, Mary Owen Grayson, Mary Ann Wydell, Johanna Fabke,

and Judith Klein.

Wendy Wahn read the list of names of the deceased, and led 444 in memory of the following: Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Randy Simmons, and Jane Stephenson Brewer—Pennsylvania; Dan Adams—Connecticut; Ann Henry and Jo Houghton—New York; Eveline Inksetter—Quebec and New York; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Leon J. Pulsinelle, Joe Neighmond, and Paul Maller—New Jersey; Daniel J. Sommers—Indiana; Jay Wallace—Virginia; Kathy Thompson and Sibyl Robinson—Wisconsin; Anna Campbell Bliss—Utah; Max Stackhouse—Massachusetts; John Webster—United Kingdom; Joyce Van Tuyl—Washington; Quentin Young and James Alexander—Illinois; C.W. Garner and George Garner—Georgia; Robert DuPree, Gib Amason, Vernelle Amason, and Kathleen Doss Traywick—Alabama; Paula Danks and Melvin Amundson—Minnesota; Tammi Ziola and Sarah Hausen—Oregon; and Marian Bush—California. Wendy Wahn offered prayer to close the memorial lesson. Leaders: Becky Browne 211; Julie Vea and Peter Bradley 368; Larry Nothwehr 66; Ann Miczulski 145b; Leon Pulsinelle 400. Jim Swanson offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Matt Wells brought the class back to order leading 52t. Leaders: Cathy Lutz 500; Richard Ivey 212; Judy Hauff 421; Joel Menk 372; Andy Ditzler 195; Will Fitzgerald 365; Clarissa Fetrow 453; Jan Ketelle 151; Gillian Inksetter 302; Justin Bowen 67; Aldo Ceresa 472 (for Janelle Davis); Katie White 547; David Smead 483; Marcia Johnson “Boulder”; Gosia Perycz 168; David Brodeur 486; Jonathon Smith 428; Steve Helwig 298; Linda Selph 215; Samuel Sommers 422; Randy Neufeld 504.

RECESS

Clarissa Fetrow called the class to order leading 30b. Leaders: John Bealle 373; Mary Rogel 534; Jan May 276; James Solheim 464; Anna Pfau 505; Sam Singleton-Freeman 84; Eloise Clark 184; Myles Alexander 378b; Michael Appert 163b (for Ashby Paca, in memory of her mother, Pam Paca); Ted Mercer 324; Carolyn Deacy 315; Ginny Landgraf 455; Matthew Seifert 153; Jim Pfau 498; Gary Gronau 550. The Finance Committee reported that expenses were nearly met. The Resolutions Committee (Martha Beverly, Susan Geil, and David Brodeur) offered praise and thanksgiving to God for His many gifts to us, including the gift of song and these expressions of praise, hope, and prayer we know as *The Sacred Harp*; thanks to our forebears for keeping this tradition alive and growing; thanks to God for the spirit of fellowship that has brought us together in this beautiful place; thanks for the hospitality of the local singers, for the direction and dedication of all the officers and committees, for the singers who traveled from near and far to join us, and for the bountiful and delicious meals prepared by so many loving hands. They resolved to continue to meet and to sing, not only in this convention next year, but as often as circumstances allow.

The officers led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Will Fitzgerald offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Mary Rogel and Jerry Gripshover; Vice Chairmen—Susan Geil and Randy Neufeld; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder

MOUNT PISGAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sylvester, Georgia

Sunday, May 29, 2016

The annual second fifth Sunday Sacred Harp singing held at Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church, Sylvester, Georgia, was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Tim Meeks leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Jon Robinson. Tim Meeks served as

Chairman and Arranging Committee for the day, as well as Secretary. Leaders: Tim Meeks 146; Patrick Chastain 128, 178; Cathy Gilbert 63; Oscar McGuire 34b, 49t; Myrtice Meeks 129, 491; Kay Robinson 282, 354b; Bonnie Rewis 373, 569b; John Robinson 45t, 39b; Bob Meeks 73b, 72b; Bob Corbin 323b, 339; Georgia Ann Corbin 100, 127; Brittany Rewis 235, 294; Patti Beasley 480, 318; Kalen Rewis 73t. Oscar McGuire did a short lesson on keeping time.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tim Meeks leading 159. Leaders: Cathy Gilbert 317; Oscar McGuire 515; Myrtice Meeks 490; Kay Robinson 335; Bonnie Rewis 334; John Robinson 452; Bob Meeks 341; Bob Corbin 350; Georgia Ann Corbin 168; Patti Beasley 145b; Lamar Robinson 47b, 34t.

Chairman Meeks called for announcements. He led 62 as the closing song. Lamar Robinson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman/Secretary—Tim Meeks

JACK SMITH MEMORIAL SINGING **Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia** **Monday, May 30, 2016**

The 16th annual Jack Smith Memorial Singing was held on Memorial Day at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. John Plunkett welcomed the class, and led 59. He also spoke of Jack Smith's delight in Sacred Harp singing and his success in leading others to the tradition. Andy Morse offered the opening prayer. Leaders: John Plunkett 32t; Joan Durdin 479, 34b; Malinda Snow 137, 38b; Chris Tweedy 282, 100; Helen Bryson 155, 313b; Nathan Holmes 324, 284; Andy Morse 99, 547; Jerusha Wheeler 63, 40; B.M. Smith 101t, 72b.

RECESS

Joan Durdin brought the class back to order leading 48t. Leaders: Ellen Ray 418, 400; Rob Dunn 274t, 64; Eric Tweedy 147t, 146; Amy Wells 112, 76b; Anders Wells 89, 110; John Plunkett 145t; Joan Durdin 148; Malinda Snow 472; Chris Tweedy 535; Andy Morse 209 (for Oliver, Paul, and their family); Jerusha Wheeler 87; Nathan Holmes 47t, 389; Helen Bryson 287. Eric Tweedy asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 503. Leaders: B.M. Smith 225t (for Earlis McGraw); Susan Posey 300, 344; Laura Ackerman 224, 73t; Ellen Ray 183; Rob Dunn 275t; Mark Bumgardner 178, 547; Andrew Gee 35, 58; Chris Tweedy 276; Anders Wells 70b; Amy Wells 411; Joan Durdin 86; Malinda Snow 454; Susan Posey 475; Mark Bumgardner 117; Helen Bryson 176t; Nathan Holmes 327; Andy Morse 542; Ellen Ray 448b; Eric Tweedy 200; Chris Tweedy 448t; Rob Dunn 346; John Plunkett 455.

Throughout the day, leaders remembered Jack Smith with brief comments, often choosing songs that he enjoyed singing.

After announcements, John Plunkett led 347 as the closing song. Andrew Gee offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Joan Durdin; Secretary—Malinda Snow

NORTHEAST MISSOURI MEMORIAL DAY SINGING **Old Paths Bible Church (Siloam Church), Pike County, Missouri** **Monday, May 30, 2016**

The 5th annual Memorial Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Lou Kujawinski leading 523. Jim Herr offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mary Huffman 276; Stephen Huffman 294; Wendy Hofmann 109 (MH); Anna Doughman 40; Presley Barker 505 (for Charlie Derleth); Barbara Uhlmann 147 (MH); Barbara Chopin 68b; Clara Herr 27; Karen Isbell 68 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 8 (MH); John Huffman 32t; Dave Ressler 384; Jim Herr 13 (MH); John Uhlmann 163b (for Charlie Derleth); Tommy Schultz 177 (MH); Donnie Simmet 33b.

RECESS

Presley Barker brought the class back together by leading 228. Leaders: Nathanael Schultz 418; Katie Doughman 352; Marilyn Huffman 178; Donna Schultz 62 (MH); Presley Barker 350 (for Malcom Ezra Parker); David Carlton 198; Wendy Hofmann 278t (for Dave Hofmann); Rebecca McDaniel 56b; Merissa Nelson 271t; Joy Nelson 146; Anna Doughman 86; Elisha Nelson 77t; Tom Schultz, Sr. 45t; Jamie Doughman 47b; Barbara Uhlmann 49t; Penny Kujawinski 474. Nathanael Schultz asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tommy Schultz leading 168. Leaders: Clara Herr 282; Karen Isbell 142; Spencer Arrowood 177; Penny Kujawinski 430; Barbara Chopin 268; Evangeline Schultz and John Huffman 127 (MH); Elizabeth Schultz and Emily Worthington 180 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 66; Dan Doughman 503; John Huffman 120; Dave Ressler 110; Phillip Nelson 361; Joshua Nelson 73b; Jim Herr 475; Stuart Ivey 500; David 269; Tommy Schultz 365; Donnie Simmet 70b, 163t; Katie Doughman 49b; Marilyn Huffman 143; Jedidiah Schultz 497.

RECESS

Wendy Hofmann brought the class together by leading 299. Leaders: Donna Schultz 175; Stephen Huffman “Siloam Church”; Wendy Hofmann 162; Merissa Nelson 371; Elisha Nelson 99; David Carlton 138 (MH); Rebecca McDaniel and Wendy Hofmann 159 (MH); Rebecca McDaniel and Stuart Ivey 111b; Joy Nelson 111t; Alisha Nelson 147t; Anna Doughman 448t; Presley Barker 131 (MH).

RECESS

Stuart Ivey led 59 to bring the class together. Leaders: Spencer Arrowood 117; Danielle Nelson 569b; Evangeline Schultz 106; Barbara Chopin 313b; Karen Isbell 270; Lou Kujawinski 222; John Huffman 515; Phillip Nelson 254; Jim Herr 176t; Stuart Ivey 410t; Donnie Simmet 324; Tommy Schultz 441; Donna Schultz 28b; Katie Doughman 28t; Marilyn Huffman 535; Nathanael Schultz 286; Jubal Schultz 339; Mary Huffman 347. Bro. Gary Huffman dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Evangeline Schultz; Secretary—Elizabeth Schultz

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE SACRED HARP SINGING

St. Bartholomew’s Church Hall

Benton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom

Saturday, June 4, 2016

The 12th annual Newcastle singing was called to order by Cath Tyler, who welcomed the class, and led 48t.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Cath Tyler; Secretary—Colin Monson; Treasurer—Phil Tyler; Arranging Committee—Phil Tyler, Benny Ross, Lin James, and Helen Barber.

Leaders: Phil Tyler 171; Mark Wardlaw 138b; Lin James 421; Joel Wallenberg 63; Claire Welford 122; Colin Monson 178; Sandy Semeonoff 32t; Josephine Ellis 479; Jan Geerts 313t; Sula O’Duffy 38b; Edwin Macadam 150; Hauke Grünefeld 168.

RECESS

Sally Grieves-Lord called the class back together, and led 270. Leaders: Colin

Higgins 296; Sheila Girling Macadam 500; Margaret Bradshaw 300; Geoff Grainger 535; Hilary Walton 335; Benny Ross 546; Ruth Holman 350; Charmaine Phelps 330t; Helen Barber 354b; Josh Darby 209; Mark Wardlaw 445; Lin James 148; Cath Tyler 367; Joel Wallenberg 113; Claire Welford 28b.

RECESS

Sandy Semeonoff called the class to order, and led 119. Leaders: Colin Monson 107; Josephine Ellis 547; Jan Geerts 91; Sula O'Duffy 87; Helen Barber 538; Matthew Ord 228; Hauke Grünefeld 102; Calum Wood 460; Sally Grieves-Lord 111b; Colin Higgins 86; Sheila Girling Macadam 217; Margaret Bradshaw 318; Geoff Grainger 156.

Joel Wallenberg spoke for the sick and housebound, and led 32b for Jimmy Baily, Tony Benson, Lynn Carr, Sheila Dodsworth, Dot Green, Carmel Lipman, Josephine Phelps, and Karen Turner.

Benny Ross conducted the memorial lesson, leading 285t in memory of Charles Dodsworth and Brian Trowell—Oxford; Isabella Finnigan—Birmingham; Kirsty Grainger—New Zealand; Anthony Pears—France; Wendy Ross and Michael Spittal—London; Sylvia Smail and Derek Stapleton—Edinburgh; Joyce Stone—York; Dave Swarbrick—UK; Ivan Wilcox—Ripon; Suzanne Wilsher—Essex; Gordon Wilsher—Chelmsford; Eileen Wilson—Nailsea.

Edwin Macadam led 236. Lin James gave thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Lin James called the class to order by leading 159. Leaders: Cath Tyler 448b; Helen Barber 362; Calum Wood 297; Sandy Semeonoff 319; Matthew Ord 339; Carmen Gordon 183; Jan Geerts 272; Claire Welford 276; Hauke Grünefeld 203; Josh Darby 504; Colin Monson 274t; Sula O'Duffy 117; Josephine Ellis 196; Colin Newton 313b; Sally Grieves-Lord 385b; Margaret Bradshaw 105; Mark Wardlaw 320; Ruth Holman and Sandy Semeonoff 496; Helen Barber and the children 146.

RECESS

Sheila Girling Macadam called the class together by leading 39t. Leaders: Benny Ross 352; Geoff Grainger 163b; Joel Wallenberg 66; Phil Tyler 477; Edwin Macadam 332; Hilary Walton 47b; Sandy Semeonoff 68b; Helen Barber 284; Charmaine Phelps 333; Matthew Ord 179; Carmen Gordon 142; Sheila Girling Macadam 157; Calum Wood 495.

Cath Tyler extended thanks to all those who had helped during the day.

Announcements were made. Cath led 323t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Josephine Ellis.

Chairman—Cath Tyler; Secretary—Colin Monson

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTIES CONVENTION

Zion Church, North of Gordo, Alabama

Saturday, June 4, 2016

The 99th session of the Lamar County and Pickens County Sacred Harp Convention was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in June. Amber Davis welcomed everyone, and then led 36b (in memory of her grandfather, Murray Livingston).

Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Amber Davis; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Wayne Baines.

Leaders: Amber Davis 78 (in memory of her grandmother, Lois Livingston); Eugene Forbes 155, 168; Zilpha Cornett 408, 361, 362; Jerry Kitchens 33b, 35; Earl Ballinger 172, 187; Chris McCool 127, 317; Lisa Geist 428 (in memory of Clarence McCool), 377; Henry McGuire 91, 181; Larry Ballinger 208, 209; Richard Mauldin

349 (in memory of Clarence McCool), 43 (in memory of Josie Hyde); Mark Davis 41, 273; Gravis Ballinger 384, 215.

RECESS

Amber Davis brought the class back together by leading 49b (in memory of Murray Livingston). Leaders: Glenn Keeton 344, 163b; Annie Belle Williams 68b; Wayne Baines 480, 59; Earl Ballinger 283, 217; Richard Mauldin 146; Chris Ballinger 339; Mark Davis 207, 530; Larry Ballinger 528; Gravis Ballinger 430; Eugene Forbes 203; Glenn Keeton 278t (for Toney Smith and Steve Adams); Henry McGuire 331 (for Steve Adams), 481; Chris McCool 282; Richard Mauldin 358; Lisa Geist 492, 472; Zilpha Cornett 122 (in memory of Charles Kitchens); Amber Davis 192 (in memory of Elsie Moon and for Ozella Blackmon).

Announcements were made. Amber Davis led 62 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Amber Davis; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

SHAKER MEETINGHOUSE AND FRANCIS BLISS

BIRTHDAY SINGING

Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village Meetinghouse

New Gloucester, Maine

Saturday, June 4, 2016

The 1st Shaker Meetinghouse and Francis Bliss Memorial Singing was held in the Meetinghouse at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village in New Gloucester, Maine. At 1:00 p.m., Barb Ames welcomed everyone and brought the class to order leading 49t. George Lorenz offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting followed, during which Corrone Bryant moved, and the class approved, that the word “Birthday” be changed to “Memorial” in the name of this singing. Barb Ames and Meg Haskell led the class in singing the Shaker songs “My Dear Companions” and “Pretty Love and Union.” The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairperson—Barb Ames; Treasurer—Corrone Bryant; Arranging Committee/Secretary—Edith Berger and Pleasance Crawford.

Leaders: Peter Golden 300; Ally Talbot 480; Chris Holley 59; Elizabeth Stoddard 301; David Bliss 193; Jesse Flynn 99; Bobbie Goodell 540; Kris Paprocki 172; Bill Holt 171; Kathe Pilibosian 445; John Hughes 466; Robert Stoddard 534; Rachel Taylor 40; George Pomfret 327; Corrone Bryant 73b; Joanne Fuller 564; Chris McKnight 428; Debbie Bliss 551; Richard Schmeidler 155; Liz Cantrell 142; Karl Dise 320; Jesse Vear 163b (in memory of Roy Dow, her step-grandfather); Corrone Bryant 49b; George Sigut 503; Pat Callahan 454.

RECESS

Pleasance Crawford called the class to order by leading 84. Leaders: Philippa Stoddard 418; Brian Harris 101b; Alexa Gilmore 111t; Gordon Bigelow 38b; Edith Berger 270; Julius Pasay 277; Sara Sandberg 47t; Ally Talbot 474; Barb Belknap 268; Kris Paprocki 220; Bill Holt 224; John Hughes 339; Joanne Fuller 341; George Pomfret 496; Kerry Cullinan 29t; Chris McKnight 312b; Liz Cantrell 475; Eric Sandberg 299; Richard Schmeidler 254; Karl Dise 365; Gordon Bigelow 191; George Sigut 313b; Pat Callahan 267; Brian Harris 214; Julius Pasay 274t; singers from Portland 556; singers from South Thomaston 174; singers from the Pemaquid and Boothbay peninsulas 452; singers from inland Maine 178. Barb Ames led the Shaker song “We Will All Go Home with You”.

Announcements were made. Corrone Bryant reported that expenses had been met. Edith Berger reported that thirty-seven leaders had led fifty-seven Sacred Harp songs and three Shaker songs, and that the seventy registered singers came from

eight states and two provinces. Barb Ames thanked all for traveling to the singing; the Sabbathday Lake Shaker community for their hospitality; the officers and others for helping; and the cooks for providing the evening meal.

Barb Ames, Debbie Bliss, and David Bliss led 62 as the closing song. Pat Callahan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed to the Dining Room in the Dwelling House, where all joined hands with Sister Frances for a silent grace before the evening meal.

SUPPER

Following the meal, some of those attending the afternoon session reconvened in the rotunda of the 1893 State of Maine Building on the grounds of the Poland Springs Resort.

Leaders: Robert Stoddard 38t (CB); Liz Cantrell 54t (CB); Pleasance Crawford 96 (CB); Joanne Fuller 38b (CB); Peter Golden 505 (CB); Chris Holley 440b (CB); George Sigut 30b (CB); Jesse Flynn 27 (CB); George Dymont 186 (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 199 (CB); Kathe Pilibosian 75 (CB); Joan Frankel 393 (CB); Brian Harris 392 (CB); Philippa Stoddard 567 (CB); Karl Dise 284 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Liz Cantrell 44 (CB); Robert Stoddard 150 (CB); Jesse Vear 416t (CB); Pleasance Crawford 337 (CB); Joanne Fuller 411 (CB); Jocelyn Faichney 416b (CB); Chris Holley 321 (CB); Peter Golden 559 (CB); George Sigut 122 (CB); John Hughes 189 (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 273 (CB); Kathe Pilibosian 133 (CB); Joan Frankel 492 (CB); Brian Harris 522 (CB); Philippa Stoddard 372 (CB); Karl Dise 163t (CB); Liz Cantrell 268b (CB); Robert Stoddard 378b (CB); Jesse Vear 229 (CB); Pleasance Crawford 176b (CB); Chris Holley and Jocelyn Faichney 376 (CB) (for Joanne Fuller); Joan Frankel 506 (CB); Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 527 (CB). Chairperson—Barb Ames; Secretary—Pleasance Crawford

HOLLY SPRINGS MEMORIAL SINGING

Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia

June 4-5, 2016

Saturday, June 4

The annual memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs on the first Sunday and Saturday before in June. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Jason Stanford.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairmen—Judy Henry and Earlis McGraw; Chaplin—Cecil Roberts; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 155; Jason Stanford 504; Judy Chambless 389; Winfred Kerr 314; Robbie Rivers 480. Richard DeLong and Robert Rivers thanked Charlene Wallace for all of her service to Sacred Harp and the Holly Springs singing. Leaders: B.M. Smith 270; Tony Hammock 464; Lela Crowder 82t; Louis Hughes 350; Phillip Langley 546; Jeannette DePoy 39b; Vicki See and Billy See 30b; Richard DeLong 123b; Karen Rollins 153; Hayden Arp 530; Robert Chambless 72b; Reba Windom 411 (in memory of Loyd Redding); Eric Tweedy 58; Alvaro Witt Duarte 272.

RECESS

Judy Henry brought the class back to order leading 79. Leaders: Michael Thompson 456 (in memory of Elsie Moon); Drew McGuire 181; Lisa Bennett and Christine Peck 505 (in honor of Janelle Davis and Earlis McGraw); Amy Wells 222; Scott DePoy 225t; Henry Johnson 409; Lauren Bock 453; Justin Bowen 183; Ellen Johnson 99; David Brodeur 548; Nathan Stewart 189; Shelbie Castillo and Reba Windom 192; Jim Neal 496; David Smead 471; Andy Ditzler 228; Eddie Huckaby

163b (in memory of Billy Lewis); Mike Richards 316; Faye Hollis 299; Buell Cobb 266; Emma Dean Williams 278b; Eva Grace Horsley and Lilly Kilgore 100; Laura Hodges 172; Jesse Roberts 168; Mary Brownlee 383; Isaac Green 133; Anna Hinton 142; Karis Askin 209; Eli Hinton 65; Oscar McGuire 556; Philip Denney and Gayle Denney 340 (in honor of Charlene Wallace); Pam Nunn 300.

LUNCH

Jesse P. Karlsberg brought the class back to order leading 345t. Leaders: John Plunkett 505; Daniel Williams 34t; Matt Hinton 284; Shane Brown 48t; Judy Mincey 497; Erica Hinton 145t; Diane Avery 145b; Lori Rayburn 472; Tommy McGraw 418; Laura Hodges 328; Jesse P. Karlsberg 440; Nathan Stewart 396; Robert Kelley 61; Karen Edwards, Dan Edwards, and Greta Edwards 77t; Alvaro Witt Duarte 260; Ellen Johnson 282; Isaac Green 85; Mike Richards 475; Justin Bowen 421; Jim Neal 84; Amy Wells 276; Tommy McGraw and Susan McGraw 542; Don Bowen 476; Shane Brown 47b; Hayden Arp and Lauren Bock 294; Judy Henry and Charlene Wallace 353 (in honor of Rebecca Over).

John Plunkett thanked Earlis McGraw for all of the tireless work he had done for Sacred Harp and the Sacred Harp Publishing Company. John said that for many years, Earlis had cut the grass and cared for the museum building, and always unloaded the truck when new books were delivered.

After announcements, Charlene Wallace and Judy Henry led 209 as the closing song. Jason Stanford offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, June 5

The Sunday session of the Holly Springs Memorial Sacred Harp singing was brought to order by Charlene Wallace leading 75. Robert Chambless offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Judy Chambless 37b, 527; Robert Chambless 111b, 56t (in honor of Ed and Margaret Thacker); Michael Spencer 420, 370; Glenda Collins and Burt Collins 101t, 340; Lela Crowder 32t, 354t; Samuel Williams 128, 536; Cecil Roberts 399b (in honor of Carolyn Deering and Earlis McGraw), 312b; Helen Bryson 131b, 428; Matt Hinton 36b, 53; Robert Rivers 384, 354b.

RECESS

Charlene Wallace brought the class back to order leading 155. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 229, 336; Leigh Ann Carter 29t, 67; Debra Langley 532 (in memory of Geneva Prichard), 299; John Kelso 326, 328; Robert Kelley 201, 385t; Malinda Snow 157, 544; Richard DeLong 57; Eddie Huckaby 268 (in memory of Keith Sanders), 56b; Vickie See and Billy See 178, 108b; Michael Thompson 385b, 196; Christian Webb 159; Anna Hinton 63, 209; Robert Rivers 378t (in memory of his mother); Eli Hinton 146.

LUNCH

Jessica Kelso brought the class back to order leading 108t and 175. Leaders: Scott DePoy 277, 448t; Ester Williams 452, 107; Karen Edwards and Greta Edwards 71, 290; Jeannette DePoy 129 (in honor of George Burnett); Jeannette DePoy and Lynn Allen 148 (in honor of Earlis McGraw); Eric Tweedy 270, 220; B.M. Smith 28b (in memory of his mother), 318; Winfred Kerr 68b, 89; Erica Hinton 138t, 389; Shannon Primm 448b (in memory of Carlene and Nick Griffin), 225t (in honor of Earlis McGraw); Lisa Webb 349 (in memory of her grandmother), 269; Fred Eddy 192, 236; Judy Henry 77b, 204; Dick Plunkett 45t; Sheri Taylor and Laura Frey 163b, 358; Jason Stanford, Gary Davis, and Karen Flagg 49t, 284; Laura Akerman 131t, 518; Philip Denney 47t (in memory of Evelyn and B.J. Harris).

After announcements, Charlene Wallace, Judy Henry, and Debra Langley led 46 as the closing song. Jason Stanford offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairmen—Judy Henry and Earlis McGraw; Secretary—Judy Chambless

LIBERTY DECORATION DAY SINGING

Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama

Sunday, June 5, 2016

The annual Liberty Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held at Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the first Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 49t. Eddie Mash offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jared Wootten 32t; Cheyenne Ivey 166; Rex Wilks 445; Richard Ivey 172; Boyd Scott 358; Daniel Lee 163t; Sally House 503; Aaron Wootten 159; Judy Caudle 389; Eddie Mash 448b; Laura Hodges 431; Delone Cobbs 39b; Mike Richards 441; Deborah Morton, Josh Collier, and Garrett Morton 146, 477; Nicholas Thompson 336; Stephen Miller 479; Justin Bowen 426t; Sarah Wootten 542; Sonja Sipe 36b; Tom George 367; Danny Creel 383; Lisa Geist 528; Andy Ditzler 444 (for Janelle Davis); Adrian Eldridge 291; Eloise Wootten 318; Sierra Saylor 481; Henry Johnson 439; Susan Cheronos 564; Marty Wootten 475; Drew Smith 129.

The class gathered at the cemetery. Shane Wootten, Rodney Ivey, and David Ivey led 45t, 571 (CB), 511b (CB), and 500 (CB).

RECESS

Richard Ivey led 42 to bring the class together. Leaders: Dennis George 464; Teresa Saylor and David Saylor 203; Linton Ballinger 186; Isaac Green 282; Daryl Chesney 454; Linda Thomas 217; Jesse P. Karlsberg 498; Jonathan Smith 110; Lori Graber 277; Don Bowen and Rodney Ivey 99 (in memory of Marie Ivey); Lauren Bock 298; Tony Ivey 57; Reba Windom 269 (in memory of her sister); Phil Summerlin 411; Larry Ballinger 158; Lisa Bennett 216 (for her brother-in-law); Drew McGuire 399b; Karen Freund, Gloria Freund, and Lynn deBenedette 77t (in memory of Jerry Enright); Darrell Swarens 208; Nathan Rees 391; Scott Ivey 89. Dennis George asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jared Wootten leading 59. Leaders: Kelly House 532; David Smead 494; Alvaro Witt Duarte and Gideon Lloyd 474 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Loyd Ivey 283; Jackie Tanner and Rodney Ivey 47t; Cassie Allen 434; Shelby Castillo, Reba Windom, and Randall Smith 137; Cindy Tanner and Cassie Allen 436; David Ivey, Rodney Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Coy Ivey 384; Nathan Stewart 182; Hayden Wootten, Levon Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 155; Elene Stovall and Cheyenne Ivey 426b (for Susan Harcrow); Scott Ivey and Isaac Stiefel 198; Justine Bowen and Malachi Lloyd 40; James Eldridge 393; David Brodeur 368; Nate Green and Norma Green 566; Mary Ruth Stiefel and Verlon Stiefel 348b; Geraldine Sharpton 299; Coy Ivey, Eloise Wootten, Norman Greeson, Linda Patton, Loyd Ivey, Jack Ivey, and Norma Green 465 (CB); Butch White 86 (for Susan Harcrow); Loyd Ivey, Marion Biddle, Teresa Bethune, Lilly Underwood, Callie Watkins, Halle Sisemore, Candace Sisemore, Doug Ivey, and Lindsey Watkins 501 (CB); Jim Neal 496; Isaac Lloyd 117; Gravis Ballinger 112; Lynn deBenedette, Lauren Bock 272 (in memory of John Etheridge and Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Ezra Lloyd 84; Christopher Mann 31t; Bill Dunn 107; Gideon Lloyd 274t; Anna Grace Sipe 178; Sylvia Ivey, Tony Ivey, Sandy Ivey, Lorie Wootten, Marty Wootten, Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Scott Ivey 278b; Joseph Dunn 85; Garrett Sipe, Anna Grace Sipe, and Christopher Mann 47b; Syble Adams and David Ivey 472; Isaac Lloyd and Havilah Lloyd 317; Shane Wootten and Emily Senafield

505 (CB), 99.

Shane Wootten led 62 as the closing song. Phil Summerlin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Jared Wootten; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

HILL ROANE MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SINGING **Sherman Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Mississippi** **Sunday, June 5, 2016**

The 67th annual Hill Roane Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Sherman Baptist Church. The class was called to order by Mark Davis leading 129. He then offered the morning prayer, and led 230, 70b, and 138t.

Leaders: John Van Horn 155, 29b, 131t; Darlene Reynolds 486 (WB), 511 (WB), 282; Warren Steel 375, 138b, 441; Jerry Kitchens 87, 421, 61; Amber Davis 499, 134, 212; Regina Derstine 337, 341, 456; Henry McGuire 100 (WB), 487t (WB), 60 (WB).

RECESS

Mark Davis reassembled the class by leading 151. Judy Harrison led 40, 359, and 400.

LUNCH

Mark Davis called the afternoon session together by leading 157 and 179. Leaders: John Van Horn 163t, 163b; Darlene Reynolds 569b, 490; Warren Steel 57, 215; Jerry Kitchens 64, 65; Amber Davis 440, 224; Regina Derstine 385b, 208; Henry McGuire 512 (WB), 508t (WB); Mark Davis 527 (WB), 154b (WB).

RECESS

Mark Davis led 474 and 236. Leaders: John Van Horn 297; Warren Steel 418; Jerry Kitchens 145b; Amber Davis 234; Regina Derstine 152 (WB); Henry McGuire 175 (WB).

Following announcements, Mark Davis led 209 as the closing song. Roy Davis dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Warren Steel

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING **Old Songs Community Arts Center, Voorheesville, New York** **Saturday, June 11, 2016**

The Albany area New York State Regional Singing was called to order by Pattie Wareh leading 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Joanne Fuller.

Leaders: Pattie Wareh 171; Mary Skidmore 101t; Joanne Fuller 59; Patricia Geritz 479; Dennis Leipold 480; Nina Zanetti 40; Nicholas Tuff 47b; Sally Langendorf 548; Brian Harris 213t; Barbara Swetman 203; Eric Hildebrant 236; Sheila Kelley 224; Leon Pulsinelle 271b; Gwen Gethner 348b; Chelsea Smiley 38t.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Cora Wareh and Lindsay Kruse leading 58. Leaders: Allison Steel 105; Tarik Wareh 152; Ines Lutgen 29b; Andre Kunev 272; Julia Reischel 209; Faiz Wareh 126; Rachel Speer 271t; Keillor Mose 354b; Kassie Urban-Mead 155; George Sigut 86; Ian Smiley 352; Tarik Wareh 204; Mary Skidmore 499; Martha Rogers 270; Nina Zanetti 347; Patricia Geritz 47t.

RECESS

Chelsea Smiley and Ian Smiley led 159 to call the class to order. Leaders: Bill Holt 222; Dennis Leipold 228; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 290; Paula Picton 139; Dean Jens 349; Lindsay Kruse 124; Dev Crasta 178; Nancy Mandel 275t; Micah Walter 564;

Lauren Keeley 274t; Barbara Swetman 540; Brian Harris 376; Sally Langendorf 148; Faiz Wareh 292; Joanne Fuller 460; Andre Kuney 282; Cora Wareh 481; Eric Hildebrant 551. Grace for the noon meal was offered by Paula Picton.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Faiz Wareh and Leon Pulsinelle leading 81t. Leaders: Chelsea Smiley 71; Kassie Urban-Mead 504; Dev Crasta 56b; Lindsay Kruse 436; Micah Walter 384; Lauren Keeley 146; Bill Holt 269; Paula Picton 373; Keillor Mose 53; Nancy Mandel 411; Leon Pulsinelle 440; Rachel Speer 441; Gwen Gethner 192; Ines Luttgén 399b; Allison Steel 302; Martha Rogers 76b; George Sigut 448t; Julia Reischel 87; Nicholas Tuff 448b; Noel Phillips 335.

RECESS

Ines Luttgén and Martha Rogers called the class to order by leading 319. Leaders: David Rosenberg and Jean Rosenberg 452; Sheila Kelley 216; Ian Smiley 110; Cora Wareh 122; Dean Jens 220; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 38b; Noel Phillips 34t; Tarik Wareh and Mary Jean McCarthy 326; Micah Walter and Brian Harris 57; Sally Langendorf and Allison Steel 401; Paula Picton and Nancy Mandel 569t; Keillor Mose and Andre Kuney 318; Bill Holt and Eric Hildebrant 344; Gwen Gethner 72t; Kitty Vagery 39t; Barbara Swetman and Dennis Leipold 475; Julia Reischel and Lindsay Kruse 217; Dean Jens and Leon Pulsinelle 503; Nina Zanetti and Patricia Geritz 49b.

A brief business meeting was convened to accept reports from the officers. The Secretary reported that ninety-three songs were sung today with forty leaders. There were fifty-nine attendees from NY, CT, MA, VT and NJ. Announcements of upcoming singings were made.

Pattie Wareh, Tarik Wareh, Joanne Fuller, Mary Skidmore, Mary Jean McCarthy, and Patricia Geritz led 62 as the closing song. Gwen Gethner offered the final blessing.

Chairman—Pattie Wareh; Secretary—Mary Skidmore

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama

June 11-12, 2016

Saturday, June 11

The 70th annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in June. Terry Hullett called the class to order by leading 81t. Elder Philip Gilmore offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 144; Nate Green 32t; Rebekah Gilmore 72b; Shane Wootten 36b; Philip Gilmore 76b; Nathan Stewart 100; Robert Walker 49b; Darrell Swarens 29b; Judy Caudle 313t; Chris Brown 168; Vickie See and Billy See 339; Shirley Figura 299; Henry Johnson 435 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Adrian Eldridge 318; Ann Jett 546; Paula Oliver 217; Katherine Eldridge 143; Wanda Capps 203.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class back together by leading 277. Leaders: Taylor Watkins 354b; Cassie Allen 332; Paul Figura and Judy Whiting 68b (in memory of Charlie Derleth); Judy Whiting 492; Jim Aaron 47b; Hubert Nall 421; Doyle Alexander 146; Cheyenne Ivey 338, 389; Loyd Ivey 348b; Bea Aaron 568; Bridgett Kennedy 309, 37b; Tristan Gordon 399b; 474.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class back together by leading 89. Leaders: April Watkins 345t, 345b; Lori Graber 42; Stina Soderling 171, 162; Paula Gilmore and Philip

Gilmore 512, 448t; Linda Thomas 176b; Linda Thomas and Judy Caudle 137; Linda Booth 196, 566; Brenda Dunlap 77t, 322; Bob Watkins 455, 406; B.M. Smith 225t (in memory of Earlis McGraw), 475.

LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the class back together by leading 276. Leaders: Darrell Swarens and Cassie Allen 198; Chris Brown 234; Judy Whiting 208; Linda Booth 28b; Tristan Gordon 153; Stina Soderling 135; Lori Graber 150; Katherine Eldridge 125; Brenda Dunlap 82t; Adrian Eldridge 211; Paul Figura and Shirley Figura 503, 499; Nathan Stewart 189; B.M. Smith 284; Vickie See and Billy See 480; Ann Jett 269; Loyd Ivey 460; Lynne deBenedette 278t, 182; Hubert Nall 64; Doyle Alexander 63; Nate Green, Dale Green, Ken Green, Steve Green, Cindy Green, and Nathan Green 418; Cheyenne Ivey 56t; Wanda Capps and Cassie Allen 298; Robert Walker 99 (in memory of Steve Adams); Judy Caudle 183; Grace Gilmore 500; Paula Oliver 430; Rebekah Gilmore 445; Loyd Ivey 283; Bridgett Kennedy and Henry Johnson 425.

Terry Hullett led 46 as the closing song. Doyle Alexander dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 12

The Sunday session of the Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Terry Hullett leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Doyle Alexander.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 129; Nate Green 61; Doyle Alexander 36b, 318; Danny Creel 170, 405; Stina Soderling 37b, 105; Philip Denney 143, 142; Terry Wootten 42, 421; B.M. Smith 30b, 270; Karen Rollins 222, 347; Jenn Dolan 77t, 64; Tristan Gordon 375, 454; Philip Gilmore 358, 294; Vickie See and Billy See 178, 33b.

RECESS

Marty Wootten brought the class back together by leading 167. Leaders: Marty Wootten 176b; Rebekah Gilmore 383, 277; Cassie Allen 53, 399b; Ainslie Allen and April Watkins 217, 196; Jenny Mann 460, 148; Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 89, 39t; Taylor Watkins 146; Grace Gilmore 208, 542; Doug Conn 546, 200.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore. They led 348b for the following deceased: Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Tom Robinson—Texas; Sylvia Gilbert—New York; Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Bennett Green—Kansas; Steve Adams, Wayne Allcorn, Irene Byrum, Estelle Gilmore, Bernice Harvey, Bruce Moody, Elsie Moon, and Sharon Moody Noojin—Alabama; Eileen McDougal, Dave Smith, Michael Spittal, Ian Whiting, and Eileen Wilson—United Kingdom.

Philip and Paula then led 68b for the following sick and shut-ins: Janelle Davis, Karen Turner, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Cath Tyler, Jeannette DePoy, Ian West, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, S.T. Reed, Betty Sue Phillips Johnson, Dean Phillips, Hazel Brothers, and Pete Engle. Doug Conn closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Philip Gilmore brought the class back together by leading 278b. Leaders: Philip Gilmore 48t; Helen Brown 134, 475; Jackie Tanner 314; Rodney Ivey 418; Chita Blakeley 430, 172; Linda Thomas 299; Cindy Tanner 155, 198; Ted Brown 378t, 496; Randall Smith 76b; Susan Cheronos 564, 300; Waylon Blakeley 138b, 73t; Nate Green and Norma Green 317, 425 (for S.T. Reed); Lynne deBenedette 556 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard), 432; Shane Wootten 440, 426t; Glenn Keeton 349, 441 (in memory of Roie Alexander); Paula Gilmore 29t, 566; Shane Wootten 571 (CB) (for Jewel Wootten); Shane Wootten and Randall Smith 501 (CB); Shane Wootten 465 (CB).

Philip Gilmore led 45t as the closing song. Marty Wootten dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore

JUNE SINGING

Alpharetta Municipal Building, Alpharetta, Georgia

Sunday, June 12, 2016

The 148th annual session of the June Singing was held on the second Sunday in June at the Alpharetta Municipal Building. Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 34b. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Faye Holbrook 111b; Janice Paulk 32t, 392; Helen Bryson 101b, 217; John Plunkett 49b, 207; Mike Castleberry 512, 76b; Rene Greene 300, 351; Charlene Wallace 155; Rachel Carlisle 137, 145t; Tony Hammock 61, 303; Robert Chambless 225t, 86; Dan Bailey 569b, 66.

RECESS

Faye Holbrook and Mary Lee of the Alpharetta Historical Society called the class to order leading 67. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 285t, 348b; Ross Williams 31t, 282; Cecil Roberts 89, 163b; Judy Chambless 472, 318.

Malinda Snow conducted the memorial lesson. She spoke of how the Sacred Harp family is one of choice. As family we look forward to seeing each other, we know each other's favorite dishes and favorite songs. We feel uplifted. And we provide a lifetime of resources for each other such as cards, phone calls, prayers, visits to homes, food prepared; whatever we can. We should also remember that some may be hearing the singing for the first time, but some may be hearing the singing for the last time.

Malinda led 72b for the following sick and shut-ins: Lucy Garner, James Hughes, Janelle Davis, and Jack Paulk.

Malinda led 91 in memory of the following deceased: Earlis McGraw, George Garner, Sarah Samples, Bernice Steadman Thompson, and Curtis Hamrick—Georgia; Elder Neal Prichard, Nellie Mae White, Evelyn Harris, and Hester Edwards—Alabama; Lewis Bennett and Betty Jo Bennett—South Carolina. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Virginia Dyer called the class to order leading 78 and 361 (for survivors and families of the Orlando shooting). Leaders: Malinda Snow 284, 510; Donna Bell 99, 119; Winfred Kerr 68b, 146; Dalton Dyer 28b, 354b; Richard DeLong 399b, 421; Lisa Bennett 505 (for Earlis McGraw), 107 (for Janelle Davis); David Smead 50b (in memory of Raymond Hamrick), 354t; Judy Mincey 489, 191; Andy Morse 176b, 168; Janice Paulk 384; Faye Holbrook 380; Helen Bryson 313b; Mike Castleberry 344; Rene Greene 294.

RECESS

A business session was conducted. The class voted to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Janice Paulk; Secretary—Helen Bryson. Singers were encouraged to be thinking about the 150th session of the June Singing, and how it can be promoted in Alpharetta and among other singings.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 283; Oscar McGuire 276; Cecil Roberts 229; Andy Morse 540; Malinda Snow 556; Judy Mincey 101t; Lisa Bennett 474; David Smead 485.

Announcements were made. Faye Holbrook led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Janice Paulk; Secretary—Helen Bryson

ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL

Johnson School House, Fayette County, Alabama

Sunday, June 12, 2016

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Johnson School House on the second Sunday in June. Elene Stovall welcomed everyone, and then led 36b. Darrell Swarens offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Co-chairmen—Elene Stovall and Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairman—Bridgett Hill Kennedy; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey; Arranging Officer—Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 217; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 276; Cheyenne Ivey 176b; Darrell Swarens 208; Betty Baccus 454; Don Keeton 491; Faye Donaldson 430; Adrian Eldridge 298; Lori Graber 548; Richard Mauldin 133; Shirley Figura 565; Nathan Stewart 304; Jan May 540; Linda Booth 198; Chris Brown 269; Brenda Dunlap 117; Paul Figura 348b (in memory of Charlie Derleth).

RECESS

Elene Stovall led 440 to bring the class together. Leaders: Chris Ballinger 215; Penny Kujawinski 564 (in memory of Charlie Derleth); Henry Guthery 409; Michelle Cull 99; Andy Ditzler 291; Earl Ballinger 439; Judy Whiting 441; Dan Brittain 377; Aaron Kahn 313; Gillian Inksetter 428; David Brodeur 71; Katherine Eldridge 332.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Darrell Swarens leading 128. Leaders: Idy Kiser 112; Eugene Forbes 299; Lisa Geist 528; Frank Griggs 106; Annaliza Cull 155; Larry Ballinger 331; Judy Caudle 202; Gravis Ballinger 203; Lou Kujawinski 350; Chuck Howell 373; Allison Davis and Gresham Davis 436; Glen Killingsworth and Jo Ann Nichols 36b; Johnny Mack Key and Elene Stovall 63.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Larry Ballinger leading 157. Leaders: Chris Brown 107; Lori Graber 111b; Paul Figura 165; Angela Myers 168; David Brodeur 70b; Judy Whiting 105; Nathan Stewart 220; Aaron Kahn 455; Linda Booth 481; Andy Ditzler 95; Brenda Dunlap 81b; Dan Brittain 193; Katherine Eldridge 361; Eugene Forbes 551; Annaliza Cull 448; Jan May 351; Idy Kiser and Jamie Yeats 39; Frank Griggs and Kathlene McDonnell 180; Penny Kujawinski 195; Larry Ballinger 127; Gillian Inksetter and Naomi Duguid 472; Lou Kujawinski 477; Judy Caudle 518; Allison Davis 146; Adrian Eldridge, Katherine Eldridge, and Darrell Swarens 507 (in memory of Josie Hyde); Shirley Figura 30b; Chuck Howell 569b; Michelle Cull and Annaliza Cull 186; Henry Guthery 549; Cheyenne Ivey 546; Lisa Geist 273; Richard Mauldin 446; Betty Baccus and Larry Ballinger 294; Don Keeton 480; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 300; Joan Aldridge 228; Elene Stovall 316 (for Toney Smith).

Announcements were made. Elene Stovall and Bridgett Hill Kennedy led 46 as the closing song. Adrian Eldridge offered closing prayer.

Co-chairmen—Elene Stovall and Joan Aldridge; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

CAMP FASOLA, ADULT EMPHASIS
Camp McDowell, Double Springs, Alabama
June 12-16, 2016

Sunday, June 12

Arrival, Registration, and Orientation Campers arrived at 4:00 p.m. and were greeted by Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy at the registration tables. After receiving their t-shirts, room assignments, and schedules, campers had free time until supper at 6:00 p.m. Staff and campers met in Hall Hall with Camp Director David Ivey at 7:00 p.m. for an orientation meeting, and class singing followed. Camp Fasola is a non-profit endeavor of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA). SHMHA has no paid staff. Shmha accepts donations and is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m. Led by Christ Church Lodge campers. Jonathon Smith brought the class to order leading 70t. Ted Brown offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Lauren Bock 36b; Ted Brown 33b; Frank Griggs 189; Jamie Yeats 86; Judy Whiting 350; Andy Ditzler 91; Jan May 300; Nathan Rees 32b; Bill Hayes 535; Dan Brittain 57; Naomi Duguid 268; Susan Cheronos 460; Gillian Inksetter 182; Nathan Stewart 392; Dan Comstock 163t; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 500; Ginnie Ely 228; Helen Brown 542; Rick Cunningham 101t; Chris Brown 447; Lisa Bennett 224; Daniel Lee 203; Idy Kiser 108b; Richard Schmeidler 66; Judy Caudle 76t; Linda Booth 515; Ann Mashchak 373; Daryl Chesney 128; David Smead 168. Frank Cornett conducted the devotional. Ted Brown offered the closing prayer.

Monday, June 13

Every day there are lessons, electives, opportunities for recreation or relaxation, recess periods with snacks, and an evening class singing, along with opportunities to socialize.

Lesson: Rudiments I/Beginner 9:00 a.m. Teacher—Lauren Bock. Lauren referred to page 13 of the Rudiments in the Sacred Harp and discussed what is sound, what is music, what is pitch, and what is rhythm. The class participated in a shape syllable drill, a scale drill, and a human scale game. To demonstrate the scale, the class sang “Joy To The World” and “Twinkle, Twinkle” in shape notes. Lauren gave an explanation of voice parts and elements of the page. The class looked at note duration, rest duration, and time signatures on page 13 of the Rudiments, and practiced the exercises on the page. Class dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments I/Basics 9:00 a.m. Teacher—Nathan Rees. The class explored the Rudiments with a questions and answers time, and explored the traditions of Sacred Harp. The scales were practiced along with singing the most common intervals. The class sang 146 and 43. Class dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments I/Advanced 9:00 a.m. Teacher—Stuart Ivey. A chart was displayed showing the major and minor scales. Stuart gave a summary of the shapes, scales, modes of time, and described Sacred Harp as a product of four categories: rhythm, pitch, volume, and accent. Stuart stated that “the right note at the wrong time is a wrong note”. Stuart suggested learning a group of notes, and the class sang the tenor line on 222 for an example. The class reviewed pages 507, 508 and 509 for a song with rhythm changes. Stuart led 69b as an example of a hold, and emphasized the need for a strong preparatory hand gesture to signal the class. Another hold example was found in 198. Another example of a change of mode was reviewed on 301. The class practiced singing intervals, and was encouraged to practice on their own. The class concluded by singing 355.

Elective: Team Tunsmith I-Sacred Harp Composition 101 10:50 a.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo provided the beginner tune writers with hand-outs,

worksheets, and gave instructions and tips for the Team Tunsmith Challenge. The tunesmiths were given the same melody line to harmonize beginning with the bass line and then hand off the finished line to the next designated person in their group and continue until all three harmonies are complete. All compositions will be handed in on the last day of camp to be sung in the Composium session. Aldo encouraged the tunesmiths to work as a group, and individually, and have fun. He hoped this learning exercise will give a better understanding of the process of Sacred Harp songwriting, and of what make our music so special.

Elective: Rudiments Applied/Sightreading 10:50 a.m. Teacher—Stuart Ivey. Stuart led 378t. He gave a list of essentials to learning how to sight read as follows: the page number, meter, the key (if you pitch), the clefs, the composer's words, the music, the time signature, the pitch note, the accent, and the volume. The class practiced all four lines of 378t reading and singing. The leader should know which song they want to lead, the speed, changes of time, and sing the tenor part. Stuart led 142 as an example of a fusing tune, and said knowing how to lead one is important. Stuart suggested leading an unfamiliar song. The class practiced sight reading exercises from a hand-out. Class dismissed.

Elective: Accent 1:00 p.m. Teacher—Nathan Rees. Nathan rhetorically asks the question, "Why sing with accent"? The most common answer is because it keeps the group together; singing as one voice. Another answer is the unique sound achieved by singing Sacred Harp music with accent. Nathan covered primary and secondary accent in 2/4 and 4/4 time. The class sang 270. Nathan explained triple time accent, and led 347 and 30b. Nathan explained compound time accent, and led 131b, 97, 387, 227. Class dismissed.

Elective: Sacred Harp Wind Band Music 1:00 p.m. Teachers—Johnnie and Nancy Vinson. Johnnie Vinson introduced himself, and his wife Nancy, to campers. Nancy is a professional flutist. They have two adult sons, who are also musicians. For much of his career, he served on the band staff at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. Since his retirement from Auburn, he has devoted much of his time to writing music for band. Johnnie provided a hand-out to campers with compositions and arrangements he had written for concert band that employ shaped note tunes. His compositions based on shaped note tunes are: "Overture On A Hymn Tune" (based on page 79), "Variants On A Shaped Note Tune" (based on page 58), "Echoes Of The Hollow Square" (based on "The Morning Trumpet" found in the 1909 edition of The Union Harp), "Hallelujah" (based on page 146), "I'm Going Home/Warrenton" (based on pages 282 and 145t). Johnnie played recordings of the original songs, and then, the wind arrangements. David Ivey led 295 and 85. Class dismissed.

Lesson: Leading Workshop 2:10 p.m. Teachers—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Judy Caudle. Judy led 155. Leaders: Zilpha Cornett 408; Chris Parris 159; Ann Mashchak 551; Frank Griggs 362; Joey Brackner 178; Kathleen McDonnell 217; Daryl Chesney 149; Dorothea Maynard 304. Class dismissed.

Lesson: And Then I'll be at Rest 2:10 p.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo began the class by leading 77b. Aldo addressed the importance of simultaneously cutting off the voice for a rest. A good class not only stays together on the notes, but also on the rests. The class reviewed the following songs for specific rests found at the beginning, internally, and between verses: 47b, 149, 64, 457, 330t, 38b, 485, 88b, 234, 232, and 365.

Lesson: The Music & Life of Singin' Billy Walker 3:40 p.m. Teacher—Jonathon Smith. Jonathon led 129. He told the class that William Walker was from Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and was in the same church as B.F. White, his brother-in-law. Walker wrote his first song at the age of eighteen. A falling out had transpired between Walker and White. After Walker's death, the *Southern Harmony*

was reprinted by the WPA. There was a folk opera written about Walker during the 1950's called "Singin' Billy", which included a handful of shape-note tunes. Walker published four books in his lifetime, which are 1835- *Southern Harmony*, 1846-Southern and Western Pocket Harmonist, supplements to the *Southern Harmony*, 1867-*Christian Harmony* in seven shapes, 1873-Fruits and Flowers, written for school children.

The class sang songs from a handout from each of Walker's publications. Leaders: Jonathon Smith "The Good Physician" (SoH); Lauren Bock "Thorny Desert" (SoH); Aldo Ceresa "French Broad" (SoH). The class sang "Tender Hearted Christian" and "The Shouting Pilgrim" from the Southern and Western Harmonist. Jesse P. Karlsberg led "Solemn Call" (CH) and Jonathon Smith led "Breaker" (CH) and "Spartanburg" (CH). Jonathon led "The Last Rose of Summer" from Fruits and Flowers. Class dismissed.

Lesson: Old Minutes-What They Tell Us & What They Don't 3:40

p.m.—Teacher—Buell Cobb. Buell remarked that minutes can provide a view of what was sung in early times, telling us a lot, but omitting a lot of what we would like to know. As an example, he read the minutes from a Jaybird Convention of which we know the name of the church that year and the next year, but not the community or the state, or what songs were led. Buell stated that rules of a convention in counties adjacent to Camp McDowell were strict in adherence to the B.F. White, James, and Denson editions that used dispersed harmony, not modern harmony. In the twentieth century, pianos and organs were sometimes proudly reported to be in use at conventions.

Elective: The Music of L.P. Breedlove 4:50 p.m. Teacher—Dan Brittain. The class sang songs by the early Sacred Harp master. Leaders: Dan Brittain 285t; Aldo Ceresa 407; David Ivey 123b; Jeannette DePoy 354b; Chris Brown 75; Zilpha Cornett 282. The following songs were sung without a leader: 337, 152, 342, 290, and 326. Songs from the James book were "Meditation", "Redemption", and "Prosperity". Class dismissed.

Elective: Concords and Discords 4:50 p.m. Teacher—Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse referred the class to page 22, paragraph 8 of the Rudiments on harmony, concord, and discord. He read B.F. White's description from the 1844 Edition of the Sacred Harp. Jesse explained roots of chords, types of chords, progression, inversions, and mollification. The following songs were led by Jesse to illustrate: 348b, 406, 76b, 303, 36b, 354t, 548, 82t, 454, 414, 569t, 47b, 70b, 448t, 569b, and 318. Class dismissed.

Elective: Vocal Health Tips 7:00 p.m. Teacher—Dan Comstock. Dan offered class members several tips on how to get the most out of our singing voice. He demonstrated several vocal and breathing exercises in which the class participated. Dan demonstrated how the vocal cords expand and contract with the intake and outtake of air. Dan stated that singing produces a wider vocal range than speaking simply due to the intake of air during singing. Good posture was emphasized for properly singing while in a sitting position. He advised that singers need to be safe with their voice, as the voice is the only instrument in Sacred Harp. Class dismissed.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m. led by Advent Lodge campers. The class was called to order by Lisa Bennett leading 312b. Tom Booth offered the opening prayer. The following officers served: Chairman—Lisa Bennett; Chaplain—Tom Booth; Secretary—William Hayes; Arranging Committee—Dorothea Maynard and Naomi Duguid.

Leaders: David Ivey 457 (sung three times for a video production); Judy Caudle 267 (sung twice for video production); Jesse Karlsberg 441 (sung twice for video production); William Hayes and Ann Mashchak 551; Naomi Duguid 163b; Dorothea

Maynard 361; Aldo Ceresa 440; Jeannette DePoy 201; Stuart Ivey 456; Brenda Dunlap 56b; Nancy Tkacs 81t; David Brodeur 354t; Chris Parris 354b; Zilpha Cornett 408. The chairperson thanked the group for participating. The devotional was given by Richard Schmeidler based upon Psalm 118. The closing prayer was offered by Tom Booth.

David Ivey reviewed tomorrow's agenda. Big Dave will give the birds of prey demo at 7:00 a.m. tomorrow morning in Hall Hall. Buell Cobb did several readings from *Like Cords Around My Heart*. An ice cream social followed.

Tuesday, June 14

Lesson: Rudiments II/Basics 9:00 a.m. Teacher—Nathan Rees. Nathan led 131b, and asked the class to sing the tenor line. He made note of the minor chord in the middle of a major song. The class discussed intervals, and how descending intervals are different than ascending intervals. Class members participated in singing scales and intervals. Nathan stated that intervals also build melody and music is a series of pleasing tones. Zilpha Cornett led 72t. Nathan Rees led 359. The class reviewed rhythmic, modes of time, and accent. Class dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments III/Advanced 9:00 a.m. Teacher—Dan Brittain. Dan provided a hand-out to campers on “Rhythmics” that stated rhythmics treats the arrangements of notes and rests in time. Thus, it is concerned with patterns in time. The traditional rudiments assigned specific speeds to each mode of time, along with specific methods of marking time. Dan's personal reflection is that modes of time vary with regional traditions, and to respect the region when visiting. Dan reviewed time signatures listing the relative length per measure from the James' rudiments. When leading a song, Dan offered suggestions such as, be prepared with your selection when called upon and announce the number so all can hear. If the song begins on a downbeat, first do an upbeat, to show the speed of the song, and then confidently start singing on the downbeat. If the song begins on an upbeat, do a downbeat first, again to show tempo, and then begin singing on the upbeat. It is best to do the preparatory beats while the chord is sounding: people want to start singing when they see the motion of the beat. Dan acknowledged that this practice was, and is, not universally taught. Some of the older teachers did it that way, some did not. Dan concluded with naming a few songs that traditions have influenced (183, 291, 310, and 408), and how the Denson and Cooper versions are different. Class dismissed.

Elective: Composing Tenor Lines 10:30 a.m. Teacher—Dan Brittain. Dan provided the class with a template set up for a duple meter. In writing a tenor line, Dan gave the following points: start with a plain-tune style or one similar to 177 (not a true fugal tune, but one that has parts entering alone); use common modes of time; notes should stay within the staff; keep rhythmic patterns simple; the first note should start on “sol” or “fa” and the last measure should end on “fa”; use mostly step motion; some skips are allowed (but every note should not be a skip); try to match your tenor line to the text (sometimes the words suggest motions); and it is okay to repeat part of the tune for the second or fourth line. Dan gave text examples. Class dismissed.

Elective: Time & Tempo-New Insights 10:30 a.m. Teacher—Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse remarked that the content of the class would be a theoretical one and not a practical one. Jesse stated that modes of time used to be called “moods of time”. For example, $3/2$ is mathematically the same as $6/4$, but they have very different moods. Mode also indicates tempo. Research was done about how much each mode is sung. The number of times each mode was used did not equal the number of times each mode appeared. Tempo as related to mood is covered in the Rudiments. Tempo used to be dictated in seconds or inches, but has since become relative, and determined at

the discretion of the leader. Tempos picked up during the time of T.J. Denson, and continued to pick up further after his death. Marcus Cagle, Elmer Kitchens, and Hugh McGraw started to slow things down when the words on recordings became unintelligible, so an executive decision to slow things down was made and observed. Jesse presented the class with a graph marking the differences between tempo and mode. Jesse and Mark Godfrey studied four-thousand songs. They found strong correlation between tempo and mode. They found consistency with B.F. White's instructions. Jesse played a recording of two songs in 4/4. One song at 2.5 seconds to the measure and one song at 1.3 seconds to the measure. The class felt the song at 1.3 seconds sounded normal compared to the song at 2.5 seconds, which sounded very slow to the class. The research also found that behavior in compound time has changed. We have sped up in 6/4 and slowed down in 6/8 bringing them closer together. Jesse presented another graph of how often we see and hear bursts in volume for each mood of time for each second of each song in the data. There is a hint at different characteristics of tempo for each mode of time. The 6/8 graph showed we have distinct tempos across the Sacred Harp world, maybe because it is less familiar and less easy to sight-read. The 2/2 graph showed two different rhythms, as in 344. The 3/4 graph showed a wide variation in tempos. To conclude, Jesse played two clips of one fast and one slower to show the difference. Class dismissed.

Elective: Singing Favorites with Elder Hopper 1:00 p.m. Teacher—J.L. Hopper. Elder Hopper was introduced to campers by his daughter, Judy Caudle. Elder Hopper had seven siblings, and his mother taught him to sing. He told a story about his grandpa paying him if he would learn the notes and lead 76t when he was very young and he did not yet know how to read. He practiced diligently until he could do it and got paid by his grandpa! Elder Hopper led the following favorites, answered questions from the class, and did a little teaching along the way! Songs: 177, 277, 311, 448t, 269, and 553. Class dismissed.

Lesson: The Memorial Lesson 1:00 p.m. Teachers—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Judy Caudle. Bridgett led 37b. Bridgett talked about tradition and heritage, and that most singers present are adopted into this heritage of Sacred Harp music. Bridgett stated that we have either a mutual, obligate, or symbiotic relationship. A symbiotic relationship depends or relies upon another to survive. We, as Sacred Harp singers, are in a symbiotic relationship with each other. We need each other in order to carry on the tradition. Our commonalities, shared experiences, and memories are the things that bring us together.

Judy Caudle defined the word “memory” as the power to retain and recall past experiences. She gave the definition of memorial as anything that symbolizes or celebrates a person or a place. She expressed that in a memorial lesson, we are remembering and celebrating those individuals that are no longer with us and honor their memory. The class concluded and entered into a memorial lesson.

Brenda Dunlap spoke of her first experience with the Sacred Harp approach to death, loss, and grief. She encouraged the class to enter the memorial lesson with joy.

Naomi Duguid read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Kermit Adams, Susan Harcrow, Eloise Wootten, Betty Shepherd, Jack Nelson, Judy Hauff, Melanie Hauff, Velton Chafin, Ozella Blackman, Ottis Sides, June Frederick, Karen Turner, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Cath Tyler, Ian West, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Ruth Steggle, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, S.T. Reed, Janelle Davis, Dave Kiser, Jimmy Bailey, Anne Mauldin Chalker, and Floy Wilder. Nancy Tkacs led 335.

Jean Merritt read the following list of names of the deceased: Steve Adams, Hester Edwards, Kathleen Doss Traywick, Nellie Mae White, Lora Cargo, Robert DuPree, Elsie Calvert Moon, Bernice Williams Harvey, and Gib Amason—Alabama; Dan

Adams—Connecticut; Robert DePoy and Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Charlie Derlerth—Missouri; Eveline Inksetter and Ann Henry—New York; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Nadine Clarke—Tennessee; Tom Robinson—Texas; Eileen McDougall—France; Ian Whiting, Michael Spittal, Eileen Wilson, and Dave Smith—United Kingdom. Ann Mashchak led 163b in memory of the deceased. Frank Cornett closed the memorial service with prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Lesson: Music and Influence of O.A. Parris 3:20 p.m. Teacher—Jesse P. Karlsberg. A hand-out, “The Music and Influence of Orin Adolphus Parris” was provided to the class. Jesse led 546, and gave an early lineage of O.A. Parris. Parris published through Stamps-Baxter, and started the Denson-Parris Publishing Company. Later, Parris became primarily a gospel song publisher. His last publishing company was called Convention Publishing Company. In the last decades of his life, Parris had an ambivalent relationship with publishing. The class sang 349 and 377, noting his bits of flair and accidentals that was emblematic of his style. From the hand-out, David Ivey led “A Few More Years”; Nathan Stewart led “God’s Helping Hand”; Jan May led “Weary Rest”; Jesse led “I’ll Be Satisfied”; Andy Ditzler led “The Grand Highway”. O.A. Parris was inducted into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame after his death. Jesse noted that O.A. Parris is a cousin to Chris Parris, who was attending this year’s camp. Ginnie Ely led 454. Class dismissed.

Lesson: The Pleasing Sound 3:20 p.m. Teacher—Henry Johnson. Henry began the class by explaining the early Rudiments of White from 1844-1870, as well as the 1911 J.L. White supplement. Zilpha Cornett led 122. Henry read through White’s “General Observations” and “General Directions to singers” from the White Rudiments. Leaders: Frank Griggs 56t; Susan Cheronos 56b; Henry Johnson 73t; Lisa Bennett 288. Class dismissed.

Elective: Newton & Cowper-The Odd Couple 4:30 p.m. Teacher—Chris Brown. The class was provided a hand-out of songs by Newton and Cowper titled “The Olney Hymns”. Chris remarked that the class will concentrate on the poetry, and that words are the way we communicate our feelings. The Olney Hymns were published in 1799 and were broken up into three books; “Hymns”, “Occasional Subjects”, and “Progress and Change in the Spiritual Life”. Cowper is pronounced cooper. Leaders: Zilpha Cornett 148; Helen Brown “There Is A Fountain”; Richard Schmeidler 287.

Newton and Cowper were friends despite their differences. Cowper suffered with bouts of depression and suicide attempts. He was very troubled religiously. It was Newton’s presence that took him to Olney parish. Newton wanted to have bible studies and pray. Following a major breakdown, Cowper moved into the vicarage with Newton and his wife Mary. Newton was a very different man. He lost his mother early, his father was a sea captain, and Newton worked as a mariner. While captain of a slave ship, Newton experienced a spiritual conversion and became interested in the evangelical. Newton stayed popular because of his camp-meeting tunes. He spent the rest of his life trying to end slavery. The following songs were led from the Sacred Harp: Richard Mauldin 335; Ted Brown 105; Ginnie Ely 113; Linda Booth 34t; Helen Brown 127. The following songs were led from the Olney Hymns: Warren Steel “In Evil Long”, “Morning Meditation”; Nathan Stewart “Pleasant Ohio”; Judy Whiting “Texas”. Class dismissed.

Community Singing 7:00 p.m. Led by Gribbin Lodge campers. Nathan Stewart led the class to order by leading 108t. Shari Harrison offered the opening prayer. Leaders: David Brodeur 439; Betty Denton and Jeannette DePoy 159; Jean Merritt 479; Ottis Sides and Linda Sides 530; Aldo Ceresa 506; Chris Parris and Lauren Bock 206; Eugene Forbes and Idy Kiser 168; Nikos Pappas 207; Richard Mauldin 43;

Dorothea Maynard and Mel Maynard 282; Mark Davis 193; Zilpha Cornett 143; Brenda Dunlap 230; Warren Steel 351; Nancy Tkacs 47b; Scott DePoy and Hilleul Lasen 146; Cathy Gilbert and Lauren Bock 34t; Jonathon Smith 165; Gypsy Youngraven 31t; Jamie Yeats 169; Judy Whiting 208; Bill Hayes 452; David Smead 71; Ginnie Ely 178; Rick Cunningham 480; Jesse P. Karlsberg 417; Dan Comstock and Ann Mashchak 63; Judy Caudle and Susan Sanders 107; Richard Schmeidler 543; Chris Brown 176t; Susan Cheronos 564; Nathan Rees 52b; Karen Ivey and David Ivey 212; Daniel Lee 569b; Pam Nunn 556; Gillian Inksetter 56t; Naomi Duguid and Mary Jane Wells 503; Andy Ditzler 406; Jan May 344; Daryl Chesney, Carl Godsey, and Tom Denton 45t; Lisa Bennett 505; Nathan Stewart 304; Frank Griggs 216; Gillian Inksetter and Shari Harrison 122; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 383. Nathan Stewart led 382 as the closing song. Shari Harrison offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Thursday, June 16

Following breakfast at 7:00 a.m., campers departed, some headed for the National Convention in Birmingham, and some for other parts of the world. "The day is past and gone, the evening shades appear, Oh, may we all remember well..."
SHMHA President and Camp Director—David Ivey

NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION

First Christian Church, Birmingham, Alabama

June 16-18, 2016

Thursday, June 16

The 37th session of the National Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 81t. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts. The Convention business session was held and concluded with the following officers and committees elected and/or appointed as follows: Chairman—Mark Davis; Co-Vice Chairmen—Buell Cobb, Gaston White, and Hubert Nall; Chaplain—Jesse Roberts; Secretaries—Kathy Williams and Cheryl Foreman; Arranging Committee—Helen Brown and Sonny Erwin; Memorial Committee—Mike Hinton and Rick Foreman; Finance Committee—Buell Cobb, Randy Webber, and Ted Brown; Resolutions Committee—Dorothea Maynard and Gary Smith; Location Officer—Hubert Nall.

Leaders: Gaston White 99; Hubert Nall 167; Buell Cobb 75; Cheryl Foreman 492; Jesse Roberts 208; Helen Brown 32t; Sonny Erwin 493; Mike Hinton 495; Randy Webber 195; Gary Smith 66; Robert Chambless 77b; Marlin Beasley 282; Bea Aaron 475; Richard Mauldin, Patricia Adair, and Summer Adair 35; Glenn Keeton 365; Edna Phillips 480; Henry Johnson 109; Gary Padgett 532; Judy Chambless 37b; Jerry Kitchens 30t; Jim Aaron 47b; Becky Briggs 101t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Glenn Keeton leading 277. Leaders: Jack Nelson 500; Delone Cobbs 73b; Corissa Sweatt, Hailey Beasley, and Jonathan Sweatt 397; Micah Roberts 383; Patricia Adair 63; Nicholas Thompson 472; Daniel Bearden 184; Zilpha Cornett 488; Karen Clark 534; Morgan Bunch 274t; Amber Davis 380; Elizabeth Gentry 535; Billy See and Vickie See 339; Cora Sweatt 155; Jan May 276; Frank Griggs 546; Beverly Dayton 122; David Brodeur 497; Brenda Dunlap 131b; Sue Bunch 547; Richard Schmeidler 268; Warren Steel 442; Dorothea Maynard 196; Lisa Bennett 312t; Nathan Stewart 411; Dan Brittain 434; Geraldine Sharpton 318; Eugene Forbes 384. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Henry Johnson leading 138t.

Leaders: David Smead 324; Susan Cheronos 564; Naomi Duiguid 503; Ronni Robins and Karen Matthews 36b; Nathan Rees 176b; Gillian Inksetter 562; Andy Ditzler 280; Ginnie Ely 269; Lauren Bock 291; Aldo Ceresa 91; Ted Brown 391; Scott DePoy 448t; Carol Selleck 70b; Jesse Perlman Karlsberg 224; Jonathon Smith 74t; Becky Strickland 481; Danny Creel 456; Amy Wells 112; Sarah Beasley 129; Mark Davis and Mel Maynard 388; Mark Davis and Chris Parris 206; Ginnie Ely and Chris Parris 454; Kerry Cullinan and Andy Ditzler 68b.

Mark Davis led 549 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Friday, June 17

The Friday session of the National Convention was opened by Mark Davis leading 295. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gaston White 148; Hubert Nall 313t; Buell Cobb 52t; Cheryl Foreman 187; Jesse Roberts 242; Helen Brown 411; Sonny Erwin 441; Mike Hinton 400; Susan Cheronos 300; Jim Aaron 503; Ann Riley Gray 155; Sarah Beasley 340; Randy Webber 403; Jean Merritt and Carol Selleck 147t; Richard Mauldin 388; Ginnie Ely 502; Rick Foreman 57; Becky Strickland 59; David Carlton 377; Delone Cobbs 354t.
RECESS

The class reconvened with Helen Brown leading 111t. Leaders: Bea Aaron 426b; Phillip Denney and Karis Askin 183; Nate Green 60; April Watkins, Ainslie Allen, and Emma Calvert 196, 76b; Anna Grace Sipe 32t; Peter Trumbore and Levi Trumbore 84; Darlene Reynolds 490; Jesse P. Karlsberg 489; Jim Carnes 440; Karen Rollins 145t; Jonathon Smith 214; Chris Brown 48b; B.M. Smith 72b; Wanda Capps 546; Charles McCravy 428; Lauren Bock 423; Sarah Trumbore 144; Justin Bowen 328; Nathan Rees 348b; Amy Wells 349; Scott DePoy 201; Corissa Sweatt 145b; Henry Johnson 539; Micah Roberts 335; Eugene Forbes 218; Lomax Ballinger 168; Ted Brown 422. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

LUNCH

Charles McCravy brought the class together by leading 87. Leaders: Judy Chambless 82t; Wendy Anderson 98; Warren Steel 296; Nathan Stewart 304; Cassie Allen 500; Amber Davis 192; Leon Ballinger 195; Judy Whiting 521; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 564; Jenny Acton 112; Dan Brittain 220; Pam Nunn 269; Ann Jett 327; Beth Branscome 477; Sarah Trumbore, Levi Trumbore, and Peter Trumbore 496; Mark Davis 236; Beverly Dayton 86; Mike Nabors 294; Hubert Nall 448b; Mary Beth Garrison 401; Gaston White 178; Larry Brasher 385b.

Mark Davis led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Saturday, June 18

The Saturday session of the National Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 73t. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gaston White 66; Hubert Nall 186; Buell Cobb 74b; Cheryl Foreman 556; Jesse Roberts 507; Helen Brown 134; Sonny Erwin 313b; Mike Hinton 288; Ted Brown 29t; Rick Foreman 31b; Robert Chambless 225t; Cora Sweatt 49b; Bea Aaron 175; Micah Roberts 148; Darlene Reynolds 282; Carol Selleck 382; Gary Smith 344; Margaret Gillanders and Sonny Erwin 475; Sue Bunch 107.

RECESS

Jesse Roberts brought the class back to order by leading 48t. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 460; Gary Padgett 377; Pat Morse 147t; Billy See and Vickie See 33b; Jean Merritt 569b; Libby Carpenter and Hubert Nall 63; Jack Nelson 540; Becky Briggs 343; Dick Nail 314; Richard Schmeidler 254; Morgan Bunch 501; Ann Riley Gray 542; Daniel Bearden 275t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mike Hinton and Rick Foreman. Rick spoke on behalf of the sick and homebound. He read the list of names, and led 171. Mike Hinton made remarks and read the following list of deceased: Azalee Adams, Steve Adams, Gib Amason, Vernell Amason, Robert DuPree, Bernice Williams Harvey, Neil Hyche, Elsie Moon, Elder Prichard, S.T. Reed, Sandra Spradlin, Kathleen Doss Traywick, Nellie Mae White—Alabama; Donald Klein—Colorado; Dan Adams—Connecticut; Robert DePoy, C.W. Garner, George Garner, Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Bennett Joel Green—Kansas; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Curtis Bryant, George Easley, Charles Porter, Henry Reynolds—Mississippi; Ann Henry—New York; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Thomas Robinson—Texas; Eileen McDougall—France; David Smith, Michael Spittal, Ian Whiting, Eileen Wilson—United Kingdom. Mike Hinton led 309 in their memory. Elder Jesse Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Henry Johnson 55; Helen Brown and Buell Cobb 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson); Dan Brittain 481; Eugene Forbes 189. Marlin Beasley offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sonny Erwin led 113 to bring the class together. Leaders: Dorothea Maynard 361; Chris Parris and Jillian Parris 159; Lori Hinesley 172; Elizabeth Gentry 59; Ila Ingle 436; Nathan Stewart 392; Beverly Dayton 277; Ginnie Ely 228; Samuel Wright 53; Jean Merritt 515; Margaret Gillanders 546; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 203; Pat Morse 551; Billy See and Vickie See 30b; Bunk Beasley 72b; Darlene Reynolds 146; Richard Schmeidler 474; Carol Selleck 58; Mary Beth Harrison 35; Shirley Berry 143; Seth Holloway 236; Dylan Feezell 68b; Rick Foreman and Cheryl Foreman 135; Corissa Sweatt 354b; Mike Hinton 373.

A business session was called to order to hear committee reports. The Finance Committee thanked the class for contributions that were believed to be sufficient to cover expenses.

The Secretary reported that 387 people from twenty-three states, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Finland registered during the convention. There were 107 leaders, who led 219 songs. The numbers by state and country are as follows: Alabama-301; Georgia-26; Florida-10; Tennessee-9; Texas-9; Mississippi-7; Michigan-5; California-2; Kentucky-2; Massachusetts-2; New Mexico-2; Arkansas-1; Colorado-1; District of Columbia-1; Illinois-1; Kansas-1; Maryland-1; New York-1; North Dakota-1; Pennsylvania-1; Vermont-1; Washington-1; Wisconsin-1; United Kingdom-6; Canada-5; Finland-1.

The Resolutions Committee made the following report: We, individually and collectively, as the 37th annual National Sacred Harp Convention, hereby resolve: To thank God for giving us the spirit, will, desire and strength to gather to sing this music and glorify Him; to thank the pastor, staff, and congregation of First Christian Church for opening their doors to us and providing this magnificent place to sing; to thank Chairman Mark Davis and all the officers of this convention for their tireless efforts to make this occasion a thing of seemingly effortless joy; to thank all those who prepared and brought the food which fed our physical bodies while the music fed our spiritual bodies; to offer appreciation to Sarah Beasley, Buell Cobb, and Warren Steel, who were members of the first National Sacred Harp Convention, and have attended every year since; to thank Sarah Beasley, who for the past 23 years, has opened her home to host a Friday night social which almost instantaneously became a tradition within the Sacred Harp community; and, we hereby resolve to gather again next year on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before the third Sunday in June to renew this convention. Respectfully submitted: Gary Smith and Dorothea Maynard. A motion was made to rename the convention from the National Sacred Harp

Convention to the International Sacred Harp Convention. Following general discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. Since the motion carried by only a slight majority, a second motion was made, and unanimously agreed upon, to postpone taking any action on the first motion and reconsider the first motion at the 2017 convention. A motion was made and carried to accept the reports and add them to the minutes. The business session was closed.

The officers led 62 as the traditional closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Davis; Vice Chairmen—Buell Cobb, Gaston White, and Hubert Nall; Secretaries—Kathy Williams and Cheryl Foreman

MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL

Addington Chapel, Cullman County, Alabama

Saturday, June 18, 2016

The 107th session of the Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Addington Chapel on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. Danny Creel led 48t to bring the class to order. Butch White offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Emily Brown; Arranging Officer—Nicholas Thompson.

Leaders: Danny Creel 111b; Emily Brown 129, 436; Glenn Keeton 349, 274t; Nicholas Thompson 99 (in memory of Steve Adams), 358 (in memory of Elsie Moon and Dick Mauldin); Richard Mauldin 168, 117; Judy Whiting 150, 546; Leon Ballinger 313t, 313b; Sarah Trumbore 354b, 81t; Warren Steel 513, 396; Chris Brown 274b, 512; Jerry Kitchens 106, 101t; Butch White 480, 146; Amber Davis 45t (for Phillip Springfield), 142.

RECESS

Emily Brown led 82t to bring the class together. Leaders: Linda Booth 31t, 350; Larry Ballinger 119; 109; Peter Trumbore 312b, 497; Delone Cobbs 49t, 384; April Watkins 77t, 277; Ann Jett 269, 327; Geraldine Sharpton 299, 566; Ainslie Allen 196, 217; Susan Allred 112, 430; Cindy Tanner 368, 220; Philip Gilmore 47b, 201 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Wanda Capps 203, 36b; Bob Watkins 30b, 426t; Taylor Watkins 345b, 345t; Jackie Tanner 176t, 336; Aidan Farr and Sarah Trumbore 287, 475; Kerry Cullinan 68b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Butch White leading 535. Leaders: Rachel Pirkey 385b, 209; Levi Trumbore and Nicholas Thompson 192, 182; Cassie Allen 472, 228, 406 (in memory of Elsie Moon); Lucy Heidorn 40 (by request); David Heidorn and Lucy Heidorn 87, 155 (by request); Chris Brown 128, 28t; Leon Ballinger 120, 126; Linda Booth 440, 515; Sarah Trumbore 317, 275b; Philip Gilmore 64, 67; Peter Trumbore 30t, 105; Warren Steel 211, 285t; Aidan Farr 306; Judy Whiting 492, 208. Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 56t as the closing song, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Emily Brown

MT. ADAMS SINGING

Mt. Adams Baptist Church, Trout Lake, Washington

Saturday, June 18, 2016

Melissa Stephenson called the class to order leading 448b. Eric Holt offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Steve Helwig 475; John Berendzen 314; Linda Berkemeier 400; Jennifer Jones 318; Dorothy Robinson 155; Lyle Lindsey 479; Eric Holt 390; Steve Cackley 285b; Ana Tighe 72b; Mary Taylor 455; Erik Schwab 210; Campbell Longworth 84; Kathy Vlach 40.

RECESS

Steve Helwig called the class back to order leading 117. Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 573; Nancy Novotny 481; Sophia Schinske 480; Kevin Barrans 303; Pat Coghlan 142; Anna Stoerch 73; Kelly Kennedy 492; Steve Tarr 218; Marie Brandis 466; Marla Elliott 66; Edward Rice 112 (in memory of Bob Harper); Kate Fortin 65; Lindy Groening 283; Bob Schinske 29t; Reed Schilbach 288; Laura McMurray 101b.

RECESS

Brad Knoke called the class back to order leading 134. Leaders: Steve Helwig 58; Bruce Rowland 426b; Kate Fine 532; Cornelia Stanton 217; Anne Huckins 347; Lyle Lindsey 384; Melissa Stephenson 68b; Kathy Vlach 344; John Berendzen 266; Jennifer Jones 300; Linda Berkemeier 175; Dorothy Robinson 48t; Steve Cackley 489; Eric Holt 30b. Bob Schinske offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Brad Knoke called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Mary Taylor 472; Ana Tighe 192; Bob Schinske 546; Campbell Longworth 198; Lindy Groening 542; Erik Schwab 269; Betsy Jeronen 436; Marie Brandis 168; Kate Fortin 362; Edward Rice 111b; Alexandra Maymi 378t; Kelly Kennedy 177 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Nancy Novotny 278t; Steve Tarr 201; Kevin Barrans 430; Cornelia Stanton 490; Concetta Branson 107; Kate Fine 154; Pat Coghlan 299; Bruce Rowland 153; Melissa Stephenson 138t.

RECESS

Betsy Jeronen called the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Laura McMurray 378b; Marla Elliott 504; Reed Schilbach 501; Anne Huckins 270; Karl Oswald and Phoebe Oswald 569b; Edward Rice 31t; Lindy Groening 478; Campbell Longworth 268; Alexandra Maymi 312b; Kate Fortin 274t; Mary Taylor 373; Erik Schwab 377; Kevin Barrans 80t; Concetta Branson 77b; Bruce Rowland 282; Kathy Vlach 350; Kelly Kennedy 212; Bob Schinske 354b.

Announcements were made. It was reported that our expenses had been met, and a donation would be made to the church in gratitude for their hospitality.

Steve Helwig and Melissa Stephenson led 62 as the closing song. Erik Schwab offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Melissa Stephenson; Secretaries—Dorothy Robinson and Steve Helwig

EXETER SINGING

Exeter Friends Meeting, Douglassville, Pennsylvania Saturday, June 18, 2016

The Exeter All-Day Singing was held at the Exeter Friends Meeting House, Douglassville, Pennsylvania, on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. Edward Stokes called the class to order leading 82b.

In a business meeting, the following officers were nominated to serve:

Chairman—Tom Stokes; Secretary—Alex Forsyth; Treasurer—Daniel Miksiewicz.

The class approved the slate of officers. Tollie Lee offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tom Stokes and Alex Forsyth 56t; Sasha Hsuczyk 60; Tollie Lee 30t; Ina Shea 31t; Harry Scott 59; Joel Bassett 128; Becky Wright 330t; Jesse Krikorian 472; Dean Jens 441; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 371; Lori Cabirac 47b; Rachel Hall 57; Claire Simon 122; Gwen Gethner 89; Daniel Hunter 316; Nancy Mandel 92.

RECESS

Alex Forsyth called the class back together by leading 207. Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle 270; Gideon Dresdner 208; Elizabeth Pilar 440; Erin Kelly 195; Charles Biada 132; Michael Sensor 504; Daniel Miksiewicz 224; Jason Steidl 203; Guy Banks 225t; Linda Baysore 88t; Cory Noël 144; Dann Pell 290; Cora Wareh 481; Angharad Davis 302; Rachel Speer 298.

RECESS

Micah John Walter called the class to order leading 111b. Leaders: Chris Coughlin 32t; Thomas Ward 81t; Fred Steinruck 276; Cassie Irwin 155; Pattie Wareh 299; Lauren Bock 200; Anna Mays 426b; Ruth Wampler 279; Elizabeth Stoddard 374. Doron Henkin led 216 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: David Stokes, Bill Farnon, William Gray, Debbie Bliss, and Janelle Davis.

Lamar Matthew led 373 in memory of the following deceased: Phoebe Hopkins, Edward Stokes, Sr., Catherine Stokes, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Betty Hanf, George Hill, Dorothy Kratz, Mary Mullen, Lloyd Staebler, and Mary Staebler—Pennsylvania; Earlis McGraw—Georgia; S.T. Reed and Elsie Moon—Alabama; Kimberly Morris and Tommy Soper—Florida; Ann Henry—New York; Dan Adams—Connecticut; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Robert Hanson, Francis Bliss, and David Strother—Maine; Joan Lovell—Massachusetts; Joyce Fagan—New South Wales; James Wells, Joe Neighmond, and Leon J. Pulsinelle—New Jersey. Tollie Lee closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Chris Holley 499; Jesse P. Karlsberg 423; Joanne Fuller 564; Liz Cantrell 422; Myles Louis Dakan 548; Alvaro Witt Duarte 186. Don Jantzi led the class in prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bethany Towne called the class to order leading 77t. Leaders: Ben Cocchiario 189; Carol Huang 182; Jon Giles 511; Micah John Walter 351; Sonia Chin 228; Chris Cotter 477; Dan Coppock 353; Tarik Wareh 197; Sadhbh O'Flynn 67; Allison Steel 411; Robert Stoddard 528; Faiz Wareh 126; Patrick Friesen 546; Mike Richards 534; Linda Shea 306; Kevin Beirne 419; Emma Rose Brown 349; Jonathon Smith 442; Philippa Stoddard 222; Nathan Rees 272.

RECESS

Jordan Steinruck called the class together by leading 66. Leaders: Julie Botnick 377; Teresa Rodriguez 282; Lynne deBenedette 383; Thom Fahrbach 275t; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 300; Jesse Polhemus 341; Laura Hodges 498; Aaron Weiss 474; G.C. Waldrep 505; Sam Kleinman 348b; Krista Guerrieri 384; Andre Kuney 285t; Julius Pascry 35; Leah Velleman 53; Gabriel Kastle 135; Christine Andrews 34t; Katy Hunter 338.

Tom Stokes led 69t as the closing song.

Chairman—Tom Stokes; Secretary—Alex Forsyth

LEEDS SACRED HARP SINGING DAY **South Parade Baptist Church** **Leeds, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom** **Saturday, June 18, 2016**

The 4th session of the Leeds Sacred Harp Singing Day was held at South Parade Baptist Church, Leeds, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom. John Copperwheat began the day by leading 45t. John Copperwheat welcomed the class, and Arja Copperwheat offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tom Greig 29t, 49t; Geoff Grainger 503, 49b; Clare Welford 28b, 146; Colin Monson 350, 277; Joel Wallenberg 287, 74b; Lin James 335, 82t; Mark Wardlaw 569b, 341; Tom Greig 48t, 274t; Bob Butler 73b, 31t; John Copperwheat

47t, 47b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Copperwheat; Secretaries—Susan Carr and Thomas Greig; Arranging Officer—Arja Copperwheat.

RECESS

Geoff Grainger called the class to order by leading 89. Leaders: Geoff Grainger 40; Clare Welford 142, 501; Colin Monson 210, 108b; Joel Wallenberg 56b, 282; Lin James 278t, 76b. Susan Carr returned thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Calum Woods called the class to order by leading 448b. Leaders: Calum Woods 36b; Mark Wardlaw 214, 539; Tom Greig 201, 80b; Bob Butler 38b, 547.

Tom Grieg spoke for the following sick and housebound: Jimmy Bailey and Karen Turner. He conducted the memorial lesson, and read the following list of names of the deceased: Kirsty Grainger, Wendy Ross, Jo Cox MP, and the victims of the Orlando massacre. Tom concluded the memorial by leading 354b.

Leaders: Geoff Grainger 143, 523; Clare Welford 65, 171; Colin Monson 324, 203; Joel Wallenberg 276, 53.

RECESS

Lin James called the class to order by leading 117. Leaders: Lin James 417; Calum Woods 144, 99; Mark Wardlaw 462, 425; Tom Grieg 30t, 448t; Bob Butler 86, 209; Geoff Grainger 242, 535; Clare Welford 313b, 212; Colin Monson 504, 457; Joel Wallenberg 313t, 376.

There was a business meeting in which it was agreed to reconvene in 2017. The Secretary reported that 67 songs had been sung, and the Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met.

After the notices, John Copperwheat led 323t as the closing song. Calum Woods offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Copperwheat; Secretaries—Susan Carr and Tom Greig

MEMORIAL SINGING AND MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR OLIVER KINDIG-STOKES

**Exeter Friends Meeting, Douglassville, Pennsylvania
Sunday, June 19, 2016**

Singers gathered in the Exeter Friends Meeting House on the day after the Exeter All-Day Singing to sing and remember their family member and friend, Oliver Kindig-Stokes.

The class was called to order by Ted Stokes, who welcomed everyone and led 32t. Tollie Lee rose, and before offering the opening prayer, spoke of his nephew, who also died too soon, and shared memories of Oliver: his unique gifts, his devotion to shape-note music, and his importance to the singing community.

Ted told the singers that he had felt some of the relief from the pain that Tollie had spoken of, and thanked them for their cards, their words, and their songs.

Leaders: Elizabeth Pilar 503; Thomas Ward 354t; Joel Bassett 565; Erin Kelly 70t; Harry Scott 260; Theresa Rodriguez 45t; Jesse Krikorian 274t; Molly V. Sauder 155; Doron Henkin 434; Kevin Sims 48t; Ruth Wampler 209; Dann Pell 448b.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Tom Stokes, who led 28b. Leaders: Joanne Fuller 72b; Tollie Lee and Sasha Hsuczyk 33b, 354b; Lori Cabirac, Elizabeth Pilar, and members of the Exeter Friends Meeting 49t.

Stan Dalton, member of Exeter Meeting, opened a meeting for worship in the manner of Friends: the class observed silence, with individuals at times rising from

their seats to share a prayer, memory, or a personal reflection of Oliver. Paul Kerr, Clerk of Exeter Meeting, closed the meeting for worship.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Anna Mays and Ted Stokes, who led 89. Angharad Davis, saying that Ian Quinn was leading with her from the Holy Land, led 227. Leaders: Dan Coppock 208; Chris Cotter 131b; Claire Simon 178; Allison Steel, Blake Steel, and Calum Steel 105; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 30t; Linda Shea 400; Jon Giles 408; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 426t; Patrick Friesen 171; Nancy Mandel 74t; Mike Richards 61; Carol Huang 187; Myles Louis Dakan 74b; Philippa Stoddard 410b; Laura Hodges 418; Dean Jens 510; Gabriel Kastle 33t; Micah John Walter 522; Pattie Wareh 99; Charles Biada 480; Christine Andrews 500. Tollie Lee offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Dan Hunter called the class back to order by leading 134. Leaders: Rachel Speer 292; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 112; Becky Wright 536; Robert Stoddard 57; Lauren Bock 432; Thom Fahrbach 212; Emma Rose Brown 275b; Tarik Wareh 64; Elizabeth Stoddard 454; Jonathon Smith 213t; Kevin Beirne 176b; Aldo Ceresa 216; Alvaro Witt Duarte 542; Liz Cantrell 475; Jesse P. Karlsberg 392; Jesse C. Polhemus 220; Tim Eriksen 317; Nathan Berry 406; Nathan Rees 462; Chris Coughlin 445; Sasha Hsuczyk 313t.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Elizabeth Pilar, Ted Stokes, and Tom Stokes, who led 106. Leaders: Bethany Towne 498; Alex Forsyth 181; Sam Kleinman 202; Magdalena Eriksen 186; Leah Velleman 196; Andre Kuney 448t; Julie Botnick 103; Leon Pulsinelle 332; Gwen Gethner 201; G.C. Waldrep 269; Guy Bankes 444; Suzan Greenberg 505; Hal Kunkel 380; Aaron Weiss 328; Anna Mays and Cindy Wasson 153; Ina Shea 167; Rachel Hall 421. The Arranging Committee invited representatives of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company to lead a song together, and Aldo Ceresa, Jesse P. Karlsberg, and Nathan Rees led 285b; the Arranging Committee invited babies and their parents to lead a song, and Dan Hunter, Yona Hunter, Kaysha McKim, Margaret Weiss, Elizabeth Pilar, Charles Pilar, Allison Steel, Blake Steel, and Calum Steel led 77t; Alex Forsyth, Sasha Hsuczyk, and Tom Stokes led 381.

Ted Stokes thanked all present for joining together to sing, and he thanked the officers and volunteers for their efforts. Announcements were made.

Tom Stokes, Elizabeth Pilar, Ted Stokes, and Jesse C. Polhemus led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. Tollie Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—Tom Stokes, Elizabeth Pilar, and Ted Stokes; Secretary—Jesse C. Polhemus

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Section, Alabama

Sunday, June 19, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, Section, Alabama, was called to order by Tom George leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Dennis George 100, 63; Sandra Jordan 45t; Mary Ruth Stiefel 87, 421; Cheyenne Ivey 77t, 278t; Isaac Stiefel 332, 40; Scott Ivey 37t, 268 (for Dr. Bill Stewart); Verlon Stiefel 138b; Henry Johnson 69t, 206; Judy Caudle 349, 546; Linda Booth 489, 196; Joyce Whittington 68b, 99; Boyd Scott 72b, 127.

RECESS

Tom George led 145t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Jamey Wootten 33b; Jared Wootten 111b, 84; Shane Wootten 410t, 441; David Ivey 413, 154; Wes Reid 181, 70b; Rodney Ivey 512, 290; Elene Stovall 298, 172; Shelby Castillo 472, 208; Marty Wootten 138t, 339; Susan Cheronas 460, 564; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 486, 192; Drew McGuire 131b, 326; Russell Varner and Adam Brock Varner 159.

LUNCH

Tom George called the class to order leading 101t. Leaders: Claudene Wootten and Shane Wootten 376; Loyd Ivey and Marion Biddle 454, 424; Nate Green and Norma Green 166; Jeanette Dollar 358, 572 (CB); Charles Stiefel 378b; Linda Booth 566; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 110; Elene Stovall 422; Drew McGuire 323b; Judy Caudle 106; Scott Ivey, Jared Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 47t (in memory of Hobert Ivey); Shelby Castillo 542; David Ivey and Rodney Ivey 384, 465 (CB); Marty Wootten and Anna Wootten 182.

Announcements were made. Dennis George led 518 (CB) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Dennis George

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Roopville, Georgia

Sunday, June 19, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Roopville, Georgia, was held on the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Karen Rollins leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Philip Denney.

Leaders: Philip Denney 99; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 225t (in memory of Earlis McGraw and S.T. Reed); Lela Crowder 385b; Robert Chambless 163b; Winfred Kerr 36b; Louis Hughes 56t (in memory of Homer Benefield); Amy Wells 440; Sharona Nelson 37b; Dylan Denney 178; Ted Brown 338; Sherry Lovvorn 454; Sonny Erwin 489; Margaret Gillanders 150; Vickie See and Billy See 480; Judy Whiting 472; Helen Brown 556 (in memory of Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); Cheryl Foreman 318; Chris Brown 120; Rick Foreman 80t; Bentley McGuire 505.

RECESS

Philip Denney and Gayle Denney brought the class back to order leading 340. A business meeting was held, and the financial report for the church was given by Denney Rogers. The following officers were elected: Chairman—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Hayden Arp 345t; Kathy Williams 457; Wyatt Denney 39t; Andy Ditzler 272; Jeannette DePoy 392 (in memory of her father and father-in-law); Isaac Green 24b; Anna Hinton 142.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins. Karen Rollins, Denney Rogers, Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn, and Karlene Williams led 119 for the following sick and shut-ins: Janelle Davis, Susan Harcrow, Norma Green, Eloise Wootten, Doris Rogers, Robert Rogers, Melanie Hauff, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Karen Turner, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Cath Tyler, Ian West, Ruth Steggles, and Sister Pippa.

The following deceased were remembered: Earlis McGraw, S.T. Reed, George Garner, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Robert DuPree, Elsie Moon, Steve Adams, Robert DePoy, Elder Neal Prichard, Rev. Gerald Rogers, Nellie Mae White, Orlando Victims, Charles Derleth, Bernice Harvey, Ellen McDougall, Ian Whiting, Michael Spittal, Eileen Wilson, Lewis Bennett, Betty Jo Bennett, and David Smith. Matt Hinton closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Ellen Ray 128; Anders Wells 159; Eli Hinton 146; Phillip Langley 172;

Karis Askin 168; Barry Rollins and Andrea Rollins 143; David Brodeur 569t (in honor of Janelle Davis); Oscar McGuire 485; Lisa Bennett 177; Scott DePoy 339 (in memory of his dad).

LUNCH

Bentley McGuire brought the class back to order leading 76b. Leaders: John Plunkett 517; Barry Rollins, Karen Rollins, Randa Harris, and Beverly Thompson 268; David Smead 376; Marilyn Bradley 448t; Erica Hinton 328; Malinda Snow 344 (in memory of the Orlando victims); Matt Hinton 217; Helen Brown 436; Cheryl Foreman 498; Margaret Gillanders 542; Judy Whiting 208; Rick Foreman 428; Chris Brown 447; Vickie See and Billy See 503; Sonny Erwin 111b; All fathers present 413; Judy Chambless 29t.

After announcements, Karen Rollins, Philip Denney, and Denney Rogers led 46 as the closing song. Rick Foreman offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Judy Chambless

CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL SINGING

King Schoolhouse, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

Natural Bridge, Alabama

Sunday, June 19, 2016

The 108th session of the Clifford Wakefield Memorial Singing was held on the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Don Keeton leading 59. He then offered the opening prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve:

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Wayne Horton; Secretary—Debbie Hall; Arranging Committee—Betty Baccus and Faye Donaldson.

Leaders: Don Keeton 58; Betty Baccus 168; Jerry Kitchens 460, 112; Linton Ballinger 67, 81t; Amber Davis 300, 224; Nicholas Thompson 151, 200; Mike Hankins 480, 282; Ozella Blackmon 192, 371; Leon Ballinger 454 (for Willodean Barton), 297; Earl Ballinger 80b, 89; Marlin Beasley 61, 31t; Gravis Ballinger 120, 110 (in memory of Hamilton Ballinger).

RECESS

Don Keeton led 480 to bring the class together. Leaders: Wayne Horton 39b, 270; Loretta Whitman 75, 343; Roma Rice 64, 405; Lisa Geist 546, 424; Seth Poston 275b, 108b; Larry Ballinger 108t, 101t; Logan Donaldson, Elle Donaldson, Seth Poston, Julie Koonon, and Joseph Ingle 274t, 59; Debbie Hall, Martha McMillan, Lynn Donaldson, Kathy Buchanan, Lisa Ingle, Junior Poston 294, 408; Faye Donaldson, Clara Stults, Betty Baccus, Julia Poston, Larry Wakefield, and Wayne Wakefield 333, 339 (in memory of Hazel Wakefield); Steve Miles 37b.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Don Keeton leading 335. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 475, 146; Dorothea Maynard 319, 277; Henry Guthery 507 (in memory of Josie Hyde), 140 (in memory of Leona Hanks); Steve Miles 373, 234; Debbie Hall 432, 391; Margaret Keeton, Nicholas Thompson, and Betty Baccus 417 (in memory of Steve Adams), 159; Leon Ballinger 268; Linton Ballinger 385t; Richard Schmeidler 474; Dorothea Maynard 196; Gravis Ballinger 299; Amber Davis 142; Earl Ballinger 439; Lisa Geist 269; Mel Maynard and Dorothea Maynard 235; Henry Guthery 512 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Mike Hankins 72b; Marlin Beasley 39t; Wayne Horton 388 (in memory of Ganus Wakefield); Seth Poston 129; Nicholas Thompson 527; Steve Miles 147t.

Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. Wayne Horton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Wayne Horton; Secretary—Debbie Hall

SHADY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Double Springs, Winston County, Alabama

Saturday, June 25, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama, was called to order by Don Keeton leading 46. The morning prayer was offered by Don Keeton.

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

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Arranging

Officer—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice. Don Keeton presented a proposal to make this singing a memorial to Kermit and Steve Adams.

The consensus was that it would be a nice tribute to them, therefore this singing will be renamed The Kermit and Steve Adams Memorial.

Leaders: Don Keeton 480; Mike Hankins 282, 276; Jerry Kitchens 129, 128; Betty Baccus and Camilla Cox 358, 284; Butch White 278t, 86; Eugene Forbes 39b, 318; Christie Allen 61, 172; Glenn Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 108t, 30t; Wendell Reinhart 457, 445; Betty Denton 159, 45t.

RECESS

Don Keeton called the class to order by leading 76b. Leaders: Wayne Baines 166, 278b; Richard Mauldin 168, 146; Billy See and Vickie See 503, 108b; Amber Davis 440, 500; Wayne Horton 294 (in memory of Jimmy Nell Banks), 535; Glenn Keeton, Lena Keeton, and Isabella Keeton 475, 497.

A memorial was held for members of the Godsey and Adams families that have passed away this past year. Roma Rice read a list of the following names: Morris Edward Godsey, Sandra Spradlin, Azalee Adams, Willis Adams, Steve Adams, and Kermit Adams. Richard Mauldin led 99. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Butch White.

LUNCH

Jerry Kitchens brought the class back to order leading 384. Leaders: Theresa Westmoreland 65, 268; Daniel Bearden 458, 132; Loretta Whitman 176b, 81t; Christy Holcomb 30b; Betty Claborn 59, 100; Susan Allred 318, 385b; Parnell Berry 306, 283; Roma Rice and Mike Rice 63, 97; Nellie Alexander, Bernice Wakefield, Lera Pollock, Loretta Whitman, Margaret Keeton, Betty Claborn, Kathryn Weaver, Louise Yeager, Carolyn Pipkins, and Roma Rice 335, 295, 127; Sara Berry 388, 288; Daniel Bearden 51; Glenn Keeton 163b; Betty Baccus 417 (in memory of Steve Adams); Amber Davis 192; Richard Mauldin 43 (in memory of John and Josie Hyde), 101t, 401 (in memory of Steve Adams); Butch White 547; Glenn Keeton 231.

Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Richard Mauldin.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Secretary—Roma Rice

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Farill Community, Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama

Saturday, June 25, 2016

The 15th session of the annual singing at Salem United Methodist Church in Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama, was called to order by Henry Johnson leading 34b. Henry extended a very warm welcome to everyone in attendance. Salem Pastor, Justin Yarbrough, offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 60; Mary Ruth Stiefel 61; Scott Ivey 522; Charlene Wallace 155; Paula Oliver 142; Isaac Stiefel 63; Robert Chambless, Frank Chambless, and Laurie Chambless 72b; Karen Rollins and Denney Rogers 343; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 345t; Janice Paulk 441; Jeff Huffman 446; Andy Ditzler 69b; David Brodeur 173; Mary Huffman 29b; Lauren Bock 419; Judy Chambless 472; Jesse P. Karlsberg 315; Riley Lee 187; Jim Neal 81t; Darrell Swarens 48b; David Ivey 116; Bobby Watkins 30b; Adrian Eldridge 323t.

RECESS

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading 166. Leaders: B.M. Smith 318; Rachel Carlisle 460; Stephen Huffman 32t; Winfred Kerr 36b; Nate Green and Norma Green 147b; Ellen Johnson 99; Daniel Williams 290; Kathy Williams 440; Philip Denney 448t; Chris Wilhelm 285b; Michael Spencer 278t; Jeannette DePoy 375; Dennis George 232; Rodney Ivey 528; Erick Blanks 496; Alanna Blanks 405; Justin Bowen 208; Micah Roberts 392; Elli Snyder 328. Jesse Roberts asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jesse P. Karlsberg called the class back to order leading 138t. Leaders: Jesse Roberts 309; Cindy Tanner 269; Cecil Roberts 399b; Nathan Stewart 189; Matt Hinton 168; John Plunkett 297; Eli Hinton 146; Nora Miller 217; Cassie Allen 558; Joel Miller 110; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 335; Elene Stovall 215; Elizabeth Gentry 179; Sandra Wilkinson 400; Judy Mincey 492; Lloyd Dury 90; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 300; Susan Cheronos 56b; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Lauren Bock 68t; David Ivey 260. Announcements were made. Henry Johnson led 521 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffrey Richardson;

Secretary—Carolyn Hanks

OXFORD SACRED HARP SINGING DAY **Seacourt Hall, Botley, Oxford, United Kingdom** **Saturday, June 25, 2016**

The 18th annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing Day was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Sheila Girling Macadam called the class to order at 10:15 a.m. leading 34b. Dilwyn Scott offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Secretaries: Rebecca Over and Mary Welch; Arranging Committee—Nick Hall and Werner Ullah; Treasurer—Jenny Shufflebotham.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 472; Rachel Jordan 173; Toby Goss 47b; Nick Hall 73b; Steve Welch 467; Steve Marini 47t; Rebecca Over 353 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Michael Walker 131b; Calum Woods 37b; Steve Fletcher 278t; Werner Ullah 49t; Leslie Alperin 163b; Dilwyn Scott 40.

RECESS

Calum Woods brought the class back to order leading 201. Leaders: Wendy Stone 146; Claire Singleton 299; Helen Brown 217; Sheila Macadam 367; Ted Brown 35; Edwin Macadam 534; Rachel Jordan 351; Nick Hall 515; Toby Goss 143; Steve Welch and Antonina Spittal 228; Rebecca Over 383; Steve Marini 455; Steve Fletcher 180; Michael Walker 475; Calum Woods 186; Werner Ullah 101t; Leslie Alperin 268; Helen Brown 430.

RECESS

Rachel Jordan brought the class back to order leading 52t. Leaders: Ted Brown 339; Claire Singleton 82t; Steve Welch 107; Edwin Macadam 444; Toby Goss 300; Nick Hall 538.

Gill Gole conducted the sick and housebound lesson, drawing an analogy of loneliness and the effectiveness of a simple act such as a phone call or an email message, and reflecting on how one day we might all find ourselves in the position of needing the compassion of others. Those particularly in our thoughts were Paula Mogensen, John Charles, Quinn Joseph Stensel (9 days old and in the neo-natal unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford), Vivian Thickett, Sylvia Marlow, Jackie Saunders, the wife of Robin Mitchell, Sheila Dodsworth, Alexander Cresswell, Jim Mitchell, Dorothy Singleton, Sister Pippa, Ruth Stegges, Karen Turner, John Powell, and Roy Hollowell. Sheila Girling Macadam led 95 in their honor.

In the memorial lesson, Steve Marini asked us to accept that change was a continuous part of life which we should embrace, and to see death only as a transition, not finality. We remembered the following: Earlis McGraw and George Garner—Georgia, USA; Hester Edwards, Robert DuPree, and S.T. Reed—Alabama, USA; June Howieson—Hove; Kath Mountstephen—Bristol; Phillipa Welch—Germany; Roger Johnson—Maine, USA; Owen Jander—Massachusetts, USA; Margaret Owen—Eynsham; Charles Dodsworth—Oxford; Karl Dallas—Bradford; Gillian Woodward, Irene Smith, Pete Zorn, and Michael Spittal—London; Dave Smith—Derby; Bernie Worrell—Washington, USA; and Dave Swarbrick—Coventry. Steve led 285t in their memory. Sheila Girling Macadam closed the lesson with prayer.

The class resumed singing with Michael Walker leading 320. Leaders: Rachel Jordan 457; Rebecca Over 284; Calum Woods 205; Steve Fletcher 59. Calum Woods offered thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session commenced with Nick Hall leading 502. Leaders: Michael Walker 227; Helen Brown 436; Calum Woods 273; Rachel Jordan 195; Ted Brown 179; Rebecca Over 422; Steve Fletcher 504; Sheila Girling Macadam and Adrian Bolge 156; Toby Goss 178; Edwin Macadam and Sheila Macadam 236; Steve Welch 147b; Steve Marini 250; Leslie Alperin 277; Claire Singleton 171; Margaret Gillanders 203; Werner Ullah 111b; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 225t; Rachel Jordan and Nick Hall 546; Steve Fletcher 216; Michael Walker 336.

RECESS

The final session commenced with Calum Woods leading 73t. Leaders: Sue Lanfear 86; Toby Goss 210; Steve Marini 254; Steve Welch 489; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Nick Hall 492; Edwin Macadam 481; Rachel Jordan 181; Leslie Alperin 379; Calum Woods 569t; Claire Singleton 448b; Rebecca Over 76b; Sue Lanfear 334; Wendy Stone 312b; Michael Walker 410b; Steve Marini 569b; Toby Goss 474; Steve Fletcher and Toby Goss 87.

The Secretary reported thirty-four singers had registered from the UK, USA, and Australia, and eighty-eight songs had been led. The Treasurer reported all expenses had been met. Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam thanked all the officers, committees, and anyone who helped in any way to make this singing a success. Today was the last Sacred Harp singing at this venue. It is intended that the 2017 singing will be held at one of two locations, each within 300 yards of Seacourt Hall. Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam led 347 as the closing song. Michael Walker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Secretaries—Rebecca Over and Mary Welch

OLD SONGS BOOK SINGING

Altamont, New York

Saturday, June 25, 2016

The Sacred Harp book singing at the Old Songs Festival introduces new singers to the style and tradition of a book singing, in abbreviated form. A brief introduction to the format and tradition was offered, and new singers were welcomed. Eric Bean opened the singing by leading 34b.

Leaders: Ginny Huszagh 276; Barbara Swetman 277; Gerry Hoffman 218; Jean Seiler 142; Doug Kurtz 191; Candis Bailey 84; Laura Densmore 542; Rachel Fox von Swearingen 178; Melody Johnson 475; Brian How 183; Chris Haller 236; Pat Geritz 501; Chris Bracken 318; Jim Ulrich 148; Katie Reimers 547; Ginny Huszagh 155; Barbara Swetman 145b; Gerry Hoffman 448t; Jean Seiler 106; Nena Zanetti 40; Sara Underhill 442; Jesse Cox 68t.

Singers were directed to resources about Sacred Harp, and how to locate local singings.

Chairperson—Eric Bean; Secretary—Ginny Huszagh

NEW HOPE CHURCH SINGING

Cullman County, Alabama

Sunday, June 26, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at New Hope Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by James (Butch) White leading 34b. Delone Cobbs offered the opening prayer.

In a business session the following officers were elected: Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Anna Grace Sipe; Secretary—Londa Pate; Arranging Committee—Geraldine Sharpton and Christopher Mann.

Leaders: Butch White 74b; Anna Grace Sipe 49b, 32t; Christopher Mann 33b, 47t; Londa Pate 63, 452; Geraldine Sharpton 490, 565; Garrett Sipe 77t, 47b; Susan Allred 430, 384; Cindy Mann 39t, 159; Delone Cobbs 354t, 67.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Anna Grace Sipe leading 163b and 335.

Leaders: Sarah Beasley 274t, 61; Jim Pate 277, 225t; Hazel Heinze 515, 99; Theresa Westmoreland 39b, 268; Billy See and Vickie See 30b, 288; Sonya Sipe 386, 171.

Ruben Williams gave a report on the cemetery fund. Butch White led 31t.

Christopher Mann returned thanks before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Butch White leading 168. Leaders: Seth Holloway 235; Buell Cobb 36b, 27; Nancy Tuck 457, 358; Greg Allred 72b, 56t; Dick Nail 300, 421; Geraldine Sharpton 318; Londa Pate 59; Christopher Mann 282; Nancy Tuck 445; Butch White and Joyce White 480.

Butch White led 535 as the closing song. Announcements were made. Delone Cobbs offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—James (Butch) White; Vice Chairman—Anna Grace Sipe; Secretary—Londa Pate

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Fayette, Alabama

Sunday, June 26, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading 31b. Buddy Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

After welcoming comments, the class organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Secretary—Teresa Hope; Arranging Committee—David Ballinger and Gravis Ballinger.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 528; Linton Ballinger, Sherry Stove, and Allie Ballinger 35; Teresa Hope 110 (in memory of Hamilton Ballinger); Mike Hankins 480; Ron Ballinger 46; Chris Ballinger, Katie Ballinger, Lauren Ballinger, and Larry Ballinger 45t; Donnie Cooley, Mary Rose Cooley, and Josie Cooley 186; Jack Pate 569b; Jarrod Linton 155; Phillip Ballinger 340; Amber Davis 291; Will Thompson 68b; Leslie Brady and Patrick Brady 34b; Don Keeton 354t; Leon Ballinger, Cindy Cockrill, Chris Perez, Courtney Perez, and Sofiar Joaquin Perez 490 (in memory of Mary Ballinger); Jimmy Ballinger 84; Bentley Rose and Darlene Reynolds 282; Charles Humber 405.

RECESS

Lomax Ballinger led 144 to bring the class together. Leaders: Amanda Hardiman 454; Jill Porter, Ella Porter, Eady Porter, and Emily West 212; Diana Anderson and Barbara Cooley 59; Albert Humber 565; Beth Wallace, Tory Colvin, and Ridley Colvin 546; Gravis Ballinger, Leslie Brady, Julie Stough, Anslee Stough, Ryleigh Stough, and Sofie Stough 76b; Beverly Nelson, Drue Abbel, and Nathan Abbel 137; Chuck Howell 460; Janet Litton 217; Brenda Robbins and Carol Zeniah 100; Eugene Forbes 299; Nicholas Holmes, Larry Ballinger, and Amber Holmes 47t; Miranda Burns 123t; Joy Litton and Amelia O'Dell 63; Jagger Eastman, Anna Eastman, and Earl Ballinger 313t.

RECESS

Lisa Geist led 269 to bring the class to order. Leaders: David Ballinger 410t; Nora Miller 411; David Killingsworth 56b; Lilly Underwood 354b; Judy Thomas and Leon Ballinger 313b; Henry Guthery 530 (for Ottis Sides); Jerry Kitchens 384 (in memory of Kermit Adams); Darrell Swarens 507 (in memory of Josie Hyde); Linda Sides 564 (for Janelle Davis); Loyd Ivey and Leon Ballinger 424; Ken Tate 422; Adrian Eldridge 512; Elene Stovall 211; Nicholas Thompson 140.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Larry Ballinger leading 268. Leaders: Rodney Ivey and Cassie Allen 444 (for Toney Smith); Ainslie Allen 196; Warren Steel 360; Cheyenne Ivey 430; Nathan Stewart 151; Judy Caudle 216 (in memory of Joe Nall); Loretta Whitman 75; Henry McGuire 266; Cindy Tanner 177 (in memory of Elsie Moon); David Ivey, Lisa Geist, and Amber Davis 331 (in memory of Steve Adams); Chug Beasley 72b; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 70b; Glenn Keeton 236; Nate Green 121; Wayne Baines 127; Dorothea Maynard 442; Donald Jones 317; Juanita Beasley 61; Susan Cheronos 300; Betty Baccus 499; Marlin Beasley 434; Cassie Allen and Chris Ballinger 342; Richard Mauldin 446; Earl Ballinger 286; Buddy Ballinger 343; Leon Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, Earl Ballinger, Elaine Jenkins, Larry Ballinger, Buddy Ballinger, Gravis Ballinger, and Loyd Ivey 215, 222; Larry Ballinger and Ron Ballinger 105.

Announcements were made. Larry Ballinger led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Secretary—Teresa Hope

DELONG-ROBERTS MEMORIAL SINGING **Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia** **Sunday, June 26, 2016**

The annual DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing was called to order by Brady

DeLong leading 36b. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Jessica Altman 34b; Helen Bryson 139; Eric Tweedy 174, 504; Micah Roberts 26, 29b; Faye Holbrook 542, 455; Tony Hammock 326, 56b; Judy Chambless 105, 503; B.M. Smith 72b, 155.

RECESS

Jesse Roberts brought the class to order leading 301 and 65. Leaders: Ashley Thompson 434, 501; John Plunkett 30t, 33b; Richard DeLong 399b, 375; Shannon Primm 500 (in memory of Earlis McGraw), 371 (in memory of Violet Thomason). A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Jessica Altman; Vice Chairman—Matt DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson; Arranging Officer—Richard DeLong. It was also voted to change the starting time for the singing to 9:30 a.m., effective 2017.

RECESS

Jesse Roberts called the class to order leading 31b. Leaders: Robert Chambless 452, 163b; Oscar McGuire 441, 515; Isaac Green 37b (for Hayden Arp), 338; Jeannette DePoy 460, 187 (for Scott DePoy); Chris Wilhelm 225t (for Hugh McGraw, Mr. Reynolds, Mary Baumeister), 74t; Michael Spencer 191, 433.

Jessica Altman conducted the memorial lesson. During this time, we pause to honor those who have gone before. These loved ones, family members, and treasured singers are now singing praises to our Heavenly Father. They no longer have to make long trips to sing. They no longer have aching bodies or failing memories. There are strong ties that develop between Sacred Harp singers. We sing songs for those who are sick, those who are unable to attend, and those who have passed away. Somewhere, almost every week, Sacred Harp singers meet to sing for the pure joy of it. Daddy (Jesse Roberts) has always taught us, if you want people to come to your singing, you should attend theirs throughout the year. He says, "People will get to know you and will come to your singing because you come to theirs". This is what the DeLongs did. Their visitation brought singers who have supported this singing for many years. Richard DeLong, Jesse Roberts, and Janice Paulk have continued to follow this example through their frequent visitation to other singings. Richard and Jesse have taught singing schools to teach others to sing in an effort to keep the tradition alive. As I have reflected on past singings and the singers themselves, I am saddened by how small this memorial singing has become. I have also realized, and I must confess, that I fall extremely short of the example set before us. I challenge you to ask yourself if you fall short, too. If we truly desire for this singing to continue for our children and grandchildren, we must follow the example set before us.

Jesse Roberts led 47b in memory of the Roberts family. Janice Paulk led 75 in memory of the DeLong family. Richard DeLong led 77t for the following deceased: Sarah Womack Samples, Earlis McGraw, Robert DePoy, George Garner—Georgia; S.T. Reed, Hester Edwards, Elder Neal Prichard, Carolyn Beverly—Alabama; Joe Nall—Florida. Matt DeLong led 288 for the following sick and shut-ins: George Burnett, James Hughes, Susan Harcrow, Norma Green, Jack Nelson, Melanie Hauff, and Janelle Davis. Jesse Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Matt DeLong called the class to order leading 418 and 34t. Leaders: Donna Bell 68b, 229; Malinda Snow 541, 516; Lisa Bennett 198, 153; Timothy Altman 354b, 63; Winfred Kerr 314, 89; David Smead 74b, 204; Diane O'Shields 497, 82t; Karen Olsen Edwards 71, 290 (for Janelle Davis); Frances Carnell 448t, 485; Elli Snyder 289, 426t; Judy Mincey 126, 184; Leann Carter 383, 39b; Daniel Edwards 39t, 448b; Rachel Carlisle 318, 384; Janice Paulk 392.

Announcements were made. Matt DeLong and Jessica Altman led 62 as closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts.
Chairman—Jessica Altman; Vice Chairman—Matt DeLong; Secretary—Helen Bryson

LEWES SACRED HARP SINGING DAY
South Malling Parish Church, Lewes, Sussex, United Kingdom
Saturday, July 2, 2016

The annual Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day was called to order by Rachel Jordan leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Mike Cooper.
Leaders: Nick Hall 73b; Sarah Hill 73t; Edwin Macadam 48t; Ian Lamb 547; Sheila Girling Macadam 535; Rob Mahoney 86; Rebecca Over 99 (in memory of Kermit and Steve Adams); John Wilson 276; Steve Biggs 49b; Steve Welch 569t; Teresa Maguire 32t; Ron Holman 268; Barry Parsons 111t; Andrew Clark 162; Matthew Parkinson 56t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Sheila Girling Macadam leading 39t. Leaders: Steve Fletcher 452; Seth Dickens 178; Vicky Tremain 448b; Rachel Jordan 171; Daniel Ardern 29b; Nigel Bowley 517; Iain Paxon 277; Nick Hall 202; Ian Lamb 159; Steve Biggs 49t; Rob Mahoney 107; Andrew Clark 350; Edwin Macadam 280; Rebecca Over 478; Barry Parsons 316; Teresa Maguire 378b; John Wilson 189; Steve Welch 147b.

RECESS

Sarah Hill called the class to order leading 318. Leaders: Paul Setford 40; Steve Fletcher 196; Ron Holman 504; Matthew Parkinson 434; Seth Dickens 481; Nigel Bowley 431.

Mary Welch spoke for the following sick and housebound: Sheila Dodsworth, Jenny Shufflebotham, John Charles, Paula Mogensen, Margaret Keeton, Samantha Cole, Roy Hollowell, Andrew Wells, John Powell and Silvia. Steve Welch led 489.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Rob Mahoney in honor of the following deceased: Fred Putland, Cecil French, June Howieson, Michael Spittal, Charles Dodsworth, Phillipa Welch, Earlis McGraw, George Garner, Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Hester Edwards, Robert DuPree, S.T. Reed, Freda Mahoney, Johnny Hunter, Barry of BJS, Irene Smith, Gillian Woodward, and Dorothy Allen. Rachel Jordan led 330b in their memory and Rob Mahoney closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 460; Iain Paxon 38b; Edwin Macadam 444; Ian Lamb 457; Rachel Jordan 528. Martin Williams offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Steve Biggs called the class back to order leading 228. Leaders: Matthew Parkinson 30t; Andrew Clark 37b; Barry Parsons 187; Steve Fletcher 53; Edwin Macadam 236; Rebecca Over 411; Nick Hall 455; Teresa Maguire 111b; Steve Welch 467; Jill Thompson 454; Paul Setford 410t; Vicky Tremain and Sheila Girling Macadam 448t; Rob Mahoney 476; Nigel Bowley 458; Daniel Ardern and Nick Hall 313b; Ron Holman 312t; Sarah Hill 192; Seth Dickens 312b.

RECESS

Nick Hall brought the class back to order for the final session leading 287. Leaders: Paul Setford 46; Sheila Girling Macadam 377; Ian Lamb 155; Jill Thompson 344; Rebecca Over 542; Andrew Clark 496; Teresa Maguire 324; Sarah Hill 566; Nigel Bowley 565; Barry Parsons 564; Steve Fletcher 315; Rob Mahoney 209; Steve Welch 473; Steve Biggs 288; Rachel Jordan 474; Matthew Parkinson 477; Sussex Singers 299.

Announcements were made. Rachel Jordan thanked all who had helped in any way to make this singing possible, and then led 347 as the closing song. Edwin Macadam offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Rachel Jordan; Secretaries—Nick Hall, Rebecca Over and Mary Welch

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION
Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama
July 2-3, 2016

Saturday, July 2

The Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the first Sunday and Saturday before in July. This year marked the 100th anniversary of the Henagar Convention, and the 130th anniversary of the Union Convention. The class was called to order by Shane Wootten and Jared Wootten leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered. Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 134; Karis Askin 270; Jerusha Wheeler 107; Dann Pell 387; Kate Fine 494; David Carlton 332; Roberta Strauss 228; Daniel Lee 566; Reed Schilbach 318; Henry Johnson 515; Cecelia Kramer 444; Boyd Scott 358; Jim Neal 84; Andre Kuney 189; Micah Walter 546; Caroline Thompson 500; Louis Hughes 166; Zilpha Cornett 361; Karen Rollins 298; Rodney Ivey 419; Jim Aaron and Bea Aaron 47b; Samuel Wright 198; Geraldine Sharpton 299; Phil Summerlin 460. David Ivey spoke about the histories of the two conventions, and when they were united. Alabama Representative Nathaniel Ledbetter presented a certificate of appreciation to the following Ivey cousins in attendance: Coy Ivey, Eloise Wootten, Loyd Ivey, Rex Wilks, and Norma Green. The cousins, Shane Wootten, and Nathaniel Ledbetter led 45t.

RECESS

Shane Wootten and Scott Ivey led 56t to bring the class together. Leaders: Susan Cheronos 300; Hubert Nall 168; Leslie Booher 274b; Joel Chan 58; Kevin Beirne 411; Gillian Inksetter 447; Teresa Hope, David Ballinger, and Beth Wallace 442; Lisa Bennett and David Smead 145b (in memory of Earlis McGraw and Janelle Davis); Jonathan Wood 553; Bob Watkins 110; Sierra Saylor and Tullaia Powell 504; Daniel Bearden 330t; Laura Hodges 208; Annaliza Cull and Anna Hinton 142; Buell Cobb 69b; Asa Horvitz and Gedney Barclay 30b; Darrell Swarens, Michele Cull, and Sheila Patterson 448t (in memory of Janelle Davis); Natalie Sims 349; Brody Ross and Finley Ross 388.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Richard Ivey leading 37b. Leaders: Daniel Williams 74t; Ainsley Ross 430; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 288; Jesse Flynn 101t; Drew McGuire 472; Joel Bennett 542; Tom Owen 70b; David Walton 38b; Eli Hinton 99; Jesse Vear 292; Faiz Wareh 26; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 240; Laura McMurray 101b; Cora Wareh 362; Eva Grace Horsley 201; Wendy Anderson 98. Phil Summerlin asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jared Wootten leading 76b. Leaders: Mark Davis 263; Philip Denney and Gayle Denney 120; Alex Forsyth 426b; Cindy Tanner and Barrett Patton 220; Justin Bowen 454; Diane Ross and Donald Ross 350; Ron Harper 522; Daphene Causey 304; Chris Ryan 310; Angela Myers and Bridgett Hill Kennedy 349; Erica Hinton and Matt Hinton 112; Nathan Stewart 272; Nathan Rees, David Gooch, and Jonathon Smith 319; Sasha Hsuczyk and Ruth Wampler 181; Nicholas Thompson and Judy Caudle 276 (for Margaret Keeton); Rachel Rudi, Kate Coxon, and Blake Sisemore 336; Lauren Bock and Jesse P. Karlsberg 422;

Richard Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 73t; Phil Summerlin and Peter Trumbore 313t; Reba Windom, Shelby Castillo, and Elene Stovall 216; James Eldridge, Virginia Eldridge, and Katherine Eldridge 260; Henry McGuire 320; Jonathan Gaylord 95.
RECESS

Coy Ivey led 384 to bring the class together. Leaders: Sarah Trumbore 327; Shawn Whelan 274t; Rachel Rodgers 67; Kris Paprocki 297; Martha Beverly 217; Keillor Mose 222; Tarik Wareh 392; Kate Fortin 373; Mike Richards 57; Traci Naylor 383; Paul Figura and Shirley Figura 68b (in memory of Charlie Derleth); Pat Temple and Mary Wright 59; Vickie See and Billy See 480; Isaac Green 282; Dan Edwards and Karen Edwards 77t; Syble Adams, David Ivey, and Loyd Ivey 426t; Isaac Stiefel, Brianna Wells, Jared Wootten, and Scott Ivey 445; Ann Riley Gray 178; Mary Blake Thompson 36b; David Saylor and Teresa Saylor 203; Aldo Ceresa 396; Elizabeth Gentry 275b; Ivy Hauser 416; Becky Wright 375; Rachel Hall 88b.
Shane Wootten led 45b as the closing song. Samuel Sommers dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, July 3

The Sunday session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Richard Ivey and Shane Wootten leading 32t. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Jonathon Smith 74b; Ryan Bowman and Nicole Bowman 542; Isaac Green and Isaac Stiefel 338; Jonathan Gaylord 40; David Carlton 547; Ben Fink 417; Diane Ross and Donald Ross 209; Mark Davis 468; Philip Denney and Gayle Denney 276; Stephen Miller 155; Leslie Booher 163b; Micah Walter 432; Martha Beverly and Cecelia Kramer 71; Ann Riley Gray 318; Eva Grace Horsley 445; Jim Patterson, Grace Patterson, and Sheila Patterson 81t; Peter Trumbore 480; Chris Ryan 496; James Eldridge, Katherine Eldridge, and Virginia Eldridge 182; Shawn Whelan and Daniel Whelan 168; Emma Calvert and Wanda Capps 388; Kate Fortin 481; Aldo Ceresa 309; Judy Mincey 279; Susan Cheronas 564; Joel Chan 46.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey and David Ivey led 144. Leaders: Paul Figura, Shirley Figura, and Anne Drexler 187; Jonathan Wood 176b; Tim Morton 284; Kris Paprocki 172; Jamie Dalton 274t; Bob Watkins and Taylor Watkins 129; Finley Ross 63; Ainslie Allen 196; April Watkins 30b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Barrett Patton and Cindy Tanner. Barrett spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins. Cindy read the following list of names: Margaret Keeton, Dan Summerlin, William Futral, Virginia Futral, Heidi Miller, Alice McGuire, Bobby Willis, Betty Shepherd, Lois Baugh, Kathleen Robbins, Beegee Rechenberg, Michael Appert, Brooke Blake, Floy Wilder, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Anne Chalker, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Laura Densmore, and Martin Adams. Barrett and Cindy led 404 in their honor.

Barrett Patton spoke in memory of the deceased. Cindy Tanner read the following list of names: S.T. Reed, Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Kathleen Doss Traywick, Azalee Adams, Elsie Moon, Sandra Spradlin, Robert DuPree, Gib Amason, Vernelle Amason, Jim Travis, Sharon Noojin, Bernice Williams Harvey, Elijah Kenny Graves, Abby Harris—Alabama; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Earlis McGraw, Shelly Posovenko, Robert DePoy, Bernice Steadman Thompson, Zelma Dixon, John Casbarro—Georgia; Eveline Inksetter—New York and Quebec; Ann Henry—New York; Reuben Summerlin, Charlie Saylor, Don Wood—Tennessee; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Daniel Sommers—Indiana; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Steve Miller and Christina Miller family—Colorado; Sami Malas—California; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Sarah Hauser, Tammi Ziola, Anne Barko—Oregon; Joe Nall—Florida;

Jason Dunlap—Connecticut; Roy Dow, John Vear, Francis Bliss—Maine; Bennett Joel Green—Kansas. Barrett and Cindy led 290 and 421 in memory of the deceased. Tony Ivey closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Annaliza Cull 448t (in memory of Janelle Davis); Brody Ross 53; Anna Hinton 300; Ainsley Ross 348t; Tommy Schultz 31t; Paula Oliver 222; Ellen Culpepper and Sam Culpepper 283; Daphene Causey 242; Gail Doss 148; Holly Mixon and Mary Andrews 58; Nicholas Tuff 448b; Tom Owen 503; Amy Wells and Andres Wells 110; Philippe Doyle 235; Dorothea Maynard 442; Daniel Lee and Mary Beth Thompson 569b.

LUNCH

Shane Wootten led 131b to bring the class to order. Leaders: Ruth Wampler and Keillor Mose 385b; Justin Bowen, Kevin Beirne, and Sarah Trumbore 528; Gillian Inksetter and Kate Coxon 171; Jackie Tanner and Cindy Tanner 477; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 460; Jesse Vear and Jesse Flynn 314; Jesse P. Karlsberg, Lauren Bock, and Nathan Rees 197; Cassie Allen 434 (for Kathleen Robbins); Gedney Barclay, Asa Horvitz, and Trevor Wilson 89; Rachel Hall, Linda Baysore, and Joel Bassett 343; Mike Richards and Laura Hodges 377; Bridgett Hill Kennedy, Rodney Ivey, and Judy Caudle 440; Roberta Strauss and Barrett Patton 269; Ann Jett and Danny Creel 475; Drew McGuire and Shelby Castillo 411; Nicholas Thompson and Elizabeth Gentry 498; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 371; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 346; Natalie Sims 106; Linton Ballinger, Earl Ballinger, Larry Ballinger, and Chris Ballinger 112; Elene Stovall and Karen Ivey 192.

RECESS

Shane Wootten led 101t. Leaders: Darrell Swarens and Michele Cull 236; Andre Kuney 339; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Alex Makris 282; Marlon Wootten, Eloise Wootten, Anna Wootten, and Shane Wootten 97; Syble Adams, Darlene Dalton, and Claudene Townson 472; Aaron Wootten and Sarah Wootten 39t; Loyd Ivey, Will Ivey, Martha Underwood, Theresa Bethune, Louise Ivey, Lilly Underwood, and Anna Marie Bethune 47t; Marty Wootten, Levon Wootten, and Dewayne Wootten 99; Dennis George and Tom George 39b; Hayden Wootten, Jamey Wootten, Jared Wootten, Scott Ivey, and Sylvia Ivey 48t; Faith Riley, Becky Wright, and Ivy Hauser 399b; Nathan Stewart and Samuel Sommers 316; Isaac Lloyd, Malachi Lloyd, Ezra Lloyd, and Gideon Lloyd 86; Sharon DuPriest and Reba Windom 546; Henry Johnson and Rachel Rodgers 418; Richard Mauldin and David Gooch 128; Sasha Hsuczyk and Alex Forsyth 293; Teresa Saylor, David Saylor, Sierra Saylor, Tullaia Powell, Amber Saylor, and Spencer Hegwood 142; Kate Fine and Laura McMurray 512; Dan Edwards and Karen Edwards 270; Idy Kiser and Reed Schilbach 61; Tarik Wareh, Cora Wareh, and Faiz Wareh 333; Coy Ivey 465 (CB).

Shane Wootten, Coy Ivey, Loyd Ivey, Eloise Wootten, and Marlon Wootten led 146 as the closing song. Tony Ivey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Richard Ivey; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH

North of Tallapoosa, Georgia

Sunday, July 3, 2016

The 103rd session of the Crossroads Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing and Homecoming was held on the first Sunday in July. Cecil Roberts called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 60. Robert Chambless offered the morning prayer. Cecil welcomed everyone, and then led 35.

Leaders: Miranel Swafford 137, 32t; Donna Bell 373, 30b (in memory of her daddy,

George Garner); B.M. Smith 101b, 318; Virginia Dyer 28b, 40; Robert Chambless 303, 145t; Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 171, 225t; Helen Bryson 72t, 299; Dalton Lewis 472, 354b; Daniel Williams 569t, 495; Rene Greene 422, 302.

RECESS

David Smead brought the class back to order by leading 34b. A business session was held with the following officers retained to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Eschol Hughes 45t, 316; Samuel Williams 547, 481; Mel Kersey 565; Charlene Wallace 283 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Terry Wootten 39t; Richard DeLong 74b; Winfred Kerr 59, 282; Karen Rollins 343, 344; Tony Hammock 476 (in memory of Earlis McGraw), 284; Lisa Bennett 110, 448t (in memory of Janelle Davis); Robby Rivers 480; Oscar McGuire 229, 163b; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 335, 340.

Helen Bryson conducted the memorial lesson. She stated, “Blessed be the tie that binds.” She spoke of the Sacred Harp community, the legacy of Sacred Harp, and singers traveling near and far to support a singing. Helen stated that some of the names on the list today were not singers. They were supporters. The following deceased were remembered: Earlis McGraw, George Garner, Mattie Lou Pope, Edward Garner, Curtis Hamrick, and Jean Sloman—Georgia; Joe Nall—Florida; S. T. Reed, Nellie Mae White, Elder Neil Prichard, Hester Edwards, Steve Adams, and Kermit Adams—Alabama; Janelle Davis—Illinois.

Helen stressed the importance of remembering the sick and shut-ins, as well as the caregivers. Let them know that you’re thinking about them, and that their presence is missed. The sick and shut-ins honored today were Lois Bowman, Melanie Hauff, George Burnette, III, Norma Green, Eloise Wootten, Susan Harcrow, Margaret Thacker, Ed Thacker, Bill Windom, Daphene Causey, Jack Nelson, and Zachary Hart. Helen led 330b. John Plunkett closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Hayden Arp 345t, 336 (in memory of his Grandmother); John Plunkett 475 (for Zachary Hart), 227; David Smead 568, 103; Crissy Glenn 339; Mike Castleberry 490, 76b. Cecil Roberts asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Cecil Roberts leading 285t. Leaders: Judy Chambless 36b; Phillip Ford 503; Susan Ford and Oscar McGuire 452; Lisa Bennett 505; James Newman 146; Hayden Arp 149, 294 (by request); Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 532; Terry Wootten 345b; Crissy Glenn 277; Mel Kersey 175; Donna Bell 82t (in memory of her uncle, C.W. Garner, and in honor of Gerald Sloman); B.M. Smith 138t; Virginia Dyer 186; Samuel Williams 107; Rene Greene 371; Robert Chambless 143; Daniel Williams 360; Winfred Kerr 314; Eschol Hughes 100; Tony Hammock 112; David Smead 36t; Oscar McGuire 276; Phillip Ford 408; Susan Ford and Oscar McGuire 145t.

Announcements were made. Cecil Roberts led 162 (by request) as the closing song. Eschol Hughes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell

INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING Lakeview Lodge, Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama Monday, July 4, 2016

The annual Independence Day Singing was held at Lakeview Lodge, Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama. The class was called to order by Rene Greene and Samuel Sommers leading 32t. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Pam Nunn and Angela Myers.

Leaders: Samuel Sommers and Rene Greene 52t; Judy Caudle 192 (in memory of LaRue Allen); Pam Nunn 186 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Angela Myers 101t; Darrell Swarens 36b; Oscar McGuire 34b; Paula Oliver 270; Robert Chambless 84; Marilyn Bradley 85; Jesse Roberts 329; Teresa Saylor and David Saylor 209; Kate Fine 556; Lisa Bennett 137; B.M. Smith 475; Kate Fortin 230; Peter Trumbore 30t; Judy Chambless 318; Samuel Williams 269; Laurie Dempsey 155; David Brodeur 75; Judy Mincey 367; Winfred Kerr 146; Esther Williams 61.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Rene Greene and Samuel Sommers leading 217. Leaders: David Smead 26; Martha Beverly 464 (in memory of Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); Jairus Schultz 496; Gideon Lloyd 354b; Cora Wareh 71; Theophilus Schultz 178; Sierra Saylor and Tullaia Powell 300; Jubal Schultz 565; Ezra Lloyd 68b; Faiz Wareh 353; Isaac Lloyd 31t; Eli Hinton 99; Jesse P. Karlsberg 103; Virginia Eldridge 224; Anna Hinton 40; Daniel Whelan 107; John Plunkett 161; Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Aaron Rocket 276; David Ivey 394; Jeannette DePoy 213t; Annaliza Cull 504. Samuel Sommers asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Samuel Sommers leading 319. Leaders: Daniel Williams 528; Reba Windom 436 (in memory of Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); Andy Ditzler 326; Erica Hinton and Matt Hinton 204; Tommy Schultz 497; Cecilia Kramer 430; Ben Fink 438; Natalie Sims 455; Tarik Wareh 110; Corinne Ducey 275b; Shawn Whelan 56b; Keillor Mose 482 (for Brooke); Lela Crowder 145t; Jesse Year 498; Becky Wright 506; Nicholas Thompson 216; Ruth Wampler 268; Joel Bassett 132; James Eldridge 419; Sarah Trumbore 37b; Jesse Flynn 335; Lauren Bock 336; Sam Kleinman 377; Ivy Hauser 474; Philippe Doyle 378b; Campbell Longworth 198; Katherine Eldridge 95; Micah John Walter 454; Asa Horvitz 76b; Gedney Barclay 167; Daniel Bearden 398; Traci Naylor 182; Sasha Hsuczyk 208; Alex Forsyth 36t; Rachel Hall 447; Zilpha Cornett and Susan Cheronas 408; Aldo Ceresa 156; Rene Greene, Samuel Sommers, and Pam Nunn 112 (in memory of Daniel Sommers).

Rene Greene and Samuel Sommers led 56t as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Judy Caudle

CAMP FASOLA, YOUTH EMPHASIS

Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama

July 4-8, 2016

Monday, July 4

Arrival, Registration, and Orientation Registration for Camp Fasola, 2016, Youth Emphasis, began at 4:00 p.m. Campers were issued t-shirts, procedures lists, maps, and identification badges. Campers had free time for recreation, followed by counselor orientation sessions, and then followed by supper at 6:00 p.m. Every one attending camp met with David Ivey in Lakeview Lodge at 7:00 p.m. for orientation and instructions.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m. (Counselors). Cheyenne Ivey and Beth Anne Clay brought the class to order leading 36b. Justin Bowen offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey, Ainslie Allen, Devereaux Fuller, Ruby Francis, and Bekah Lauren

Clay 159; Justin Bowen, Ezra Lloyd, Faiz Wareh, and Jairus Schultz 277; Ellen Culpepper, Mary Francis Clay, Lina Silva, Annaliza Cull, Jade Thompson, and Anna Hinton 318; James Eldridge, Gideon Lloyd, Daniel Whelan, Jared Pope, and Jedidiah Schultz 35; Beth Anne Clay, Julia Rikausrud, Lainey Martin, Mattie Sue Prewett, and Traci Naylor 354b; Tom George, Jacob Acton, Caleb Silva, and Jubal Schultz 47b; Sasha Hsuczky, Judith Prevost, Mary Andrews, Molly Mixon, Sierra Saylor, and Tullaia Powell 209; Sam Culpepper, William Clay, Justin Corbett, Isaac Lloyd, Samuel Williams, Russell Pope, and Isaac Stiefel 63; Rachel Rudi, Lilly Underwood, Olivia Prevost, Anna Marie Bethune, Karis Askin, and Eva Grace Horsley 504; Lela Crowder, Julia Laskowski Edwards, Hadassah Silva, Noelle Silva, Anna Grace Sipe, Katherine Eldridge, Isabelle Lamarre, Tristen Lamarre, and Deborah Marsh 126; Nicholas Thompson and Judy Caudle 176b; Laura Ann Russell and Michael Darby 300; Christopher Mann 31t; Kate Coxon 328; Keillor Mose 171; Ruth Wampler 279; Corinne Ducey 162; Alex Forsyth 296; Jim Neal 30t; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 168; Daniel Bearden 91; Pam Nunn 200; Becky Wright 234; Sam Kleinman 362; Idy Kiser and Reed Schilbach 312b; Rachel Hall 500; Johnathon Kelso 447; Ivy Hauser 150; Laura Hodges 406; Jesse Flynn 65; Lori Cabirac 131b; Gedney Barclay 379. Cheyenne Ivey and Beth Anne Clay led 142 as the closing song. James Eldridge offered the evening devotional and the closing prayer.

Tuesday, July 5

Every day there are lessons, electives, opportunities for recreation or relaxation, recess periods with snacks, and an evening class singing, along with opportunities to socialize.

Lesson: Rudiments I/Youth I :00 a.m. Teachers—Lauren Bock and Justin Bowen. Lauren began the class explaining the basic rudiments, the names of the shapes, scales, intervals, rhythm, rests, and measures. Justin stated that music is sound that is organized, and discussed the anatomy of a page. The class sang the tenor line of 49t and 45t. Class dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments I/Youth II 9:00 a.m. Teachers—Stuart Ivey and Tom George. Stuart and Tom introduced themselves to the class. Stuart remarked that we come to camp to learn, not to show off. Stuart explained page 13 of the Rudiments about the definition of a musical tone. He discussed pitch, dynamics, rhythm, and accent. He said “the right note at the wrong time, is a wrong note.” The three modes of time were explained. The class practiced singing the scale, and participated in a challenge cup exercise. Campers volunteered to lead and practiced keeping time, which included a review of repeats. The class sang 37b, and was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments I/Adults 9:00 a.m. Teacher—Sam Sommers. Sam led 24b, and then offered prayer. A hand-out entitled “Marking Time In Space” was provided, along with a sign-up sheet to lead a song in class. Sam stated that “singing school is to train you up in good habits!” The three modes of time were reviewed. Sam explained that the hand starts and ends in an up position in every mode of time. The mode of time suggests the speed of the song. By definition, the leader is always right! Michael Darby led 213b; Sasha Hsuczky led 418, and Alex Forsyth led 133. A fermata or bird’s eye stops time. It’s length is at the discretion of the leader, and should be a reasonable pause. Do not continue to keep time with your hand or your foot! The class reviewed optional and mandatory repeats. Leaders: Mike Richards 50b; Gedney Barclay 420; Ciske Boekelo 289; Cecilia Kramer 71. Sam said that modest downward and upward strokes are preferred, and demonstrated his frame of modesty. The class sang 45b, and was dismissed.

Elective: Team Tunemsmith I-Sacred Harp Composition 101 10:30 a.m.

Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo led 101t, and asked how many had never written music. He remarked that he hoped campers would gain a better understanding of the writers

and songs by participating in the tunesmith challenge. Aldo gave the following tips and suggestions for writing Sacred Harp style music: each voice part has a different function; each song starts with the melody and the other parts revolve around it; Sacred Harp music is written in dispersed harmony (a crossing of voice parts, the bass range is usually between nine and ten notes, the tenor and treble play together in opposition like thunder and lightning); add shimmer to the tenor and bass chords; the alto is written last, and can do a lot of movement. The campers were divided up into seven groups of three to work on their compositions to be sung at the end of camp in the symposium. Class dismissed.

Elective: Rudiments Applied/Sightreading 10:45 a.m. Teacher—Stuart Ivey. The class began with a time of questions and answers concerning the Rudiments. Stuart asked, “What is keeping us from gaining the skills to sight-sing unfamiliar songs?” Stuart suggested the need to go outside a comfort zone, and practice intervals. Stuart gave some web-site information to assist in learning more. Stuart remarked that he was going to pose some Sacred Harp tough love questions for campers to consider: Do you know the tenor part?; Do you know a song well?; Can you sing your part with the book closed?; Can you lead the song singing the tenor. . without looking?; Can you sing the other three parts in your range? By memory?; Can you sing your usual part while listening to the basses?; Can you sing another part while listening to your part?; Can you sing your part and hear all four parts? Stuart asked the class to consider some doable steps toward reaching these goals. He stated that if we attain these goals, and can hear all four parts, it will make our hair stand on end when we hear the chords formed by all the parts in harmony! The class sang infrequently used songs for practice. Leaders: Corrine Ducey 263; Tarik Wareh 115; Cora Wareh 459. Class dismissed.

Lesson: Sacred Harp & Wind Band Music 1:00 p.m. Teachers—Johnnie and Nancy Vinson. Johnnie and Nancy introduced themselves to campers. Johnnie was the band director at Auburn University, and writes original music for school bands. He writes music for different levels of bands. A number four band is considered a good high school band. He exclusively wrote a score based on Sacred Harp variants for Homewood Middle School’s band in Homewood, Alabama. Nancy Vinson is a professional musician, who writes original music as well. Johnnie gave some observations about Sacred Harp music. He provided a hand-out of his original compositions inspired by Sacred Harp songs. He shared recordings of some of his new songs: “Overture on a Hymn Tune” (based on “Old Ship of Zion”); “Echoes of the Hollow Square” (based on “The Morning Trumpet”); “I’m Going Home/Warrenton”. The class sang a couple of songs. Class dismissed.

Elective: The Music and Life of Singin’ Billy Walker 2:10 p.m.

Teacher—Jonathon Smith. The class was provided a hand-out of an over-view of William Walker’s life (1809-1875). Jonathon stated that there is not a whole lot of information on Walker; most of his biography comes from his cousin, John Landrum, in “History of Spartanburg County (1900). Another resource Jonathon used was Harry Eskew’s master thesis from 1960. Walker was born in Union County, South Carolina, and moved to Spartanburg when he was eighteen. In addition to being an active singing school teacher, he was also a businessman, owning a bookstore, and was important in his community. These publications include Walker’s songs: 1835-*Southern Harmony*; 1846-Southern and Western Pocket Harmonist; 1867-*The Christian Harmony*; 1873-Fruits and Flowers. To distinguish himself from other William Walkers, he signed his name William Walker, A.S. H. (author of *Southern Harmony*). The class sang the following songs from the hand-out: “French Broad”, “Solemn Call”, “The Good Physician”, “Thorny Desert”, “Tender Hearted Christian”, “The Shouting Pilgrim”, “Breaker”, “Spartanburg”, and “The Last Rose

of Summer". The class sang 213t and 130. Class dismissed.

Elective: Text Meter in Sacred Harp 2:10 p.m. Teacher—Sam Sommers. Sam led 146. Sam stated that meter is the pulse or the rhythmic structure of the poetry we sing. There are stressed and unstressed syllables in each line, and sometimes alternating. The foot is the basic metrical unit that forms part of a line of verse. The meters are iambs, trochees, spondees, anapests, and dactyls. Iambic meter is a two-syllable foot with the accent of the second syllable. In Paine Denson's rudiments, most meters are iambic. Sam led 61, and made note that the common meter (C. M.) is similar to the common meter in 146, but the structure is very different. Sam led 127, noting the amphibrac meter text, which has three syllable feet. Sam remarked that trochaic feet lead with an accent, and many trochaic songs end with stressed syllables, for example, 8s and 7s. Sam suggested that when composing meter, mode of time should be considered; often when there is conflict, the poetry wins. Jim Neal led 370 (meter 8s and 7s, trochaic). Sam stated that most people's common conception is that you can sing any long meter (L. M.) poetry with any L.M. tune (sometimes it works, sometimes it does not). Natalie Sims led 231 (a mix of 4s, 11s and 6s). Particular meter or peculiar meter (P. M.) does not fit other meters. Meter Hallelujah (M. H.) has syllables of which are 6, 6, 6, 6, 8, 8. Anthems do not fit a meter; often verbatim from another text. Time signature is not directly linked to meter. Odes are a poem in three parts; a srophe, antesrophe, and epoch. Sam said poetry supposedly trumps verse; in practice, poetry is often modified to fit meter. Sam led 512. Class dismissed.

Lesson: How To Beat The 7 Modes of Time/Youth 3:30 p.m. Teacher—Stuart Ivey. Stuart explained the seven modes of time. The modes of time fall into three types: common time, triple time, and compound time. There are three modes of time in common time, $2/2$, $4/4$, and $2/4$. There are two modes of time in triple time, $3/2$ and $3/4$. There are two modes of time in compound time $6/4$ and $6/8$. Leaders: Ezra Lloyd 49t; Jarius Schultz 37b; Cora Wareh 388; Tullaia Powell 178; Jade Thompson 45t; Lina Silva 146; Vivian Ivey 157. To demonstrate, Stuart showed the proper preparatory gestures, also using eye contact when it is appropriate. Class dismissed.

Lesson: Leading Workshop/Adults 3:30 p.m.—Teachers—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Judy Caudle. Teachers addressed common challenges when leading a song: confidence, how to get the tempo you want, mistakes in the square, conserving movement and energy, how to speed up and slow down the song, and songs with time changes. Leaders: Ivy Hauser 203; Nicholas Thompson 442; Isaac Stiefel 472; Zilpha Kitchens Cornett 362; Karis Askin 445; Linda Baysore 153; Sam Kleinman 564. Class dismissed.

Lesson: Time and Tempo-New Insights 3:30 p.m. Teacher—Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse began with the seven modes of time. There are three modes in common time, two modes in triple time, and two modes in compound time. They were previously called moods of time. Jesse stated that $4/4$, common time, is used the most. There are three hundred and twelve songs in the book, and 56. 3 percent of the songs are in common time. The year 1995 was the start of recording what percentage of songs were sung. The percentages are largely close to the percentages of mode songs found in the book. Tempo is the frequency (speed) of beats; the mode of time is a guide in tempo. In the Sacred Harp, modes of time suggest slower tempos in relation to more common time. B.F. White's generation was the first generation to use the "second" to show how fast to sing the song. Thomas Jackson (T. J.) Denson, the most influential singing school teacher, taught a singing school every summer. Raymond Hamrick studied how fast singers sang songs and found that songs slowed down in some areas, and sped up in other areas. Denson preferred songs to be on the fast side. The actual tempo that is currently used is closest to B.F. White's suggestions. We sing three out

of five songs in 4/4 and now we sing them twice as fast as when B.F. White suggested the speed, but we do not sing much of anything faster than one second per measure. Class dismissed.

Elective: Keying Music 4:45 p.m. Teacher—David Ivey. David offered some basics of keying to campers. He recommended giving all the parts their first tone, making sure the key is comfortable, and always sound the tonic. To key songs, you must know the scale very well. Make sure the key given is the best the class can sound. David advised that mistakes are going to be made, and it takes a lot of courage and practice. It works best to sound the tenor note last. A keyer needs to know their voice and what it can do. Isaac Steifel keyed 59 and Katherine Eldridge keyed 47t. David's final comments were to only change the key if it is un-singable. Class dismissed.

Elective: Music and Influence of O.A. Parris 4:45 p.m. Teacher—Jesse P. Karlsberg. Nicholas Thompson led 546. Jesse gave campers background on Orin Adolphus (O. A.) Parris, born December 16, 1897 in Jefferson County, Alabama, and died in 1966. A hand-out of Parris's biography and songs was provided. O.A. Parris grew up in Winston County, Alabama. He was remembered as having a very sharp and quick mind. O.A. served in World War I as a bugler. He worked as a farmer during the day, and wrote music at night. Parris served on the Music Committee for the 1936 Denson revision. Leaders: Kate Coxon 349; Faiz Wareh 377; Sasha Hsuczyk "A Few More Years"; Aldo Ceresa "God's Helping Hand"; Rachel Hall "Weary Rest"; Jesse P. Karlsberg "Then I'll Be At Rest"; Daniel Bearden "A Good Time Coming"; Andre Kuney "The Grand Highway"; Justin Bowen 454. Class dismissed.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m. (Youth Girls). Karis Askin, Katherine Eldridge, and Ainslie Allen called the class to order by leading 76b. Leaders: Emily Verrier, Anna Hinton, Devereux Fuller, and Ruby Francis 142; Annaliza Cull and Noelle Silva 47b; James Eldridge and Jared Pope 358; Paula Oliver 217; Allison Whitener and Grace Whitener 146; Jaius Schultz and Theophilus Schultz 276; Lilly Underwood 108b; Phillippe Doyle Gosselin 87; Kate Fortin 42; Jade Thompson 59; Ezra Lloyd 317; Kristopher Paprocki 222; Anna Marie Bethune 159; Justin Corbett 119; Tullia Powell and Sierra Saylor 107; Caleb Silva 504; Anna Grace Sipe 32t; Micah Walter 426t; Esther Williams 224; Jacob Acton 282; Jesse Vear 228; Asa Horvitz 512; Patrick Friesen 214; Mary Andrews 203; Cora Wareh 302; Daniel Whelan and Rodney Ivey 277; Karis Askin and Katherine Eldridge led 82t as the closing song.

Wednesday, July 6

Lesson: Rudiments II/Youth I :00 a.m. Teachers—Lauren Bock and Justin Bowen. Lauren directed the class in warm-up exercises for the voice, using varying dynamics and pitch. Lauren had the campers turn to 277 to note the word fortissimo, and then to 177 to note the word softly. A review and practice of accent was done from pages 15 and 16 of the Rudiments. The class observed bad leader Scotty, who led 34t. Scotty made many mistakes while leading, and the class voiced what those were. Bad leader Scotty led 155 with more mistakes that campers helped him resolve. A game was played building measures in 3/4 time. Campers volunteered to lead songs for the remainder of the class. Leaders: Caleb Silva 27; Allison Whitener and Grace Whitener 146; Jade Thompson 40; Theo Schultz 313b; Zilpha Cornett, Idy Kiser, and Cora Wareh 362. Class dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments III/Youth II 9:00 a.m. Teachers—Stuart Ivey and Tom George. Stuart began the class by asking how many present had attended an all-day singing in the past year, and suggested that those who attend camp will most likely go to an all-day singing. Stuart remarked that most singers have not actually read the rudiments, but have learned through immersion. The class sang 532, applying accent to the syncopation in accordance with the Rudiments. Stuart noted that it is not necessary

to know the clefs and key signatures for people who read shape notes. The class sang the triads on page 22 of the Rudiments, and reviewed major, minor, diminished, and augmented chords. Stuart directed the class in singing half-steps marked on a chart that was displayed. He noted the anomaly in the minor scale, and discussed the raised sixth. The class sang some minor scale exercises. Class dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments III/Adults 9:00 a.m. Teacher—Sam Sommers. Sam led 232, and then offered prayer. The class sang the major scale. Sam remarked that leading should be within a frame of modesty, unless there is a good reason. In relation to accent, Sam said it is about stress, not pronunciation. Accent should be done with the voice, not the hand. Laura Ann Russell led 37t. The Rudiments direct that text trumps accent. Sam commented that old recordings show more punch, and we should emulate that. Sam led 170. He suggested that while learning to sing, one should focus intently on one thing at a time (accuracy, accent, or watching the leader). Dynamics often get the short-shift; loudness is not virtuous in itself. The class sang 143, 412, 288, and 312b. Sam answered questions, and led 29t. Class dismissed.

Elective: Dinner on the Ground 10:30 a.m. Teacher—Pam Nunn. Pam talked about the origins of dinner on the ground. She gave tips, ideas, and answered questions from class members on how to prepare meals for an all-day singing. Pam gave examples of what kinds of dishes work best, recipes, how to pack and transport hot and cold dishes, and much more. Campers participated in the cooking portion of the class by making punch bowl cakes to be served for dessert at the lunchtime meal. Class dismissed.

Elective: I Never Will Unloose My Hold 10:45 a.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo began by stating that holds (also known as a pause, fermata or a bird's-eye), were rarely seen in early American music, but do occur frequently in songs in the Sacred Harp. The Rudiments in the 1991 Edition states, "a hold (pause) placed over a note or rest shows that it may be held beyond its normal length, at the reasonable discretion of the leader." There are several types of holds. There are half-measure downbeat holds that occur at the beginning of a measure. Jesse Flynn led 48t and Zilpha Cornett led 569b, as examples. Another type of hold is the half-measure upbeat hold. Zilpha Cornett led 59 and Laura Ann Russell led 163t, as examples. There are holds on the third beat in common time. Henry Johnson led 96 and Jesse Year led 316, as examples. Another type of hold is the full-measure hold. Cecelia Kramer led 198; Aldo led 69b, and Phillippe Gosselin led 567, as examples. Laura Ann Russell led 37t as an example of an off-beat and unusual hold. Class dismissed.

Lesson: Memorial Lesson and Learning Songs/Youth 1:00 p.m. Teachers—Scott and Jeannette DePoy. Jeannette talked about what a memorial lesson is, what is done during one, and why memorial lessons are done. Scott talked about what to say before and during a memorial lesson, such as reading from the Bible, and saying a prayer. He stated that when choosing a song for the sick and shut-ins, it should not be about the deceased, and gave examples of songs to choose. He suggested that songs for the deceased should give hope after death, and gave some examples of songs. The teachers asked for volunteers to lead a song they would choose to sing in a memorial lesson and why. Jeannette and Scott critiqued the leading, and offered suggestions where improvement was needed. Leaders: Caleb Silva 504; Katherine Eldridge 445; William Clay 457; Daniel Whelan 163b; Jacob Acton 294; Sierra Saylor 67; Tullaia Powell 106; Jubal Schultz 235; Jared Pope 299; Jade Thompson 59; Russell Pope 549. The teachers expressed how important it is to be asked to do a memorial lesson, and how helpful memorial lessons are. Class dismissed.

Lesson: The Pleasing Sound 1:00 p.m. Teacher—Henry Johnson. Henry presented a hand-out to the campers containing excerpts from the 1844-1869 *White Book*. He

stated that the information he will discuss will be taken from J.L. White's Rudiments. He discussed the early revision history of the Sacred Harp. Henry read from White's rudiments and discussed harmony. David Ivey led 122. Henry described the history of the tune and the alto part. Henry expressed that his intention of the class was to practice listening to other parts, and staying together. He related the following thoughts: accent should be firm, but not oppressive, time and tune were more important; excessive volume is less desirable, although singing merely loud is consistent with our practice. Henry talked about each voice part, and suggested getting experience singing other parts from time to time. Henry encouraged the class to sing more softly and sweetly and avoid singing too loudly; appreciate the sound of this music. Henry discussed the following points that are suggested in the J.L. White supplementary: attempt to hit pitches in the middle; avoid adding slides following long notes; know the discrepancies between the spoken language and the sung language (such as, the pronunciation of vowels and the articles a, an, and the). Henry led the class in singing the pentatonic scale. He noted that seventy songs in the major scale and ten in the minor are purely pentatonic. Henry led 56t and 56b. Tarik Wareh led 70b and Sam Kleinman led 73t. Following a discussion about concords and discords, Tom George led "Lumpkin" (J.L. White). Class dismissed.

Elective: The Life and Music of S.M. (Seab) Denson 2:10 p.m. Teacher—Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse provided the class with a handout titled "The Life and Music of Seaborn McDaniel Denson" that included photographs and a list of S.M. Denson's compositions. Tom George led "Welcome Sweet Day" from the handout. Jesse said that S.M. Denson was the third of four children, and recognized Richard Mauldin, who was present in the class, as a descendant of brothers T.J. and S.M. Denson. S.M. and T.J. both moved their families to Winston County, Alabama, where S.M. met Joseph James. S.M. established the United Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, to have authority over book revisions. Daniel Bearden led "Mount Pisgah". S.M. loved to write father-mother-brother songs. Sasha Hsuczyk led "Resurrected". Cecelia Kramer led 430. S.M. wrote songs in a fairly limited range of keys. Jesse led "Winston", a three part song. Ivy Hauser led "Cullman". Justin Bowen led "Casander". Sam Sommers led "Home In Heaven". Jesse remarked that it is hard to say what style S.M. had, because he could do it all. The Union Harp was intended to be a supplement to J.L. White's book, but White went his own way. The Union Harp had strange aspects and was approved in 1909, but was rejected in 1910. At that time, White and James had parted ways, leaving S.M. Denson having to choose between the two. S.M. chose James. Most of S.M. Denson's compositional output was confined to a few years. In the 1954 *Christian Harmony*, music was credited to S.M. that he actually did not write. Jesse led "Loved Ones Over Yonder" from the handout. Class dismissed.

Elective: Learning Songs 2:10 p.m. Teacher—Jonathon Smith. Jonathon encouraged campers to listen to recordings to learn new songs and practice intervals. The class sang 484. Jonathon gave helpful suggestions, such as learning the other parts and learning blocks of songs. Jonathon encouraged campers to sit next to experienced singers, and watch experienced leaders. The remaining time of the class was spent singing songs 419, 397, 411, 103, 374, 288, 167, 455, and 304. Class dismissed.

Elective: Leading, Singing and Remembering Jeff and Shelbie 4:00 p.m. Teachers—Rene Greene and Pam Nunn. Rene and Pam introduced themselves as the daughters of the late Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard. Class members sang songs and recalled fond, funny, and some notorious memories of Jeff and Shelbie. Leaders: Nathan Rees 304; Jeannette DePoy 149; Joel Bassett 368; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 91; Nicholas Thompson 475; Scott DePoy 99; Mike Richards 468; Ruth Wampler 380;

Jonathon Smith 211; Susan Cheronos 56b. Class dismissed.

Community Singing 7:00 p.m. (Young Adults). The 14th annual Community Singing at Camp FaSoLa was held at Camp Lee. The class was called to order by Gedney Barclay and Ciske Boekelo leading 40. Alex Forsyth offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Asa Horvitz, Laura Hodges, Nicholas Thompson, and Linda Baysore 37b; Nicholas Tuff 201; Lina Silva 65; Amber Saylor and Spencer Hegwood 59; Susan Cheronos 56b; Tarik Wareh 387; Seth Wenger 49b; Erik McDonald 472; Tommy Schultz 163t; Mattie Sue Prewett, Karis Askin, and Eva Grace Horsley 224; Samuel Williams 564; Linda Baysore 176t; Cassie Allen and Ainslie Allen 217; Isaac Lloyd 444; Kyle Johnston 99; Zilpha Cornett, Idy Kiser, and Reed Schilbach 362; Mike Richards and Laura Hodges 291; Andre Kuney 269; Lela Crowder, Julia Laskowski Edwards, Hadassah Silva, Noella Silva, Anna Grace Sipe, and Katherine Eldridge 138t; Rachel Rudi, Karis Askin, Eva Grace Horsley, Anna Marie Bethune, Olivia Prevost, and Lilly Underwood 425; Ellen Culpepper, Anna Hinton, Annaliza Cull, Lina Silva, Jade Thompson, and Mary Francis Clay 155; Cheyenne Ivey, Ainslie Allen, Bekah Lauren Clay, and Ruby Devereux 146; Beth Anne Clay, Julia Rikansrud, Lainey Martin, Traci Naylor, and Mattie Sue Prewett 178; Sasha Hsuczuk, Tullaia Powell, Judith Prevost, Sierra Saylor, Mary Andrews, and Holly Mixon 475; Tom George, Jubal Schultz, Wyatt Denney, Jacob Acton, and Caleb Silva 108b; Ciske Boekelo 277; Justin Bowen, Ezra Lloyd, Spencer Hegwood, Jarius Schultz, and Faiz Wareh 276; Sam Culpepper, Isaac Lloyd, Isaac Stiefel, William Clay, Russell Pope, and Justin Corbett 120; James Eldridge, Gideon Lloyd, Jared Pope, Jedidiah Schultz, and Daniel Whelan 89; Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy 48t; Karen Ivey and Grace Whitener 76b; Eugene Forbes and Rodney Ivey 213b; David Saylor and Teresa Saylor 376; Adrian Eldridge and Virginia Eldridge 285t; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 302; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 186; Drew McGuire and Shelby Castillo 411; Kathy Williams 448b; Lloyd Ivey and Lilly Underwood 496; Richard Mauldin 168; Scott Ivey and Brianna Wells 441; Judy Caudle and Angela Myers 267; Darrell Swarens 268; Daniel Whelan, Shawn Whelan, and Natalie Sims 86; Pam Nunn, Rene Greene, and David Ivey 556. Gedney Barclay led 56t as the closing song. Alex Forsyth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Friday, July 8

After breakfast, everyone met in The Ark with Camp Director David Ivey for closing remarks and farewells. The group sang 62, and took the parting hand. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer, and camp was dismissed.
SHMHA President and Camp Director—David Ivey

FLAT SHOALS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church, Stockbridge, Georgia

Saturday, July 9, 2016

The 10th annual session of the Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church singing was called to order by Jessica Altman leading 101t. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jesse Karlsberg 100; Ashley Thompson 168; Rachel Hall 36b; Mike Richards 82t; Lela Crowder 121; Hayden Arp 153; Linda Baysore 88t; Asa Horvitz 122; Jesse Vear 175; Leah Latimer 358; Laura Hodges 43; Patrick Friesen 319; Glenn Latimer 277; Faye Hollis 340; David Brodeur 72t; Kate Coxon 108b; Henry Johnson 230; Andy Ditzler 93; Gedney Barclay 297; Phillip Langley 272; Isaac Green 37b; Micah Roberts 26; Dan Edwards 497; Lisa Bennett 134.

RECESS

Jesse Roberts brought the class together leading 313t. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 485; David Smead 98; Ivy Hauser 68t; Aldo Ceresa 163t.

A business session was held, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jessica Altman; Vice Chairman—Jesse Karlsberg; Secretary—Ashley Thompson.

Leaders: Mary Alice Latimer 163b; Keillor Mose 83t; Bobby Watkins 111b; Timothy Altman 40; Riley Lee 316; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 111t; Stacey Latimer 146; Sasha Hsuczyk 387; Alex Forsyth 138t; Ruth Wampler 394; Jesse Latimer 472; Corinne Ducey 402; Becky Wright 123t; Sam Kleinman 353; Stephen Latimer 480; Amy Wells 411; Malinda Snow 29t; Caleb Silva 78; Sarah Carnell 171; Sandra Wilkinson 177. The blessing was offered by David Crawford.

LUNCH

Jesse Roberts brought the class back together with 139 and 475. Leaders: Eric Carnell 384; Lina Silva 65; Matt Hinton 324; Leanne Carter 32t; Richard DeLong 399b; Frances Carnell 522; John Kelso 423; Jesse Karlsberg 428; Julie Lee 123b; Mary O'Neal 178; Jessica Altman 209; Leon Carnell 268; Ruth Wampler 383; Sam Kleinman 426b; Becky Wright 192; Keillor Mose 53; Aldo Ceresa 377; Ivy Hauser 391; Jesse Roberts, Frances Carnell, and Mary Alice Latimer 142; Asa Horvitz 215; Jesse Vear 416; Gedney Barclay 329; Lina Silva and Molly Silva 56b; Rachel Hall 189; Linda Baysore 388; Ashley Thompson 300; Sasha Hsuczyk 432; Kate Coxon 187; Alex Forsyth 396; Corrine Ducey 34t; Jessica Altman, David Crawford, and Timothy Altman 66.

Following announcements, Jessica Altman and Jesse Karlsberg led 62t as the closing song. Bill Pierson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jessica Altman; Vice Chairman—Jesse Karlsberg; Secretary—Ashley Thompson

MOUNTAIN VIEW SINGING

Old Mountain View High School, Mountain View, Arkansas

Saturday, July 9, 2016

The 2nd Mountain View Singing was called to order by Dan Brittain leading 31b. Gaylon Powell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 75; Gaylon Powell 30 (MH); Katy Black 177 (MH); Holly Ruth Gale 457; Andrew Albers 522; Anthony Graham 312b; Curtis Cook 178; Rachel Speer 340; Cory Winters 13 (MH); Kristie Powell 124 (MH); Dean Jens 172 (MH); Linda Funderburk 143; Will Sims 277; Gaylon Powell 131t; Charley Sandage 217; Katy Black 384; Curtis Cook 38b; Holly Ruth Gale 40; Andrew Albers 513.

RECESS

Dan Brittain brought the class back together leading 98 (CH). Leaders: Anthony Graham 59t (CH); Rachel Speer 82b (CH); Kristie Powell 138 (CH); Linda Funderburk 167t (CH); Dean Jens 64 (CH); Charley Sandage 221b (CH); Will Sims 55b (CH); Cory Winters 58b (CH); Holly Ruth Gale 87 (CH); Gaylon Powell 155 (CH); Andrew Albers 133 (CH); Rachel Speer 172 (CH); Curtis Cook 228 (CH); Dean Jens 146b (CH); Kristie Powell 332 (CH); Charley Sandage 89 (CH); Anthony Graham 56b (CH); Will Sims 117 (CH); Linda Funderburk 157 (CH); Cory Winters 126 (CH); Gaylon Powell 493b (CH); Dan Brittain 338b (CH) (in memory of Janelle Davis).

LUNCH

Dan Brittain brought the class back together leading 2 (MH). Leaders: Katy Black 113 (MH); Charley Sandage 16 (MH); Holly Ruth Gale 22 (MH); Rachel Speer 138 (MH); Anthony Graham 448t; Dean Jens 7 (MH); Andrew Albers 140; Linda Funderburk 373; Kristie Powell 500; Cory Winters 112; Will Sims 71; Katy Black 472; Gaylon Powell 442; Holly Ruth Gale 189; Charley Sandage 441; Katy Black 333; Anthony Graham 218; Cory Winters 250.

RECESS

Dan Brittain brought the class back together leading 44b (CH). Leaders: Andrew Albers 282 (CH); Will Sims 346 (CH); Kristie Powell 548 (CH); Rachel Speer 91 (CH); Linda Funderburk 179 (CH); Dean Jens 362 (CH); Gaylon Powell 59b (CH); Charley Sandage 359 (CH); Cory Winters 52 (CH); Holly Ruth Gale 151 (CH); Anthony Graham 240 (CH); Rachel Speer 329 (CH); Kristie Powell 137 (CH); Dean Jens 67b (CH); Linda Funderburk 341 (CH); Will Sims 367 (CH); Andrew Albers 372 (CH).

Announcements were made. Gaylon Powell led 131 (CH) and Dan Brittain led 267. Gaylon Powell dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Secretary—Katy Black

SYDNEY SINGING

Dickson St. Space, Newtown, New South Wales, Australia

Saturday, July 9, 2016

The 5th annual Sydney All-Day Sacred Harp singing was held in the Dickson St. Space in Newtown, on Saturday before the second Sunday in July. Karen Willard taught an introductory singing school, taking the class through the rudiments with reference to several songs. The Chairperson, Meg Quinlisk, gave the Acknowledgement of Country, welcomed everyone to the singing, and introduced the appointed officers. Margo Lanagan offered the opening prayer, and led 481. Leaders: Ruby Foster 34t; Caitlin McHugh 495; Geoff Grainger 156; Margo Lanagan 86; Meg Quinlisk 452; Ruth McNamara 274t; Karen Willard 171; Melanie Albrecht 107; Margo Lanagan 117; Ruby Foster 335; Geoff Grainger 313b; Meg Quinlisk and Christy Newman 410t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ken Hallock leading 70t. Leaders: Ruth McNamara 34b; Karen Willard 99; Melanie Albrecht 106; Cath Ivin 457; Margo Lanagan and Kathryn Heyman 45t; Ruby Foster 70b; Meg Quinlisk 294; Elaena Gardner 47b; Tricia Entwistle 479; Margo Lanagan 112; Geoff Grainger 178; Ken Hallock 144; Ruth McNamara 31t; Elaena Gardner 142; Karen Willard 430; Melanie Albrecht 277.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Margo Lanagan, who spoke about the purpose of the memorial lesson being the Sacred Harp tradition's insistence on our facing the reality of our own deaths. Margo led 340 in remembrance of the dead and for those who are sick or shut-in, and for absent friends.

The singing resumed with Caitlin McHugh leading 342. Leaders: Karen Willard and Margo Lanagan 236. Margo Lanagan asked the blessing of the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Meg Quinlisk leading 46. Leaders: Melanie Albrecht 38b; Cath Ivin 388; Tricia Entwistle 186; Ruby Foster 155; Caitlin McHugh 40; Margo Lanagan 134; Geoff Grainger 242; Meg Quinlisk 127; Ken Hallock 278t; Ruth McNamara 49t; Elaena Gardner 268; Karen Willard 128; Melanie Albrecht 455; Cath Ivin 282; Tricia Entwistle 334; Ruby Foster 122; Caitlin McHugh 284; Margo Lanagan 338; Geoff Grainger 339; Meg Quinlisk 472; Ken Hallock 276; Ruth McNamara 56b; Elaena Gardner 209.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Karen Willard leading 30t. Leaders: Melanie Albrecht 31b; Cath Ivin 350; Tricia Entwistle 38t; Ruby Foster 76b; Caitlin McHugh 319; Margo Lanagan 318; Geoff Grainger 143; Meg Quinlisk 523; Ken Hallock 148; Ruth McNamara 535; Cath Ivin 146; Elaena Gardner 344; Karen Willard 330b; Melanie Albrecht 49b.

Meg Quinlisk expressed the gratitude of the class to all those who contributed to the day. The closing prayer was offered by Margo Lanagan, who then led 62 as the closing song. Announcements were made. The class was dismissed.
Chairman—Meg Quinlisk; Secretaries—Ruby Foster and Caitlin McHugh

NORWICH SINGING

Princes Street United Reformed Church, Norwich, United Kingdom Saturday, July 9, 2016

The 5th Norwich All-Day singing was called to order by Fynn Titford Mock leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Erin Johnson Williams.

Leaders: Nic Zuppari 89; Claire Shearman 278t; Alan Williams 84; Dianne Chittock 171; Emma Rock 111b; Cath Saunt 42; Eimear O'Donovan 73t; Vicki Elliot 81t; Julie Russell 34b; Steve Brett 32t; Sarah West 176t; Barry Parsons 179; Kate Kirwan 57; Rachel Wemyss 421; Nick Hall 99; Colin Higgins 296.

RECESS

Daire O'Sullivan called the class back to order leading 270. Leaders: Toby Goss 178; Sophie Sawicka Sykes 183; James Buckley 315; Teresa Maguire 339; Arthur Swindells 426b; Erin Johnson Williams 391; Ed Johnson Williams 77t; Andrew Clark 73b; Ann Chesterton and Fynn Titford Mock 82t; Amanda Parkes 538; Christopher Lyons 228; Eva Striebeck 368; Katie Ahern 430 (for Camilla Widholm); Claire Welford 384; Fynn Titford Mock 418; Kevin Kennedy 419; Gerben Vos 28t.

RECESS

Leaders: James Buckley 114; Sinead Hanrahan 283; Willy Bailey 503; Steve Brett 153.

Christopher Lyons spoke on behalf of the following sick and housebound: Jimmy Bailey, Samantha Cole, Martha Brett, Reginald Brett, Lisa O'Grady, Ian West, Karen Turner, Jackie Saunders, Wife of Robin Mitchell.

He then read the following list of names of the deceased, and led 113 in their memory: Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania, USA; Earlis McGraw—Georgia, USA; Janelle Davis—Illinois, USA; Steve Atkinson—Mountsorrel, UK; Alvin Beunaventura—California, USA; Margaret Owen—Eynsham, UK; Pamela Cannon—St. Albans, UK; Mary Kennedy—Buttevant, Ireland; Gillian Woodward—London, UK; Irene Smith—London, UK; John Beaumont—Norwich, UK; Helen Lyons—Clonmel, Ireland.

Leaders: Arthur Swindells 318; Kate Kirwan 434 (for Mathew Parkinson and Leilai Immel); Hyke Sakaras 452; Mark Wardlaw 450; Alan Williams 448t.

LUNCH

Erin Johnson Williams called the class back to order leading 75. Leaders: Sarah West 95; Niamh O'Sullivan 217; Barry Parsons 302; Scott Lewin 163b; Vicki Elliot 212; Rachel Wemyss 400; Gerben Vos 547; Nick Hall 162; Colin Higgins 48t; Eva Striebeck 173; Ed Johnson Williams 442; Emma Rock 372; Amanda Parkes 550; Sophie Sawicka Sykes 472; Fynn Titford Mock 456; Eimear O'Donovan 436 (for Andy Ditzler's birthday); Kate Kirwan 200; Cath Saunt 480.

RECESS

Niamh O'Sullivan called the class back to order leading 335. Leaders: Mark Wardlaw 518; Sarah West 502; Claire Shearman and Alan Williams 448b; Sinead Hanrahan 214; Hyke Sakaras 49b; Claire Welford 455; Christopher Lyons 542; Teresa Maguire 176b; Erin Johnson Williams 406; Kevin Kennedy 172; Steve Brett and Kate Kirwan 505; Julie Russell 155; Andrew Clark 496; Katie Ahern and Jessica Knights 112.

Fynn Titford Mock extended thanks to all for attending and announcements were made. He then led 362 as the closing song. Andrew Clark dismissed the class with a closing prayer.

Chairman—Fynn Titford Mock; Secretary—Daire O’Sullivan

CULLMAN COUNTY SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama

July 9-10, 2016

The 123rd session of the Cullman County Sacred Harp Convention held at the Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama, was brought to order by Glenn Keeton leading 46. The opening prayer was offered by Butch White.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 59; Henry Guthery 434; Lisa Geist 472; Amber Davis 276 (for Margaret Keeton); Butch White 178; Bea Aaron 456; Cecelia Kramer 215; Richard Mauldin 117; Martha Beverly 171; Faiz Wareh 352; Daniel Whelan 455; Judy Chambless 34b; Natalie Sims 32b; Jim Aaron 503; Kate Fine 369; Cindy Mann 159; Cora Wareh 367; Becky Strickland 358 (in memory of her grandfather, Roy Brown); Vickie See and Eliza See 480; Mike Hankins 527.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Glenn Keeton leading 270. Judge Gregory Nichols welcomed the class on behalf of the Cullman County Courthouse. A business session was called to order and the following officers were elected:

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Lisa Geist; Arranging Officer—Amber Davis; Chaplain—Butch White; Treasurer—Bea Aaron; Memorial Committee—Jennifer Allred-Lee and Brenda Chafin; Welcoming Officer—Judy Chambless. The business session closed.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 182; Buell Cobb 439; Nathan Stewart 546; J.C. Rutledge 568; Susan Cheronos 460; Charles McCravy 176b (for the Humphries family); Micah Walter 328; Mary Blake Thompson 36b; Shane Brown 39t; Shawn Whelan 203; Pattie Wareh and Cora Wareh 101t (for their friend, April Selley); David Carlton 440; Nicholas Thompson 528; Andre Kuney 105; Billy See and Eliza See 33b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Richard Mauldin leading 446. Leaders: Tarik Wareh 392; Geraldine Sharpton 318; Robert Chambless 225t (in memory of Earlis McGraw and all those singers that have passed in the last few weeks); Marlin Beasley 137 (in memory of Virgil Phillips and Rhoda Norris); Jennifer Allred-Lee 383; Robert Walker 145b; Delone Cobbs, Sonya Sipe, and Anna Grace Sipe 147t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 543. Leaders: Rachel Pirkey 192; Sarah Beasley 340; Christopher Mann 27; Seth Holloway 236; Susan Allred 436 (for her parents, Kenneth and Carol Fannin); Ann Jett 498; Lillie Gentry 300; Brenda Chafin 187; Hazel Heinze 99 (in memory of Kermit and Steve Adams); Daniel Bearden 478; Elizabeth Gentry 319 (for Michael Appert); Greg Allred, Jennifer Allred-Lee, and Ailyn Pirkey 452; Wanda Capps 299; Gary Glover 335; Beth Branscome 31t; Charles McCravy and Jada Seymour 87; Natalie Sims 475; Elene Stovall 564 (in memory of Janelle Davis and for Willodean Barton); Daniel Whelan 448b; Shawn Whelan 34t; Kate Fine 154; Faiz Wareh, Cora Wareh, Pattie Wareh, and Tarik Wareh 425; Andre Kuney 183; Micah Walter 285t (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Cecelia Kramer 157; Martha Beverly 522; Jennifer Allred-Lee 378b.

After announcements, Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Butch White.

Sunday, July 10

The Sunday session of the Cullman County Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 523. The morning prayer was offered by Butch White.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 101t; Richard Mauldin 229, 36b; Lisa Geist 273, 269; Amber Davis 542, 142; Butch White 535, 86; Bea Aaron 438, 205; Juanita Beasley 61, 39b; Eugene Forbes 168, 155; Kate Fine 160b, 361; Dick Nail 421, 430; Ruth Wampler 436, 209.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Henry Guthery leading 431. Leaders: Keillor Mose 482; Theresa Westmoreland 200; Nick Holmes 56b; Tom George 409; Shane Wootten and Anna Wootten 99; Riley Lee 302; Danny Creel 485; Tonia Edmondson and Tom George 454; Aldo Ceresa 182; Alex Forsyth 573; Kelsey Ivey 134; Henry Johnson 144; Gravis Ballinger 217; David Light 192; Sasha Hsuczyk 422; Chris Ballinger 344.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jennifer Allred-Lee and Brenda Chafin. They led 420 for the following sick and shut-ins: Betty Shepherd, Willodean Barton, Anne Chalker, Susan Harcrow, Margaret Keeton, Brooke Blake, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Kenneth Fannin, Michael Appert, Cindy Tanner, Velton Chafin, and Johnie Chafin.

Jennifer and Brenda led 119 in memory of the following deceased: George Garner, Robert DuPree, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Earlis McGraw, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, S. T. Reed, Elija Kinny Graves, Bertris Miller, Gib Amason, Vernelle Amason, Loraine Bayer, Kathleen Doss Traywick, Charlie Derleth, Elsie Moon, Joe Nall, Janelle Davis, Sarah Hauser, Tammi Ziola, the Steve and Christina Miller family, Ryan Meagan, Johnnie Parker, Clarence Elton Stewart, Jr., Azalee Adams, and Ann Henry. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by the chaplain.

Leaders: Richard Ivey 406; Justin Bowen 430; Earl Ballinger 177; Dorothea Maynard 304; Julianna Jett 108b; Jamey Wootten and Jared Wootten 89; Larry Ballinger 528; Yancey Jett 440; David Ivey 572; Cora Wareh 481; Billy See and Eliza See 163b; Micah Walter 511; Faiz Wareh 272; Andre Kuney 228.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 276. Leaders: Susan Cheronos 564; Daniel Bearden 393; Vickie See and Eliza See 30b; Tarik Wareh 491; Jennifer Allred-Lee 411; Hazel Heinze 145t; Glenn Keeton 277; Pattie Wareh 63; Susan Allred 318; Marlin Beasley 336; Geraldine Sharpton 143; Brenda Chafin 77t; Greg Allred, Jennifer Allred-Lee, Brodie Lee, and Harper Lee 282; Loretta Whitman 75; Chris Paris 206; Cora Wareh 122; Keillor Mose 222; Micah Walter 548; Faiz Wareh 325; Andre Kuney 227; Pattie Wareh 40; Ruth Wampler 383; Aldo Ceresa 214; Alex Forsyth 506; Sasha Hsuczyk 423; Tarik Wareh 267; the Ballinger family 224; the Wootten family 153; Buell Cobb 358; the Ivey family 384; the Allred family 56t, 329.

After announcements, Henry Guthery led 323t as the closing song. Butch White dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Lisa Geist

VICTORIAN SINGING

Melbourne, Australia

Saturday, July 16, 2016

The 4th annual Victorian All-Day Singing was held at the Bluestone Hall of Brunswick Uniting Church, Brunswick, Victoria, Australia. Shawn Whelan led 31t

and welcomed everyone, especially those who had travelled long distances. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Ian Ferguson.

Karen Willard taught an introductory singing school to orient new singers to the Sacred Harp singing tradition. She explained the notes of the four-shape scale, and “road signs” to help new singers follow the musical notation.

RECESS

Leaders: Natalie Sims 45t; Lauren Reader 448b; Ruth McNamara 34b; Daniel Whelan 535; Bob van Toor 178; Ken Hallock 77b; Don Warren 68b; Geoff Grainger 156; Morag Logan 107; Elaena Gardner 46; Peter Rayner 63; Shawn Whelan 56b; Karen Willard 448t; Natalie Sims 547; Lauren Reader 97; Ruth McNamara 40; Daniel Whelan 224; Bob van Toor 47b; Ken Hallock 42; Don Warren 287; Geoff Grainger 313b; Morag Logan 344; Elaena Gardner 388; Peter Rayner 452. Ian Ferguson offered prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

Shawn Whelan led 455 to bring the class back to order.

A business session was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Shawn Whelan; Secretary—Lauren Reader; Chaplain—Rev. Ian Ferguson; Treasurer—Morag Logan; Arranging Committee—Ruth McNamara and Daniel Whelan; Food Coordination—Don Warren and Cara Rosehope; Resolutions Committee—Maggie Murphy; Housing Committee—Ruth McNamara.

Leaders: Karen Willard 534; Natalie Sims 551; Myfanwy Godfrey 117; Lauren Reader 70t; Ruth McNamara 274t; Daniel Whelan 504; Bob van Toor 86; Ken Hallock 215; Don Warren 131b; Geoff Grainger and Madeleine Shipper Lansing 523; Morag Logan 299.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Natalie Sims. The following sick and shut-ins were named: Jack Lanagan, Tricia Entwistle, Melanie Albrecht, Jim Kilpatrick, Jenny Hwang, and Nicola Strating. Natalie Sims led 475.

The following deceased were remembered and honoured: Kirsty Grainger, Rosina Thomson, Scott Stephens, and Maryla Lys. Natalie Sims led 163b, and then offered prayer.

Leaders: Elaena Gardner and Margo Lanagan 472; Peter Rayner 496; Shawn Whelan 540; Bill Thomson 268; Karen Willard 170; Natalie Sims and Maggie Murphy 155.

RECESS

Myfanwy Godfrey led 277 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Lauren Reader 138t; Ruth McNamara 47t; Daniel Whelan 168; Shawn Whelan “Tune My Heart” (2016, a tune he had composed at Camp Fasola); Natalie Sims “Brunswick” (by Angharad Davis, 2014); Don Warren 204; Morag Logan 72b; Peter Rayner and Shawn Whelan 49b; Elaena Gardner and Margo Lanagan 142; Geoff Grainger and Madeleine Shipper Lansing 143; Bob van Toor 300; Karen Willard and Ken Hallock 171.

The Resolutions Committee submitted the following report: Thanks to those who worked hard to make the all-day singing happen, including officers, committee members, our singing school teacher, and all those who brought food. The Arranging Committee reported that at least twenty-eight singers had sung fifty-seven songs led by eighteen leaders. The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met, and a substantial donation could be offered for the use of the hall. A resolution was carried to meet again in Brunswick on the third Sunday in July, 2017.

Announcements were made, and thanks were given, especially to the visiting singers.

Shawn Whelan led 340 as the closing song. Ian Ferguson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Shawn Whelan; Secretary—Lauren Reader

MICHIANA SINGING
Southwest Bible Church, Goshen, Indiana
Saturday, July 16, 2016

The 29th annual Michiana Singing was called to order by Matthew Lind leading 49t. Pastor David Stump, of the Southwest Bible Church, offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Matthew Lind; Treasurer—James Nelson Gingerich; Arranging Officer—Henry Schuman; Secretary—Samuel Sommers.

Leaders: James Nelson Gingerich 59; Samuel Sommers 386; Henry Schuman 318; Eloise Clark 209; Andy Ditzler 422; Beth Garfinkel 196; Jeff Begley 65; Sarah Trumbore 58; Dean Knuth 73t; Ann Miczulski 73b; Pat Coghlan 210; Anne Steel 348b; John Seaton 47t; Claudia Dean 360; Jan May 538.

RECESS

James Nelson Gingerich called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Kay Huener 147t; Greg Creech 74b; Susan Fetcho 472; Steve Warner 171; Linda Selph 61; Jamie Yeats 169; Syble Adams 63; John David Thacker 457; Karen Bahler 40; Joshua Wright and Aubrey Wright 452; Cecelia Kramer 377; Darrell Swarens 507; Lori Graber 182; Thom Fahrback 464.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Sam Sommers leading 105. Leaders: Marian Mitchell 454; John Hoerr 112; Beth Huener 547 Jim Helke 271t; Anne Heider 455; Warren Steel 513; Christine Guth 42; Bob Borcharding 168; Erika Wilson 77t; Curtis Cook 178; Rochelle Lodder 276.

Holly Austin and Linda Selph conducted the memorial lesson. Holly spoke for the sick and shut-ins. She led 68b for the following: Melanie Hauff, Brandon Buxton, Alice McGuire, Nancy Filbert, Joy Huener, John Carson, Julie Vea, and Johanna Fabke.

Linda then spoke for the deceased, and read the following list of their names: Azilee Adams, Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Gib Amason, Vernelle Amason, Elsie Moon, Kathleen Doss Traywick, S.T. Reed—Alabama; Ron Huss, Marian Bush—California; Stuart Lewis—Connecticut; Joe Nall—Florida; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Patrick Megenity, Mike Schmucker—Indiana; Max Stackhouse—Massachusetts; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Ann Henry, Eveline Inksetter—New York; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Sarah Hauser, Sara Perry, Fran Ross, Tammi Ziola—Oregon; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Louise Hotaling—Washington. Linda Selph led 146 in memory of the deceased. Holly Austin closed the memorial lesson with prayer. After brief announcements, Will Fitzgerald said grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Matthew Lind called the class to order leading 99. Leaders: Cathryn Bearov 564; John Bealle 217; Anna Pfau 426b; James Nelson Gingerich 39t; Kate Coxon 500; John Fink 183; Martha Beverly 212; David Brodeur 218; Ann Missavage 300; David Fetcho 383; Judy Hauff, Sasha Maslanka, and Kian Maslanka 87, 157; Jason Steidl 361; Beth Todd 373; Bob Brylawski 122; Lindy Groening 172; Bill Beverly 546; Holly Austin 473; James Page 216.

RECESS

Michael Miller called the class to order leading 56b. Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 542; Nate Zweig 456; Brad Bahler 192; Gillian Inksetter 234; Will Fitzgerald and Syble Adams 448t; Ted Mercer 236; Kris Richardson 195; Peter Trumbore 480; Aaron

Jones 312b; Kate Coxon and Thom Fahrbach 303; Lindy Groening, Linda Selph, Will Fitzgerald, David Fetcho, Susan Fetcho, Bob Brylawski, and Erika Wilson 79; Syble Adams 203; Gillian Inksetter and Jan May 474; Jeff Begley 278b; Jason Steidl 548; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 123b; Anne Steel and Warren Steel 278b. Announcements were made. Matthew Lind led 62 as the closing song. Samuel Sommers dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman—Matthew Lind; Arranging Officer—Henry Schuman; Secretary—Samuel Sommers

SPIVEY HALL SINGING

Morrow, Georgia

Saturday, July 16, 2016

The class was called to order by Malinda Snow leading 49t. Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Andy Morse 73b, 31t; Eric Tweedy 120, 229; Pat Thomas and Eric Thomas 95; Chris Tweedy 156, 282; Robert Chambless 32t, 56t; Earl McLendon 127, 55; Cecil Roberts 35, 37b; Caleb Silva 29t, 29b; Andy Morse 540, 454; Jesse Roberts 348t, 348b; Oscar McGuire 276, 515.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Malinda Snow leading 137. The class entered into a business session and elected the following officers: Chairman—Malinda Snow; Vice Chairman—Andy Morse; Secretary—Lisa Bennett.

Leaders: Judy Chambless 34b, 340; Richard DeLong 70t, 43; Levi Fortner 83t, 28t; Virginia Dyer 155, 93; Lina Silva 65, 47b; Zachary Silva 117.

LUNCH

Andy Morse brought the class back to order leading 203. Leaders: Caleb Silva 30t, 30b; Charles Woods 77t, 77b; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 59, 480; Sandra Wilkinson 452, 388; Celeste Silva 573; Pat Thomas 277; Oscar McGuire 163b; Jesse Roberts 178, 30t; Caleb Silva 31t; Robert Chambless 225t; Malinda Snow 547; Charles Woods 457; Richard DeLong 406; Levi Fortner 236; Andy Morse 209; Molly Silva 56b; Cecil Roberts 138b.

Malinda Snow led 347 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the benediction.
Chairman—Malinda Snow; Vice Chairman—Andy Morse; Secretary Pro-tem—Jesse Roberts

GWEHELOG SINGING

**Gwehelog Methodist Chapel, Near Usk, Sir Fynwy/Monmouthshire,
Wales, United Kingdom**

Saturday, July 16, 2016

The annual Gwehelog All-Day Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Leila Gamaz and Ellen Southern leading 101t. Ellen Southern offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed: Co-Chairmen—Leila Gamaz and Ellen Southern; Secretaries—Phil Owen and Sarah West; Arranging Committee—Sam Cole and Crispin Walker.

Leaders: Sarah West 35; Matthew Parkinson 37b; Rachel Wemyss 354t; Crispin Walker 39t; Barry Parsons 108t; Marcos Sullivan 40; Erin Johnson-Williams 388; Phil Owen 32b; Kate Kirwan 52t; Judy Whiting 77b; Joe Vickers 43; Steve Brett 389; Theresa Maguire 106; Bridget McVernon 56t; Michael Walker 134; Ed Johnson-Williams 201; Chris Brown 108b; Kate Kirwan 61; Crispin Walker 277; Joe Vickers 497.

RECESS

Leilai Immel called the class to order leading 290. Leaders: Steve Brett 540; Judy Whiting 466; Barry Parsons 171; Helen Brown 208; Bridget McVernon 480; Theresa Maguire 65; Margaret Gillanders 564; Marcos Sullivan 344; Phil Owen 203.

Bridget McVernon conducted the memorial lesson, and read the names of the following recently deceased: Charlie Derleth, Bernice Harvey, Tom Robinson, Eileen McDougall, Ian Whiting, Michael Spittal, Eileen Wilson, Earlis McGraw, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, S.T. Reed, David Smith, and Norma Stevens.

She also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Karen Turner, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Norma Green, Ruth Steggles, Jean McDougall, Sister Pippa, Ian West, and Laura Densmore. Bridget led 390, and closed the lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Erin Johnson-Williams 426t; Ted Brown 179; Sarah West 316; Ed Johnson-Williams 446; Rachel Wemyss 312b; Matthew Parkinson 309; Joe Vickers 475. Kate Kirwan offered the blessing for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Crispin Walker leading 107. Leaders: Leilai Immel 101b; Chloë Somers 159; Michael Walker 454; Helen Brown 459; Chris Brown 426b; Leila Gamaz 505; Margaret Gillanders 500; Ed Johnson-Williams 189; Ted Brown 187; Judy Whiting 150; Joe Vickers 428; Erin Johnson-Williams 502; Marcos Sullivan 350; Sarah West 296; Barry Parsons 234; Caroline Lingold-Thomas 274t; Bridget McVernon 183; Phil Owen 269.

RECESS

Kate Kirwan called the class to order leading 373. Leaders: Matthew Parkinson 318; Joe Vickers 556; Judy Whiting 521; Ed Johnson-Williams 113; Caroline Lingold-Thomas 162; Michael Walker 111b; Ted Brown 523; Rachel Wemyss 77t; Theresa Maguire 348t; Margaret Gillanders 391; Steve Brett 488; Helen Brown 138b; Chris Brown 38b; Chloë Somers 542; Crispin Walker 455; Michael Walker 322.

Leila Gamaz and Ellen Southern led 267 as the closing song. Matthew Parkinson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Leila Gamaz and Ellen Southern; Secretaries—Phil Owen and Sarah West

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION **Boldo United Methodist Church, Boldo, Alabama** **Saturday, July 16, 2016**

The 102nd session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 32t. Hubert Nall offered the morning prayer. Glenn Keeton welcomed everyone, and then led 64.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Honorary Vice Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Secretary—Lisa Geist; Arranging Officer—Amber Davis; Chaplain—Hubert Nall; Memorial Lesson—Linda Sides.

Leaders: Brenda Chafin 426b, 400 (for her parents, Velton and Johnnie Chafin); Lisa Geist 528, 498; Amber Davis 434 (for Kenneth Fannin), 380 (for her parents, Phillip and Paula Springfield); Hubert Nall 332, 313t; Linda Sides 225t (for Velton Chafin), 530 (for her dad, Ottis Sides); Nicholas Thompson 172, 534; Rebecca Over 564 (for Willodean Barton), 377 (for Willodean Barton); Mike Hankins 72b, 84.

RECESS

Brenda Chafin led 76b to call the class back to order. Leaders: Judy Caudle 463 (for Velton Chafin), 466; Tommy Spurlock 146; Butch White 278t, 535; Kathy Jones 410t, 341; Zeb Ferguson 480, 455; Henry Guthery 511, 488; Emily Brown 436, 475; Stanley Smith 454 (for Willodean Barton), 411; Zilpha Cornett 361, 362.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Glenn Keeton leading 270.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Linda Sides. She led 448t for the following sick and shut-ins: Faye Donaldson, Ottis Sides, Velton Chafin, Johnnie Chafin, Margaret Keeton, Ozella Blackmon, Willodean Barton, Kenneth Fannin, Coy Ivey, Eloise Wootten, Floy Wilder, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Susan Harcrow, Kathleen Robbins, Anne Chalker, and Karen Turner.

Linda then led 111b in memory of the following deceased: Azalee Adams, Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Janelle Davis, Joe Nall, Elsie Moon, Earlis McGraw, Robert DuPree, S.T. Reed, Gib Amason, and Elijah Kenny Graves. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer.

Leaders: Earl Ballinger 141, 142; Julie Poston 421, 108b; Richard Mauldin 446, 43 (in memory of John and Josie Hyde); Jim Aaron 503, 47b; Chris Ballinger 82t, 112; Danny Creel 386, 428. Hubert Nall returned thanks before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenn Keeton leading 274t. Leaders: Don Keeton 565, 569b; Betty Baccus 168, 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson); Eugene Forbes 384, 137; Nathan Stewart 189, 182; Wanda Capps 216, 203. Lisa Aaron, Pastor of the Boldo Methodist Church, welcomed us to their church, then led 59.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 277, 370; Bea Aaron 438, 456; Jerry Kitchens 58, 460; Lena Keeton and Glenn Keeton 482, 497; Ken Tate 406, 123t; Loretta Whitman 75, 452; Daniel Bearden 310, 393; Darlene Reynolds, Bentley Rose, Ava Way, and Olivia Way 282, 354b; Aubrey Barfield 306, 432; Marlece Ray, Zilpha Cornett, and Jerry Kitchens 186.

After announcements, Glenn Keeton led 267 as the closing song. Hubert Nall offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Secretary—Lisa Geist

MOON MEMORIAL COOPER BOOK SINGING

Dorsey Creek Mission Church, Hwy 69, Near Bremen, Alabama

Saturday Night, July 16, 2016

The Moon Memorial *Cooper Book* Singing was called to order by Danny Creel leading 54t. He offered the evening prayer.

Randy Moon welcomed everyone. He expressed his gratitude for the attendance over the years and the support of the singers. He then asked that the singing be discontinued at the request of his family.

Leaders: Danny Creel 133; Tommie Spurlock 140, 99; Richard Mauldin 57, 148; Butch White 108t, 159; Amber Davis 501, 511b; Nathan Stewart 497 (in memory of Elsie Moon), 464; Brenda Chafin 567, 86; Ken Tate 98, 355; Aubrey Barfield 594, 516; Wanda Capps 505, 559; Geraldine Sharpton 393, 372; Jim Aaron 283, 47b; Stanley Smith 572, 522; Barbara Jones 558, 276; Wayne Jones 76b, 591; Ann Jett 515, 580.

Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 404 as the closing song, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Ann Jett

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL

New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama

Sunday, July 17, 2016

The 144th session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp singing held at New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama, was called to

order by Brenda Chafin, who welcomed everyone, and then led 48t. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Honorary Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Ann Jett; Arranging Officer—Rodney Ivey.

Leaders: Danny Creel 47t; Rodney Ivey 445 (by request); Wyatt Denney 288; Richard Mauldin 312b; Nicholas Thompson 189; Jerry Kitchens 39t; Tommie Spurlock 430; Karen Clark 474; Tom George 286; Robert Chambless 77b; Aubrey Barfield 283; Wayne Jones 137; Larry Ballinger 136; Yancey Jett 172; Cheyenne Ivey 432; Barbara Jones 46; Ken Tate 86.

RECESS

Danny Creel led 147t to bring the class together. Leaders: Dick Nail 72t; Don Keeton 317; Don Clark 41; Nicholas Holmes 56t; Amber Davis 208 (for Kenneth Fannin); Marlin Beasley 59 (for Velton Chafin); Judy Chambless 318; Rebecca Over 279 (in memory of Elsie Moon); Lisa Geist 195; Henry Guthery 499; Elene Stovall 483; Jared Wootten 389; Stanley Smith 558; Buell Cobb 409; Betty Baccus 417; Marty Wootten 313t; Freida Bledsoe 335; David Ivey 488; Sasha Hsuczuk 336; Ann Jett 546; Susan Cheronas 564.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 166 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Judy Caudle 198 (for Cindy Tanner); Debra Chafin 373; Brenda Chafin 372; Nicholas Thompson 573; Sasha Hsuczuk 406; Tom George 407; Wyatt Denney 162; Cheyenne Ivey 212; Nicholas Holmes 108t; Jared Wootten 73t; Velton Chafin 130, 378b. Richard Mauldin asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel leading 215. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 388; Ken Tate 135; Karen Clark 354t; Wayne Jones 30b; Tommie Spurlock 446; Barbara Jones 36b; Dick Nail 436; Yancey Jett 440; Brenda Chafin, Velton Chafin, and the Chafin family 63, 457; Rebecca Over 99 (in memory of Kermit and Steve Adams); Wanda Capps 299; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 146; Lisa Geist 527; Judy Caudle 314; Amber Davis 192; Stanley Smith 273; Susan Cheronas 56b, 68b (by request); Betty Baccus 72b; Freida Bledsoe 87; Marlin Beasley and Juanita Beasley 61.

Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 323t as the closing song, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Honorary Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Ann Jett

KALAMAZOO SINGING

Wesley Foundation, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Sunday, July 17, 2016

The 18th annual Kalamazoo Singing was held on the third Sunday in July. Martha Beverly welcomed the singers to the new Wesley Foundation Student Center on the campus of Western Michigan University. Martha Beverly led 283. The opening prayer was offered by Will Fitzgerald.

Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 101t; Liz Geaslin 426b; Jim Pfau 171; Dean Knuth 72b; Greg Creech 350; Rochelle Lodder 148; John Fink 503; Ann Miczulski 66; Judy Hauff and Kian Maslanka 411; Lindy Groening 132; Jim Helke 75; Frank Griggs 212; Cathryn Bearov 434; John Bealle 200; Holly Austin 515; James Page 352; Anne Missavage 362; Curtis Cook 38b.

RECESS

David Fetcho and Linda Selph called the class to order leading 81t. Leaders: Gerry

Hoffman 61; Charlotte Wolfe 114; Jan May 228; Ann Sleeva 34b; Colin Copeland and Samuel Sommers 47b; Sarah Trumbore 100; Aaron Jones 284; Anne Heider 344; Bob Brylawski 254; Jan Ketelle 430; John David Thacker 56t; Julie Vea 419 (in honor of Laura Densmore); Brian How 107; Linda Heemskerck and Lori Freye 421; Beth Todd 388; David Fetcho 522; Cecelia Kramer 71; Kate Coxon 208; Bob Borchering 444; John Seaton 48t; Ted Mercer 139; Eloise Clark 48b; David Brodeur 74t; John Hoerr 440; Marian Mitchell 163t; Jamie Yeats 535.

RECESS

Lindy Groening and Kate Coxon called the class to order by leading 319. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 149; Eileen Ferguson 36b; Anna Pfau 110; Matthew Lind 145b; Peter Trumbore 76b; Claudia Dean 213b; Steve Warner 475; Ginny Landgraf 504; Gillian Inksetter 572; Darrell Swarens 198; Bess Fitzgerald and Will Fitzgerald 46. Samuel Sommers asked the grace over the meal.

LUNCH

Frank Griggs and Francis Miller called the class to order by leading 131b. Leaders: Denise Kania 500; Sasha Maslanka 178; Andy Ditzler 528; Erika Wilson 460; Susan Fetcho 510; Martha Beverly 163b; Jeff Begley 545; Syble Adams 472; Francis Miller 269; Linda Selph 382; Thom Fahrback 502; Idy Kiser 112; Pat Coghlan 272; Jeff Begley, Pat Coghlan, Bob Brylawski, David Fetcho, Susan Fetcho, Will Fitzgerald, Brian How, Lindy Groening, and Erika Wilson 68b; Bill Beverly 547; Jim Pfau and Denise Kania 328; Steve Warner 86; Syble Adams and Samuel Sommers 445; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 51; Gillian Inksetter 217; Gerry Hoffman and Brian How 146; Kate Coxon and Thom Fahrback 201; Claudia Dean 64. Announcements were made. Danna Ephland, David Fetcho, and Susan Fetcho led 182.

Martha Beverly led 209 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by David Fetcho.

Chairman—Martha Beverly; Secretary—Will Fitzgerald

CAPITOL CITY SHAPE NOTE SINGING **Loeb Reception Center, Montgomery, Alabama** **Thursday, July 21, 2016**

The 30th annual Capitol City Shape Note Singing was held on the third Thursday in July, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Bill Hogan called the class together leading 36b, and offered the morning prayer. Joey Brackner welcomed the singers on behalf of the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Bea Aaron 438; Amber Davis 150; Ann Gray 454; Robert Chambless 163b; David Ivey 278t (in memory of Toney Smith); Chris Parris and Jillian 159; Jim Aaron 47b; Vickie See 480.

Song selections were from the *Christian Harmony, 2010 Edition*. Leaders: Henry Guthery 81t (CH); Tim Taylor 64 (CH); Adam Brasich 354 (CH); Nancy Hogan 149 (CH); Steve Grauberger 179 (CH); Evie Eddins 326 (CH); Stanley Smith 54 (CH); Bill Hogan 51 (CH).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Stanley Smith; Secretary—Evie Eddins; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless and Wynette Smith.

RECESS

Song selections were from the B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision. Leaders: Barbara Jones 461 (CB); Shane Brown 32t (CB); Dana Eddins 53 (CB); Jack Nelson 30b (CB); Buell Cobb 150 (CB); Eli Eddins 138b (CB); Amber Davis 559 (CB); Edith Eddins 143 (CB); Ken Sundberg 381b (CB); Wynette Smith 145b (CB); Elam Eddins 384 (CB); Wayne Jones 464 (CB); Hubert Nall 573 (CB); Joey Brackner 137 (CB); Ewan Eddins 99 (CB); Billy See 500 (CB); Judy Chambless 563 (CB); Ezra Eddins

29b (CB); Emily Eddins 217 (CB); Karen Clark 520 (CB); Kevin Eddins 210 (CB); Tommie Spurlock 98 (CB).

Song selections were from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Bill Hogan 6 (CSH); Steve Grauberger 95 (CSH); Buell Cobb 92 (CSH); Joey Brackner 24 (CSH); Karen Clark 12 (CSH); Ken Sundberg 4 (CSH); Stanley Smith 87 (CSH), "Lord, Give Me Just A Little More Time". Tim Taylor returned thanks before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Judy Chambless brought the class back to order leading 34b. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Joey Brackner 209; Pearl Guier 448b; Chris Parris and Jillian 455; Tim Taylor and Elizabeth Duffy 228; Shane Brown 107; Wendy Anderson 196; Evie Eddins 133; Kevin Eddins and Elam Eddins 474; Jack Nelson 518; Robby Anderson 358; Ted Price 300; Dana Eddins and Edith Eddins 178; Jonathan Blakeley 287; Wynette Smith 282.

Song selections were from the *Christian Harmony, 2010 Edition*. Leaders: Bill Hogan 133 (CH) (by request); Karen Clark 168t (CH); Nancy Hogan 214 (CH); Evie Eddins 245 (CH); Jonathan Blakeley 287 (CH).

Song selections were from the B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision. Leaders: Eli Eddins 507t (CB); Ewan Eddins 40 (CB); Tommy Spurlock 574 (CB); Ann Gray 571 (CB); the Eddins family 96 (CB) (in celebration of their fourth year singing anniversary).

After announcements, the officers led 323t as the closing song. Jonathan Blakeley offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Stanley Smith; Secretary—Evie Eddins

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SACRED HARP SINGING

Centre Hall, Pennsylvania

Saturday, July 23, 2016

The 7th annual Central Pennsylvania All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Progress Grange Hall on the fourth Saturday in July. The class was called to order by Len VanderJagt leading 59. G.C. Waldrep offered the opening prayer.

In a business session, the following officers were appointed: Chairman—Len VanderJagt; Vice Chairman—Hal Kunkel; Treasurer—Barb VanderJagt; Secretary and Chaplain—G.C. Waldrep.

Leaders: Hal Kunkel 89; Barb VanderJagt 171; Marian Mitchell 327; Bob Wheeler 107; Kathy Manning 37b; Anne Missavage 419; Bridget Camden 278t; Dan Coppock 484; Lamar Matthew 156; Jackson Fleder 283; Krista Guerrieri 319; Matt Roberts 142; B.C. Condon 479; Ally Talbot 480.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Len VanderJagt leading 49t. Leaders: Bethany Towne 432; Gerry Hoffman 177; Lucy Roberts 486; Eli Snyder 187; Kris Paprocki 73t; Leon Pulsinelle 28b; Cecelia Kramer 430; Ben Fink 477; Rachel Speer 411; Joshua Barnett 214; Ina Shea 185; Guy Bankes 311; Erica Martinez 216; Jan May 492; Joel Bassett 506; Kelly Macklin 218.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Gerry Hoffman leading 145b. Leaders: Rachel Hall 200; Dave Witter 504; Harry Scott 192.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Cecelia Kramer, Anne Missavage, and Marian Mitchell, who led 448t for the sick and shut-ins and 354b in memory of the deceased.

Leaders: Daniel Hunter 101b; Leyland delRe 266; Ginny Huszagh 195; Gabriel Echeverri 176b; Dann Pell 294; John delRe 425; Gillian Inksetter 151; Ted Stokes 423; Brian How 515; Jeremy Donaldson 180; Doron Henkin 74b; G.C. Waldrep

505. Lamar Matthew offered prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order in the afternoon by Rachel Hall leading 87.

Leaders: Jesse Krikorian 189; Lois Hurt 551; Kevin Sims 36b; Martha Burns 300; Nadia Abdelaziz 48b; Greg Vallette 503; Aaron Weiss 269; Erica Martinez 542; Kris Paprocki 297; Jackson Fleder 296; Ally Talbot 474; Barb VanderJagt 150; Jan May 528; Ben Fink 240; Gillian Inksetter 273; Denise Morris 524; Rachel Speer 386; Cecelia Kramer 71.

RECESS

The final session was called to order by Ted Stokes leading 67. Leaders: John delRe 80t; Leon Pulsinelle 348t; Marian Mitchell 306; Anne Missavage 66; Lucy Roberts 495; Bridget Camden 110; Ginny Huszagh 56b; Kelly Macklin 323b; Kathy Manning 120; Gabriel Echeverri 82t; Ben Hartland 448b; Nadia Abdelaziz 139; Joshua Barnett 83t; Daniel Hunter, Dann Pell, and Joel Bassett 337; Gerry Hoffman and Brian How 183; Jesse Krikorian and Rachel Hall 160b; Guy Bankes and Hal Kunkel 182; Krista Guerrieri and Greg Vallette 117; Dave Witter and Lois Hurt 122; Lamar Matthew and Harry Scott 315; Ina Shea and Bethany Towne 123t; Bob Wheeler 276; Ted Stokes and Doron Henkin 302.

Len VanderJagt thanked all who came from near and far, and led 347 as the closing song. G.C. Waldrep concluded with prayer.

Chairman—Len VanderJagt; Vice Chairman—Hal Kunkel; Secretary—G.C. Waldrep

SWANNANOVA GATHERING SHAPE NOTE SINGING

Warren Wilson College, Asheville, North Carolina

Saturday, July 23, 2016

The Swannanoa Gathering Shape Note Singing was held in Morris Pavilion, Warren Wilson College, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July in conjunction with Old Time Music and Dance Week. Singers were greeted by Jane Cannon, who led 47t. Ron Pen offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ron Pen 146; Chris Wilhelm 70t; David Wilson 276; Leslie Booher 274b; Mary Baumeister 506; Sarah Kehrberg 472; Robert Kelley 139; Claudia Dean 489; Calum Woods 36b; Diane Eskenasy 222; Chris Wolf 29t; Abigail Beavin 278b; John Plunkett 278t (in memory of Toney Smith); Richard Ivey 176b; Kelsey Ivey 313t; Dorothy Lane 127.

RECESS

The following lessons were from the *Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition.

Leaders: Jane Cannon 64 (CH); Ron Pen 165 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 54 (CH); David Wilson 109 (CH); Leslie Booher 419t (CH); Mary Baumeister 398b (CH); Sarah Kehrberg 372 (CH); Robert Kelley 389 (CH); Claudia Dean 160 (CH); Chris Berg 282 (CH); Calum Woods 135 (CH); Diane Eskenasy 89 (CH); Chris Wolf 16 (CH); Kelsey Ivey 151 (CH); John Plunkett 129 (CH); Abigail Beavin 354 (CH); Richard Ivey 131 (CH); Dorothy Lane 327 (CH). Ron Pen returned thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Singers then chose lessons from the *Southern Harmony*. Jane Cannon led 76 (SoH).

Ron Pen thanked those who provided food for dinner on the ground, Warren Wilson College, our host, and then led 322 (SoH). Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 145 (SoH); Kyle Johnston 139 (SoH); Kevin Kehrberg 83 (SoH); Tina Becker 46 (SoH); Mary Baumeister 109 (SoH) (for Dave Farmer); Sarah Kehrberg 16 (SoH) (for Trevor Stewart); Robert Kelley 4b (SoH); Claudia Dean 318 (SoH); Calum Woods 79 (SoH); Chris Wolf 49 (SoH); John Plunkett 30 (SoH); Abigail Beavin 125 (SoH).

RECESS

Leaders: Jane Cannon 121; Patty Judson and Jane Cannon 78; Ron Pen 524; Chris Wilhelm 547; Gaea Singer 74b; Mary Baumeister 565; John Plunkett 462t (CH); Calum Woods 61t (CH); Chris Berg 299 (CH); Leslie Booher 361; Chris Wolf 203; Abigail Beavin 318; Kevin Kehrberg 168b (CH); Kyle Johnston 99; Robert Kelley 121 (SoH); Sarah Kehrberg 86; David Wilson 67b (CH); Gaea Singer 108b; Dorothy Lane and Jane Cannon 13 (CH); Kyle Johnston 432b (CH).

Jane Cannon, Chairman of the Swannanoa Gathering Shape Note Singing for its first 10 annual singings, thanked the class for their support and stated that Sarah Kehrberg would be Chairman beginning with the 2017 singing.

The officers led 267 as the final lesson. Ron Pen dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Jane Cannon; Vice Chairman—Ron Pen; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm

COTACO CONVENTION

Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Morgan County, Alabama Saturday, July 23, 2016

The 128th session of the Cotaco Convention was held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by J.L. Hopper leading 116. He offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by retaining the following officers to serve: Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Nicholas Thompson.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 278t (in memory of Toney Smith), 85; Nicholas Thompson 336, 436 (in memory of Kenneth Fannin); Henry Guthery 434; Dennis George 360, 487; Richard Mauldin 87, 388 (for Anne Chalker); Butch White 74b, 354t; Lilly Underwood 348b, 108b; Drew McGuire 40 (for Alice McGuire), 207; Nancy Thompson 65, 384; Riley Lee 275b, 374; Hazel Heinze 99, 63; Zeb Ferguson 68t, 111t.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by J.L. Hopper leading 88b. Leaders: Tom George 154, 534; Lomax Ballinger 274t, 274b; Susan Allred 153, 428; Daniel Hopper 80b, 301; Shelby Castillo 217, 186; Vickie See and Billy See 312b, 178; Sasha Hsuczky 176t, 176b; Bea Aaron 568, 426b; Brandon Thompson 340, 448t; Becky Strickland 72b, 47b. Nicholas Thompson asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Nicholas Thompson leading 64. Leaders: Jonathon Thompson 168, 441; Daniel Lee 566, 163t; Carol Newman 373, 204; Reba Windom 270, 216; Henry Johnson 138b, 322; Stephen Miller 328, 329; Carol Fannin 390, 503; Shane Wootten 426t (in memory of Bud Oliver), 170; Jerry Kitchens 108t, 460; Craig Holmes 143, 323b; Loyd Ivey 337, 89; Jim Aaron 68b, 231; Laura Hale 276, 480; Eugene Forbes 317, 212; Rachel Pirkey 106, 405; Loretta Whitman 75; Marlin Beasley 512 (in memory of Toney Smith), 61 (for Juanita Beasley); Gary Glover 335, 282; Mary Holcombe 535, 454 (in memory of Kenneth Fannin); Greg Allred 36b; J.L. Hopper 220 (in memory of Marvin Hopper).

Announcements were made. Since there were no requests to host the next Cotaco Convention, the singing will remain with Gum Pond Church.

J.L. Hopper led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Daniel Hopper, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle

LUNSFORD AND JOLLY MEMORIAL SINGING

Old Poway Park, Poway, California

Saturday, July 23, 2016

The 20th annual Lunsford and Jolly Memorial Singing (renamed in 2014) was held at the Porter House in Old Poway Park, Poway, California. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mairye Bates leading 84. Midge Harder offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held, and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed: Chairperson—Mairye Bates; Vice Chairperson—Jerry Schreiber; Secretaries—Judy Getrich and Mimi Wright; Treasurer—Mairye Bates; Arranging Committee—Judy Getrich and Mimi Wright.

Leaders: Judy Getrich 85; Mimi Wright 39; Midge Harder 100; Esteban Veliz 30; Susan Willis-Powers 192; Andrew Mashchak 328; Jeff Begley 65; Marion Black 299; Rick Russell 49b; Clinton Davis 58; Peter Stenshoel 31; Laura Boyd Russell 181; Kate Mullinger 203; Catherine Baldrige Horne and Midge Harder 159.

RECESS

Mairye Bates led 473 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Mimi Wright 284; Esteban Veliz 99; Duane Gruber and Susan Willis-Powers 556 (in memory of Carroll Lunsford, and several others led songs and shared stories in memory of Carroll); John Marr 335; Marion Black 29; Andrew Mashchak 155; Clinton Davis 426; Jeff Begley 348; Rick Russell 349; Laura Boyd Russell 94 (in memory of Don and Marilou Jolly, and several others led songs and shared reminiscences in their memory); Peter Stenshoel 472.

RECESS

Kate Mullinger and Randy Ritter brought the class back together by leading 312b. Leaders: Susan Willis-Powers 47; Linda Kler and Peter Stenshoel 63; John Marr 400; Midge Harder 532; Esteban Veliz 168; Marion Black 384; Andrew Mashchak 480.

LUNCH

Judy Getrich led 270 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jeff Begley and Arieta Santinelli 312; Velma Lunsford, Brenda Russell, and Midge Harder 294; Rick Russell 503; Duane Gruber 319; Laura Boyd Russell 87; Peter Stenshoel 75; Kate Mullinger 92; Susan Willis-Powers 171 (for Carla Smith); John Marr 373; Andrew Mashchak 332; Midge Harder 254; Esteban Veliz 173; Marion Black 235; Mimi Wright 551.

RECESS

Midge Harder led 141 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Mairye Bates 148; Jeff Begley 133; Rick Russell 297; Laura Boyd Russell 41; Peter Stenshoel 215; Andrew Mashchak 40; Esteban Veliz 569b; Kate Mullinger 547; Susan Willis-Powers 300; Midge Harder 217; Marion Black 441; Mairye Bates 107; Duane Gruber and Susan Willis-Powers 496.

Following committee reports and announcements, Mairye Bates led 347 as the closing song. Midge Harder offered a prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mairye Bates; Vice Chairman—Jerry Schreiber; Secretaries—Judy Getrich and Mimi Wright

MAINE SINGING

Old Town House, Union, Maine

Saturday, July 23, 2016

The 14th session of the Maine All-Day Singing took place on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. Robert Stoddard called the class to order leading 33b. Liz

Cantrell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Pleasance Crawford 311; Elizabeth Stoddard 32t; Rachel Taylor 40; Anna Kellar 39t; Peter Golden 284; Bobbie Goodell 174; Scott Harriman 30t; Corrone Bryant 77b; Pat Callahan 568; Bruce Voyles 38b; Alexa Gilmore 29t; David Bliss 474; Celia Devine 362; John Travers 150; Liz Cantrell 348b; Hal Booth 254; Ben Bath and Syble Adams 171.

RECESS

Chris Coughlin called the class back together by leading 145t. Leaders: Julie Botnick 84; Scott Luscombe 312t; Alec Targett 217; Christina Wallin 186; Jesse Vear and Jesse Flynn (treasurers) 81t; John Hughes 87; Joanne Fuller 275t; George Sigut 448t. Robert Dove conducted the memorial lesson, and led 146 in memory of the following deceased: Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Francis Bliss, Roy Dow, and John Vear—Maine; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Horace Hall—Kentucky; Ann Henry—New York; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Joe Nall—Florida; Jan Plecash—Ontario; Toney Smith, S.T. Reed, and Bernice Harvey—Alabama; Joseph Leonard Rowe—Rhode Island; and David Strother—Maryland and Maine.

He then led 70t for the following sick and shut-ins: Francois Lucas Azate, Emma Rose Burrows, Doug Conn, Dorothy Connor, Dorothy Devine, Peter Drummond, Susan Harcrow, Joanne Haskell, Kelly O'Rourke, Chloe Rombach, Mildred Stengle, Jewel Wootten, and Kendall Wyman.

Leaders: Philippa Stoddard 286; Brian Harris 196; Zoe Madonna 376; Philippe Doyle Gosselin 426t; Mary Skidmore 428; Mike Richards 283; Christine Andrews 454. Corrone Bryant offered a blessing before the midday meal.

LUNCH

Christina Wallin called the class back together by leading 101b. Leaders: Chris Noren 299; Mary Gowins 556; Gerald Clark 166; Gedney Barclay 379; Keillor More 189; Becky Wright 534; Charles Biada 110; Linda Thomas 131b; Jennie Brown 411; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 292; Mary Andrews 203; Henry Schuman 532; Syble Adams 47b; Leonard Spencer 250; Lindsay Kruse 548; Barbara Swetman 542; Chris Coughlin 336; Willis McCumber 396; Lynne deBenedette 278t; Porter James 326; Aldo Ceresa and Davis Deacon 209.

RECESS

Pat Callahan called the class back together by leading 105. Leaders: Debby Bliss 547; Lilly Israel 335; Laura Driscoll 45t; Jonathan Spencer 148; Anne Flight 551; Nathan Aldrich 268; Jesse Vear 475; Chris Holley 201; Annie Nixon 274t; Kerry Cullinan 63; Karen Noren 510; Eric Sandberg and Lisa Sieverts 82t; Kathe Pilibosian 422; Emily Hancock 330.

During a business meeting, the chairman called for reports. The Secretary reported that ninety-one singers from eleven states and two Canadian provinces had registered, and that seventy-five songs had been led. Pleasance Crawford was acclaimed chairman of the 2017 Maine All-Day Singing.

Robert Stoddard and the other officers led 62 as the closing song. Joanne Fuller offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Stoddard; Secretary—Pleasance Crawford

MT. ZION MEMORIAL SINGING

Mt. Zion, Georgia

July 23-24, 2016

Saturday, July 23

The 124th session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt.

Zion Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in July. Tommy McGraw called the class together by leading 30t. Jason Stanford offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tommy McGraw 225t; Lela Crowder 34b, 100; Judy Henry 146, 33b; Winfred Kerr 144, 59; B.M. Smith 101t, 72b; Jeannette DePoy 410t, 448b; Philip Denney 87, 84; Karen Rollins 354b, 354t; Jack Nelson 524; Charlene Wallace 155, 283 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Jason Stanford and Leela Stanford 284, 426t; Rene Greene 336, 176b.

RECESS

Tommy McGraw brought the class back together leading 399b. Leaders: Rusha Wheeler 551; Daniel Williams 523, 332; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 335; 340; Dalton Lewis Dyer 472, 32t; Rebecca Over 476 (in memory of Earlis McGraw), 478; Michael Thompson 318, 426b; Donna Bell 208, 212; Mike Castleberry 515, 569b; Isaac Green 271t, 117; Richard DeLong 116, 138t.

LUNCH

Tommy McGraw brought the class back to order by leading 542. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 500 (in memory of Earlis McGraw), 57; Fallon Cook 564, 37b; Eric Tweedy 327, 301; Faye Hollis 460, 99.

A motion was made to go into a business session. The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tommy McGraw; Vice Chairmen—Charles Woods and Jason Stanford; Secretary—Lela Crowder; Arranging Officer—Margie Smith; Memorial Committee—Rebecca Over and Richard DeLong.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 138b (in memory of Earlis McGraw), 513; Ellen Johnson 312b, 282; Charles Woods 544 (in memory of Earlis McGraw and for the Mt. Zion community), 420; John Kelso 315, 83b; David Smead 86, 468; Oscar McGuire 229, 485.

Announcements were made. Tommy McGraw led 56t as the closing song, and offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, July 24

Tommy McGraw called the Sunday session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp singing to order by leading 475. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tommy McGraw 76b; Lela Crowder 421, 318; Judy Henry 283, 225t; Phillip Langley 171, 77t; Helen Bryson 131b, 492; Oscar McGuire 556; Judy Caudle 187, 437; Bill Hollingsworth 466, 65; Sheri Taylor 56t, 75; Scott DePoy 48t; Cecil Roberts 477, 138b; Riley Lee 284; Sasha Hsuczyk 60, 92.

RECESS

Tommy McGraw brought the class back together leading 91. Rebecca Over made a special presentation of a history and collection of minutes to the present and future officers and singers of the Mt. Zion Memorial Singing in memory of Earlis McGraw. Leaders: Samuel Williams 107, 131t; John Hollingsworth and Bill Hollingsworth 236; Isaac Green 160t, 430; B.M. Smith 441, 448b.

Rebecca Over and Richard DeLong conducted the memorial lesson. Rebecca reminded the class about the circles of friendship and care that surround loved ones who are sick and shut-in and unable to join us at singings. The closest circle is composed of immediate family, who see their friends and loved ones every day; the next is formed of friends, who live close by and can provide support; the outer circle is made up of people too far away to be of any practical help. These are the individuals who can let loved ones know they are in thoughts and prayers with cards, letters, emails, and telephone calls, so they know that they are never alone. Rebecca read the names of the following sick and shut-ins, and led 330b in their honor: Margaret Keeton, Margaret Thacker, Ed Thacker, Judy Chambless, Robert

Chambless, Geneva Prichard, Betty Shepherd, and V.A. Dyer.

Rebecca and Richard remembered Earlis McGraw's kindness, warmth, friendship, and his tireless contribution to the Sacred Harp singing community. Rebecca read the following list of the deceased: Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Ronald Chambless, Robert DuPree, Hester Edwards, Kenneth Fannin, S.T. Reed, and Toney Smith—Alabama; Robert DePoy, Earlis McGraw, Michele McCullough Hazard, Mattie Lou Pope, and Pete Shinn—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Kathryn Peery—Kentucky. Richard DeLong led 278t as a tribute to Toney Smith and Earlis McGraw. Richard DeLong and Rebecca Over led 312t in memory of the deceased. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Hayden Arp 375, 196; Karen Rollins 168 (in memory of Ronald Chambless).

LUNCH

Jason Stanford and Leela Stanford brought the class back to order leading 159 and 491. Leaders: Michael Spencer 420, 308; Reba Windom 36b; Christian Webb 46, 294; Henry Johnson 521; Donna Duke and Gene Duke 82t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 435 (in memory of Earlis McGraw), 150 (in memory of Toney Smith); Glenda Collins 100, 101t; Michael Thompson 37t; Charlene Wallace 155 (for Don Bowen), 28b; Winfred Kerr 45t, 89; Malinda Snow 52t, 77b; John Plunkett 544, 381; Lisa Frey and Riley 222, 224; Faye Hollis 299; Rebecca Over 353, 548; Richard DeLong 333 (for the McGraw family).

Announcements were made. Tommy McGraw and Jason Stanford led 62 as the closing song. Jason Stanford offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Tommy McGraw; Vice Chairmen—Charles Woods and Jason Stanford; Secretary—Lela Crowder

D. H. MANSFIELD AMERICAN VOCALIST SINGING **Old Town House, Union, Maine** **Sunday, July 24, 2016**

The 7th annual D.H. Mansfield American Vocalist Singing was held in Union, Maine. The class was called to order by Aldo Ceresa leading 63. Corrone Bryant offered the opening prayer.

Aldo welcomed the class, and made some brief introductory remarks. He then introduced David Deacon, whose master's thesis, D.H. Mansfield and *The American Vocalist*, was an important source for information about the book and its compiler. All page numbers refer to *The American Vocalist*, 2010 Compendium Edition.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Vice Chairman—Chris Holley; Treasurer—Jesse Flynn; Arranging Officer—Terry Ryan; Secretary—Jesse Vear.

Leaders: Corrone Bryant 44; Elizabeth Stoddard 7t; Liz Cantrell 12; Charles Biada 13; John Travers 163b; Becky Wright 102b; Porter James 51; Keillor Mose 81b; Zoe Madonna 144; Brian Harris 54; Alec Targett 115b; Mary Skidmore 112; Chris Noren 152; Leonard Spencer 119t; Bobbie Goodell 8; Philippe Doyle Gosselin 68; Jesse Vear 101t; Gerald Clark 33t; Pleasance Crawford 21. Joanne Fuller offered the grace before the midday meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Aldo Ceresa leading 14t. Leaders: Jonathan Spencer 57t; Chris Holley 53; Barbara Swetman 130; Peter Golden 134t; Scott Luscombe 150; Pat Callahan 32; Joanne Fuller 42; George Sigut 33b; Ben Bath 70t; Rachel Taylor 26b; Terry Ryan 109t; Pleasance Crawford 86; Brian Harris 47b; Jesse Vear 80b; Chris Noren 142t; Mary Skidmore 155b; Leonard Spencer 34; Gerald Clark 108b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Aldo Ceresa leading 2t. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 52b; Jonathan Spencer 137; Joanne Fuller 46; George Sigut 2b; Rachel Taylor 1; Ben Bath 26t; Scott Luscombe 159; Terry Ryan 129; David Deacon and Aldo Ceresa 166b, 163t; Aldo Ceresa 102t.

Aldo Ceresa led 83t as the closing song. Joanne Fuller offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Secretary—Jesse Vear

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SACRED HARP SINGING **Morningside Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia** **Saturday, July 30, 2016**

The 2016 Young People's Singing was held in Atlanta, Georgia, and was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Kate Coxon and John Wiens leading 52t. Caleb Silva offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Clarissa Fetrow and Miranda Fetrow 77t; Hayden Arp 138b. Hayden introduced Leslie Prince, who welcomed the singers to Morningside Presbyterian Church.

Leaders: Ellen Culpepper 270; Faith Riley 63; Jenna Strizak and Leanne O'Rear 32t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 74b.

A business meeting was held and the following were elected as officers:

Chairman—Hayden Arp; Vice Chairman—Ellen Culpepper; Secretary—Faith Riley; Treasurer—Sasha Hsuczyk; Chaplain—Jenna Strizak.

Leaders: Lauren Bock 75; Anna Hinton 168; Debora Grosse 171; Isaac Green 37b (dedicated to all the young people who were not able to be present); Malinda Snow 217; Molly Silva 79; Jim Neal 81t; Lela Crowder 272; Rob Dunn 274t; Ellen Ray 215; John Plunkett 175; Tony Hammock 112.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by David Brodeur leading 426t. Matt Hinton led 65.

Ellen Culpepper announced committee appointments as follows: Locating Committee—Richard Ivey, J.R. Hardman, and Mark Godfrey; Finance Committee—Daniel Williams, Zachary Silva, and Karis Askin; Arranging Committee—Jesse P. Karlsberg, Isaac Green, and Anna Hinton; Resolutions Committee—Calum Woods, Kevin Beirne, and Stephanie Fida.

Leaders: Karis Askin 240; Leigh Cooper and Leon Godfrey 40; Robert Kelley 538; Zachary Silva 277; Micah Roberts 66; Kathy Williams 506; Erica Hinton 372; Richard Ivey 123t; Lina Silva 354b; Adrian Eldridge 166; Rebecca Over 142; Philip Denney 276; Celéste Silva 76t; Darrell Swarens 208.

RECESS

Daniel Williams called the class back to order by leading 149. Leaders: Jesse Roberts 273; Julia Carter, Leanne Carter, and Haven Carter 45t; Sasha Hsuczyk 56t; Peter Schinske 102; Nathan Stewart 444; Clarissa Fetrow 368; Justin Bowen 316; Reba Windom 192; Kelsey Ivey, Katie Thompson, Trammell Thompson, Mary Everal Thompson, Osie Thompson, and Beta Thompson 47t; David Schmitt 312b; Rachel Rodgers 535; Tom George 536; Fallon Cook 216; Bob Schinske 367; Jenna Strizak and Meredith Doster 384; Karen Freund 56b; Elizabeth Gentry 47b; Ray Rechenberg 203; Dalton Lewis 101t. Faith Riley asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Sam Culpepper and Andy Ditzler leading 295.

Leaders: Corinne Ducey 319; Susan Cheronos 300; Michael Walker 447; David Wright 454; Carol Huang 522; Kevin Beirne 564; Mark Godfrey 299; Ben

Copenhaver 373; Lynne deBenedette 426b; John Wiens 498; Jonathon Smith 119; Ellen Lueck 458; Sarah Trumbore 327; Amanda Jokerst 456; Calum Woods 234; Leigh Cooper 534; Kate Coxon 340; Nathan Rees 348b; Sophia Schinske 143; Stephanie Fida 491; Patrick Friesen 406; Michael Spencer 370; Amy Wells 383.
RECESS

Hayden Arp called the class back to order by leading 445 (dedicated to Eva Grace Horsley). Leaders: J.R. Hardman and Andrea Boyd 501; Caleb Silva 504; Rosemarie Yntema 228; Thomas Smith 448t; Jason Stanford and Leslie Prince 335; Oscar McGuire 515; Lori Silva and Sasha Hsuczuk 317; Bob David 378b; Sandra Wilkinson 394; Eric Tweedy 301; Ellen McNeill 288.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. The Treasurer reported \$505 collected and \$485 in total expenses, for a surplus of \$20. The Secretary reported that 100 leaders from three countries and twenty states had led ninety-one songs. The Locating Committee thanked three classes of singers for compelling proposals to host next year, and recommended that Denver, Colorado, be selected for the 2017 Young People's Singing. The report from the Resolutions Committee is as follows: Be it resolved that the class would like to thank Morningside Presbyterian Church and today's officers and committee members. We resolve that these songs should be lived out in our fellowship, and we resolve to come together again next year. The business session was closed.

The Chairman thanked everyone who cooked, everyone who keyed, and the Atlanta singers. Announcements were made. Hayden Arp, Ellen Culpepper, Faith Riley, Sasha Hsuczuk, and Jenna Strizak led 62 as the closing song. Jenna Strizak offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Hayden Arp; Vice Chairman—Ellen Culpepper; Secretary—Faith Riley

LACY MEMORIAL **Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama** **Sunday, July 31, 2016**

The annual Lacy Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the first fifth Sunday following the 4th of July at Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd 101t; Elene Stovall 217; Cheyenne Ivey 106; Loyd Ivey 270; Marty Wootten 546; Loretta Smith 274t; Daniel Lee 566; Judy Chambless 186; Randall Smith and Rodney Ivey 137; John Plunkett 391; Winfred Kerr 314; Adrian Eldridge 505; Shane Wootten and Scott Ivey 67; David Carlton 421; Clarissa Fetrow 418; Henry Johnson 338; Karen Rollins and Randa Harris 127; Jamey Wootten 82t; Rachel Rogers 108t; Buell Cobb 371; Kate Coxon 187; Darrell Swarens 507; Nate Green and Norma Green 72b (for B.M. and Margie Smith); Isaac Green 39t; Ray Rechenberg 142; Eddie Mash 543; Garrett Morton 477; Bob Schinske 204; Stephanie Fida 197; Robert Chambless 347 (in memory of Randall Chambless).

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Reba Windom leading 378t. Leaders: Tom George 434; Sophia Schinske 350; Mark Godfrey 196; Charlene Wallace 283 (in memory of Geneva Pritchard); James Eldridge 77b; Ann Jett 440; Patrick Friesen 168; Ellen Lueck 339; Richard DeLong 399b; Matt Hinton 200; the Lacy family (Reba Windom, Betty Shepherd, Dot Crow, Deborah Morton, Garrett Morton, Josh Collier, Regina Castillo, Casey James, Shelby Castillo, Joe Castillo, James Castillo, Kirk Shepherd, and Kathy James) 45t; Isaac Lloyd 103; Peter Schinske 89; Anna Hinton 155; Caleb Silva 504; Katherine Eldridge 330b; Calum Woods 181; Leigh

Cooper 426b; Stuart Ivey 297; Carol Huang 30b; Justin Bowen 329; Rebecca Over 397; Henry McGuire 157; Lela Crowder 138b (in memory of Geneva Pritchard); Ben Copenhaver 292; Corinne Ducey 154; John Wiens 34t; Samuel Williams 269; Zachary Silva 117. Shane Wootten asked a blessing before the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Reba Windom leading 57. Leaders: David Ivey 409; Sarah Trumbore 112; Michael Thompson 328; Lisa Geist 475; Michael Walker 109; Kelsey Ivey and Richard Ivey 556; Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd 216; Kevin Beirne 212 (for his parents); Ainslie Allen 76b; Grace Whitener and Karen Ivey 146; David Brodeur 468; Sasha Hsuczyk 411; Nathan Stewart 498; Karen Freund, Lynne deBenedette, and Jenna Strizak 77t (in memory of Jerry Enright); Hayden Arp and Sasha Hsuczyk 176t (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Angela Myers and Judy Caudle 430 (for Susan Harcrow); Larry Ballinger 551 (for Jonnie Ballinger); Amber Davis 500; Andy Ditzler 362; Nicholas Thompson 392; Lauren Bock 396 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Chris Ballinger 460; Cassie Allen 558; Jesse P. Karlsberg 377; Cindy Tanner 177; Drew McGuire 550; Rene Greene 436; Phil Summerlin 278t (in memory of Toney Smith); Butch White 535; Susan Chernes 300; Loyd Ivey and Rodney Ivey 426t (in memory of Hobert Ivey); David Wright 343; Dennis George 224; Deborah Morton 299; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 192; Jackie Tanner 298; Elizabeth Gentry and Susan Fields 457; Lori Silva 178; Reba Windom 542.

Betty Shepherd and Reba Windom led 62 as the closing song. Verlon Stiefel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

COOPER BOOK SINGING IN CHICAGO **57th Street Friends Meeting, Chicago, Illinois** **Sunday, July 31, 2016**

The first *Cooper Book* Singing in Chicago was held at 57th Street Friends Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, on the fifth Sunday in July. Jim Helke called the class to order at 3:00 p.m. leading 507b.

Leaders: Paul Foster 128; Nick Pasqual 504b; Jim Swanson 478; Mary Rogel 486; Eileen Ferguson 36b; Rochelle Lodder 225t; Ginny Landgraf 224; Samuel Sommers 344; Linda Selph 511t; Jerry Gripshover 508; Janet Miller 510; Ann Sleeva 500; Jim Helke 229; Paul Foster 29t; Nick Pasqual 411; Jim Swanson 156; Mary Rogel 503; Eileen Ferguson 171.

RECESS

Ann Sleeva called the class to order leading 571, and announced the singing as a memorial for Janelle Davis.

Leaders: Jacob Lee 587; Rochelle Lodder 137; Ginny Landgraf 157; Samuel Sommers 55; Linda Selph “Cascadia”; Jerry Gripshover 463; Ann Sleeva 140; Jim Helke 41; Paul Foster 110; Nick Pasqual 410; Jim Swanson 39; Mary Rogel 526; Eileen Ferguson 293b.

RECESS

Jim Swanson called the class to order leading 38t. Leaders: Jacob Lee 84; Rochelle Lodder 163b; Ginny Landgraf 381t; Samuel Sommers 450; Linda Selph 577; Jerry Gripshover 99; Jim Helke 575; Ann Sleeva 276; Lois Lubin 146; Janet Miller 335; Paul Foster 148; Nick Pasqual 133; Jim Swanson 559; Mary Rogel 568; Eileen Ferguson 47b; Jacob Lee 449; Rochelle Lodder 88t; Ginny Landgraf 505; Samuel Sommers 377b; Linda Selph 83t; Paul Foster 323t. Samuel Sommers dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairmen—Ann Sleeva and Jim Helke; Secretary—Mary Rogel

EUGENE SINGING
Central Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon
Saturday, August 6, 2016

The 19th annual Eugene singing was held at Central Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon. Jean Murphy called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. and led 171. John Dinsmore offered the invocation.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Jean Murphy; Secretary/Treasurer—Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey; Arranging Committee—Jim Brock, Suzanne Denker, Rachel Foster, Nina Hoffman, Carolyn Gilkey, Nancy Brendle, and Dave Tobin; Memorial committee—Jean Murphy and Suzanne Denker; Chaplain—John Dinsmore.

Leaders: Kathy Vlach 145b; Steve Helwig 66 (in memory of Gary Smith); Carolyn Gilkey 501 (in memory of Ruth Waugh); Pat Coghlan and Ben Brown 155; Jack Lofton 142; Karen Stingle 549 (in memory of Robert Painter and Wally Jones); Anne Huckins 371; Dave Tobin 122; Eric Schwab 453; Rachel Foster 335; Martha Sherwood 117; Suzanne Denker 180; Kate Fine 350; David Landazuri 228; Nina Hoffman 106; Jean Murphy 551 (in memory of Fran Ross); Reed Schilbach 378t; Kathy Vlach 192; Steve Helwig 225t (in memory of Toney Smith).

RECESS

Carolyn Gilkey brought the class back to order by leading 474. Leaders: Ben Brown 58; Jim Brock 510; Jack Lofton 424; Pat Coghlan 210; Karen Stingle 496; Anne Huckins 457; Dave Tobin 183; Eric Schwab 138b; Rachel Foster 61; Martha Sherwood 114; Alexandra Maymi 454; Kate Fine 455.

Jean Murphy conducted the memorial lesson. Suzanne Denker led 59 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Terry Ianora, Peggy Stahlberg, Calvin Parker, Clare Paris, Amber Bell, Elaine Zidek, Jeannette Bates, Gloria Thompson, Gene Moore, John Carson, and Mindy Linder.

Jean Murphy then led 84 in memory of the following deceased: Bill Barr—Springfield; Bernie Conklin, Charlie Berg, Fran Ross, Paul Harrison, Peg Morton, Robert Painter, Stephen Vorhees, Ruth Waugh, Shiloh Sundstrom, Sarah Hauser, Tom Marney, Rachel Foxman—Oregon; Sylvia Kohrn—Washington, DC; Jim Roe—Washington; Gary Smith and Toney Smith—Alabama, Marni Nixon—New York, and Janelle Davis—Illinois.

Leaders: David Landazuri 146; Suzanne Denker 148; Kathy Vlach 174; Nina Hoffman 47t; Reed Schilbach 213t; Ana Tighe 175; Gary Plouff 300; Steve Helwig 311.

LUNCH

Jack Lofton brought the class back together by leading 34b. Leaders: Marci Cutler 362; Ben Brown 56b; Karen Stingle 203; Pat Coghlan 351; Audrey Karabinus 328; Anne Huckins 86; Dave Tobin 87; Erik Schwab 113; Rachel Foster 178; Martha Sherwood 277; Alexandra Maymi 33b; Vicki Morgan 472; Kate Fine 181; Gary Plouff 567; Jean Murphy 186; Suzanne Denker 480.

RECESS

Steve Helwig brought the class back together leading 35. Leaders: Melissa Stephenson 138t; Jack Lofton 269; Kathy Vlach 212; Nina Hoffman 209; Ana Tighe 460; Carolyn Gilkey 347; Reed Schilbach 297; Ben Brown 282; Karen Stingle 65. Reports from the committees were given. Nancy Brendle announced that 42 people were registered for the singing and 71 songs were sung. Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey reported that the expenses of the singing were met. Jean Murphy thanked everyone who made the singing a success. John Bredesen and Carolyn Gilkey were thanked for hosting the Friday night social, and Jim Brock was thanked for hosting the Saturday

night party. Vicki Morgan did amazing work as the pre-event organizer and kitchen chief.

John Dinsmore offered the closing prayer. Karen Stingle led 155 as the closing song with additional verses and the class was dismissed. After the singing was finished, Suzanne Denker led the group to the Pioneer Cemetery across the street and informed us of Civil War veteran and other interesting graves where we sang appropriate Sacred Harp songs.

Chairperson—Jean Murphy; Secretary—Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION

Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia

August 6-7, 2016

Saturday, August 6

The 164th session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August, at Wilson's Chapel, Cross Plains, Georgia. Sheri Taylor called the class to order by leading 142 and 430. Aldo Ceresa offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Frey 47b, 358; Donna Duke 300; Aldo Ceresa 56t; Robert Kelley 164; Jesse Roberts 229; Karen Rollins 227; Jenna Frey 178, 408; Lisa Webb 224; Philip Denney 448t, 535; Lisa Bennett 130, 134; Rebecca Over 197, 196; B.M. Smith 30b; Faye Hollis 171, 276; John Plunkett 540, 541.

RECESS

David Brodeur called the class to order by leading 80t. Leaders: Michael Walker 135; Judy Chambless 475; Henry Johnson 271b; Winfred Kerr 36b; Jason Stafford 548; Reba Windom 436; Jeannette DePoy 89; Dave Farmer 532; Robert Chambless 569b; Charles Woods 483; Buck Lea 351; Debora Grosse 68b; Jack Nelson 318; Daniel Williams 74t.

RECESS

A business session was held, and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairmen—Laura Frey and Lisa Webb; Secretary—Donna Duke; Chaplains—Jesse Roberts and Aldo Ceresa; Arranging Committee—Robert Kelley and Karen Rollins; Finance Committee—Jenna Frey and B.M. Smith; Resolutions Committee—Oscar McGuire and John Plunkett; Memorial Committee—Judy Chambless and Jeannette DePoy. Leaders: Scott DePoy 339; Daniel Lee 566; Leigh Cooper 176b; Laura Silva 354b; Michael Spencer 113; Tony Hammock 556; Ellen Lea 114; Clarissa Fetrow 500; Johnathon Kelso 39t; Calum Woods 225t; Susan Cheronos 564; Lottie Hinton 47b.

LUNCH

Laura Frey brought the class to order leading 163b. Leaders: David Smead 275b; Jeff Begley 83b; Eva Striebeck 216; Brian Harris 214; Linda Berkemeier 480; Wade Kotter 64; Isaac Green 146; Matt Hinton 284; Joe Vickers 460; Ben Shirley 191; Kathy Williams 344; Mark Godfrey 303; Edmund Richardson 517; Richard DeLong 296; Oscar McGuire 573; Joyce Walton 456; Andy Ditzler 225b; Erica Hinton 432; Michael Thompson 392; Charlene Wallace 155; Calum Woods 117; Molly Silva 45t; Celeste Silva 99; Gene Duke and Michelle Morgan 345b; Fred Eady and Tony Colpini 236; Joyce Heath 220.

RECESS

Leaders: Sheri Taylor 503; Clarissa Fetrow 172; Rebecca Over 77t (for Earlis McGuire); Joe Vickers 565; Eva Striebeck 373; Robert Kelley and Melanie Boyd 67; Aldo Ceresa 522; Jeff Begley 68t; Calum Woods 100; Brian Harris 144; Michael Walker 35; Ben Shirley 139; Wade Kotter 97; Dave Farmer 473.

Sheri Taylor, Laura Frey, and Lisa Webb led 323t as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, August 7

The Sunday session of the Chattahoochee Convention was brought to order by Sheri Taylor leading 29t. Aldo Ceresa offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Frey 159, 37b; Donna Duke 46; Karen Rollins 168; Cecil Roberts 129, 285t; John Plunkett 275t; Laura Silva 115; Robert Chambless 225t; Rebecca Over 208; Linda Berkemeier 106; Oscar McGuire 485; Winfred Kerr 314; Jeannette DePoy 67; Brian Harris 101b; Joe Vickers 131t; Eva Striebeck 213t; Jeff Begley 410b; David Smead 505; Ellen Ray 345b.

RECESS

Leaders: Eric Tweedy 195; Judy Chambless 472; Hayden Arp 434; Leigh Cooper 40; John Hollingsworth 186; Isaac Green 421; Leanne Carter and Lori McDurmon 63; Amy Wells 215; Esther Williams 278b; Eddie Mash 428; Jim Neal 496; Lori Goode 358; Samuel Williams 91; Helen Bryson 172; Andrew Wells 504; Michael Walker 138b; Ellen Culpepper 329; Donna Bell 455.

RECESS

David Brodeur led 82t. The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Chambless and Jeannette DePoy. Jeannette read the following list of names of the deceased: Robert DePoy, Zachery Thomas Hart, Curtis Hamrick, Earlis McGraw, Pete Shinn, Harlin Williamson, Geneva Pritchard, Delores Moore, and Tallmadge Horsley—Georgia; Hester Edwards, Gary Smith, S. T. Reed, Toney Smith, and Elder Neal Prichard—Alabama; Carolyn Harris—Michigan; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Lewis Bennett and Betty Jo Bennett—South Carolina; Donnie Raburn—Florida; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Ron Huss—California; Ann Henry—New York; Walter Hartley—North Carolina. Jeannette led 549 in their memory.

Judy read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Ruth Steggles, Margaret Keeton, Alford Caldwell, Lois Bowman, Susan Harcrow, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Tom Hanson, and Lucy Garner. Judy led 318. Michael Walker closed the memorial session with prayer.

Leaders: Wade Kotter 108t; Caleb Silva 36t; Andy Ditzler 379; Robert Kelley 283; B.M. Smith 101t; Molly Silva 268.

LUNCH

Laura Frey and Jenna Frey brought the class back to order by leading 87. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 181; Edmund Richardson 292; Scott DePoy 179; Leigh Cooper 348b; Judy Mincey 516; Ben Shirley 338; Zachary Silva 117; Richard DeLong 211; Marilyn Bradley 124; Mark Godfrey 70b; Christian Webb 294; Kathy Williams 222; Laura Akerman 224; Jason Stanford 405; Fred Eady 192; Jenna Frey 178; Lisa Webb 528; Mark Eirich 74b; Michael Thompson 411; Joyce Heath 340; Aldo Ceresa 182.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports. The Finance Committee reported collections and expenses. The Secretary reported that there were sixty-eight leaders on Saturday and sixty-six leaders on Sunday. Oscar McGuire and John Plunkett, the Resolutions Committee, gave the following report: "On behalf of the 164th session of the Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Musical Convention, we offer our thanks to God for the gift of music and for the gift of this tradition. Our thanks to all those who have gone before who have supported and maintained this tradition and this convention since it began. In particular, we recognize and offer our thanks to the Wilson family who created this home for the convention and have maintained it for so many years and the year in/year out devotion of time and energy in preparing for the annual convention. We thank the many singers who have come to support our convention this year—those that have driven a few miles and those that have come a good distance, especially those that

have come a great distance—from all over this continent and from across the ocean. Additionally, we offer our thanks to all those that have prepared a bounty of food for the convention as well.”

Oscar read the following tribute to the Chattahoochee Convention with phrases from the Sacred Harp: We thank the Lord of Heaven and earth who hath preserved the Chattahoochee Convention from its birth; Our God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come is that the Chattahoochee Convention will continue for all of those years to come; O for a thousand tongues to sing; With songs and honors sounding loud!; O come loud anthems let us sing! (emphasis on loud); Come let us raise our voices high! (emphasis on high); One family we dwell in Him; One army of the living God; Come let us join in one accord (around this hollow square); And if you meet with troubles and trials on your way, just cast your care on Jesus and don't forget to pray. Let us all resolve to come all my dear brethren (and sisters) and help me to sing, every first Sunday and Saturday before in August at the Chattahoochee Convention! Respectfully submitted, Oscar McGuire and John Plunkett. A motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted as read, and added to the convention's minutes.

Announcements were made. Sheri Taylor led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Michael Walker.

Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairmen—Laura Frey and Lisa Webb;
Secretary—Donna Duke

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION **Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Fayette, Alabama** **Sunday, August 7, 2016**

The 117th session of the Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, near Fayette, Alabama, on the first Sunday in August. Chris Ballinger called the class to order by leading 56t. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

Following welcoming comments, the class organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman; Arranging Committee—Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger.

Leaders: Chris Ballinger 331 (in memory of Steve Adams); Lisa Geist 283, 169; Lomax Ballinger 144, 274b; Teresa Hope 361, 384; Gravis Ballinger 215; Amanda Hardiman 196; Mike Hankins 480; Don Keeton 354t; Jimmy Ballinger 84; Betty Baccus 100 (for Julia Poston); Albert Humber 565; Lilly Underwood 496; Jack Pate 569b (in memory of Gary Smith); Eugene Forbes 203; Janet Litton 155; Richard Mauldin 339; Clarissa Fetrow 302; Jared Wootten 475; Buddy Ballinger 385b (in memory of Hamilton Ballinger and Artie Ballinger); Arlon Gardner 65.

RECESS

Beth Wallace brought the class back together by leading 200. Leaders: Reba Windom 411; Jerry Kitchens 274t; Lauren Bock 383; Buell Cobb 80b; Kelsey Ivey 460; Kevin Beirne 396; Lauren Ballinger, Chris Ballinger, and Katie Ballinger 472, 344; Scott Ivey 567; Wanda Capps 36b; Nathan Rees 228; Joy Litton, Jill Porter, Ella Porter, and Eady Porter 45t; Nicholas Holmes 47t; Loretta Whitman 81t; Henry McGuire 148.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Earl Ballinger leading 389. Leaders: Judy Caudle 522; Ken Tate 314; Linda Sides 170; Glenn Keeton 365; Calum Woods 150; Loyd Ivey 306; Susan Cheronos 564; Justin Bowen 224; Henry Guthery 431; Darlene Reynolds 145t; David Ivey 511; Mark Davis 530; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom

430, 172; Danny Creel 182; Larry Ballinger 528. Buddy Ballinger asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Lisa Geist leading 492. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 421; Cassie Allen 30b (in memory of Toney Smith); Jesse P. Karlsberg 216; Shane Wootten 542; Jonathon Smith 442; Faye Donaldson 168; Drew McGuire 485; Richard Ivey 405; Don Jones 178; Wayne Baines 72b; Linton Ballinger 212; Kevin Beirne 498; Ann Jett 327; Larry Ballinger and Mrs. Cash 399b; Justin Bowen 343; Judy Caudle 318 (for Eloise Wootten and B.M. Smith); Mark Davis 240; Cassie Allen 110; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 432; Lauren Bock and Jesse P. Karlsberg 522; Glenn Keeton 117; Clarissa Fetrow and Calum Woods 351; Henry McGuire 456; Loyd Ivey 454; Henry Guthery 140; Nathan Rees 527; Shane Wootten, Scott Ivey, and Jared Wootten 106; Beth Wallace and Amelia O'Dell 560.

Chris Ballinger led 46 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman

CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION

Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Bruce, Mississippi

Saturday, August 12, 2016

The 139th annual session of the Calhoun County Sacred Harp Musical Association convened at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Bruce, Mississippi. President Drew McGuire called the class to order leading 34b. John Van Horn offered the morning prayer.

The President led 209, and appointed the following members to the Executive Committee: Mark Davis (Chairman), Warren Steel, and Henry McGuire.

Leaders: Warren Steel 513, 163t; Mark Davis 160t, 150; Amber Davis 172, 391; Natalie Davis 63, 142; Matt Bell 175 (WB), 198 (WB); Larry Ballinger 112, 113; Henry McGuire 96, 195; Reba Windom 145t, 418; Andy Davis 480, 434; Earl Ballinger 141, 128; Lisa Geist 272, 424.

RECESS

Drew McGuire called the class together leading 426t. Leaders: Bobby Neyman 178, 479; Darlene Reynolds 176t, 511 (WB); Jack Pate 72b, 282; Shelby Castillo 217, 203; Colvin Mann 155, 186; Chris Ballinger 176b (WB) 495 (WB); John Van Horn 29b, 168; Will McGuire 111b, 36t; Drew McGuire 147t; Earl Ballinger 224, 177.

LUNCH

After a plentiful and delicious lunch, President Drew McGuire restored order and led 76b. Leaders: Natalie Davis 200; Warren Steel 376b (WB), 30t (WB); Mark Davis 222; Chris Ballinger 460; Mark Davis 315; Amber Davis 78, 192; Matt Bell 138t (WB), 284t (WB); Larry Ballinger 486t (WB); Henry McGuire 492 (WB), 485b (WB); Anne Steel 208, 110, 318; Reba Windom 328 (WB); Andy Davis 436, 400; Ester Mann 490, 137; Lisa Geist 474; Jack Pate 215; Bobby Neyman 163b, 347; Shelby Castillo 472; Will McGuire 40; John Van Horn 236.

In a business session, Drew McGuire was elected as President, and Natalie Davis was elected as Secretary. The President appointed John Van Horn, Henry McGuire, and Will McGuire as delegates to the Mississippi State Convention. The Executive Committee reported that the Association agreed to meet again at Bethel in 2017 with a start time of 10:00 a.m. Money was collected for the day, to be dispersed as directed by the Executive Committee.

Following announcements, the day of singing was closed by Drew McGuire leading 46. Matt Bell dismissed the convention with prayer.

President—Drew McGuire; Secretary pro tem—Warren Steel

EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Henderson Civic Center, Henderson, Texas

August 13-14, 2016

Saturday, August 13

The 161st session of The East Texas Sacred Harp Convention met at the Henderson Civic Center in Henderson, Texas, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order by Sam Craig leading 108t. The opening prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn.

Leaders: John Morris 98; Tim McClain 239; Ryan Ross 406; Eddie Mash 563; Eddie Huckaby 63; Judy Chambless 30t; Chris Nicholson 293b; Linda Booker 107; Leon Ballinger 297; Janie Short 142; Bob McLemore 559; Robert Handel 41; Laura Pedersen 159; Charles Whitmer 574; Reed Coates 335; Stanley Smith 404; Brody Ross 45t; Jerry Ryan 274t; Aubrey Barfield 163t; Tammy Powell 137; Sarah Huckaby 421; Findley Ross 282; Darrell Swarens 341; Robert Chambless 32t; Ainsley Ross 183; Shannon Guinn 154b; Silas Huckaby and Rodney Ivey 464.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Sam Craig leading 503. Leaders: Karen Rollins and friend 387; Gaylon Powell 91; Catherine Rogan 155; Riley Owen 268t; Owen Ross 383; Bruce Coates 133; Judy Caudle 505; William Price 81; Beverly Coates 171; Troxel Ballou 299; Kris Wiggins 235; Tommie Spurlock 376; Jackson Owen 53; Nancy Price 203; Rodney Ivey 558; Tom Owen 395t; Donald Ross 591; Scott Curran 269; Priscilla Wiggins 365; Michele Curran 196; Sharon DuPriest 189; Lauren Owen 572; Mike Hinton 544.

LUNCH

Sam Craig brought the class together by leading 145t. Leaders: Syd Caldwell 39; Sonny Erwin 569; Gary Rogan 300; Cory Winters 222; Kristie Powell 224; Daphene Causey 192; Diane Ross 434; Marilyn Solomon 470; Barbara Smith 484; Vivian Rogan 395b; Dennis George 156; Kathy Williams 140; Tom George 301; Joan Smith 47b; David Rousseau 447t; Robert Vaughn 514; Tim McClain 47t; Bob McLemore 522; Robert Handel 511t; Stanley Smith 358.

RECESS

Sam Craig led 146 to bring the class together. Leaders: Charles Whitmer 218; Allison Miller, Anniston Miller, Jo Redmon Miller, and Sam Craig 40; Reed Coates 422b; Jerry Ryan 408; Owen Ross 588; Troxel Ballou 361; Eddie Mash 138t; Ryan Ross 276; Eddie Huckaby 323b; Judy Chambless 132; Leon Ballinger 424; Linda Booker 145b; Chris Nicholson 290; Silas Huckaby 99; Riley Owen 96; Darrell Swarens 49b; Robert Chambless 72.

Sam Craig led 225t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Tim McClain.

Saturday night, August 13

Approximately 35 singers enjoyed a meal of homemade Tex-Mex food at the Civic Center. After the meal they enjoyed singing three new compositions from Cory Winters and Robert Vaughn, and songs from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. The evening was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Sunday, August 14

The Sunday session of the East Texas Convention began with Sam Craig leading 285t. The morning prayer was offered by Gary Rogan.

Leaders: Kathy Williams 272; Rodney Ivey 590; Judy Caudle 477; Shannon Guinn 162; Tom George 433; Audrey Barfield 28b; Daphene Causey 304; Robert Chambless 573; Sharon DuPriest 229; Henry McGuire 454; Abby Huckaby and Lauren Owen 146; Judy Chambless 497; Eddie Mash 78; Leon Ballinger 507b; Ron Bernucho 571; Dennis George and Jarrod George 392; Brody Ross 183; Tommie Spurlock 112; Karen Rollins 38t.

RECESS

Sam Craig brought the class back together by leading 100. Leaders: Marilyn Solomon 174; Finley Ross and Jackson Owen 463; Cory Winters 182; Cheryl Foreman 465; Faith Riley and Cheyenne Ivey 540; Stanley Smith, Syd Caldwell, and Phil 539; Nancy Price 544; Ainsley Ross 449; William Price 60; Darrell Swarens 572; Eddie Huckaby 73t; Janie Short 198; Linda Booker 199; Barbara Smith 427; Diane Ross 230.

Mike Hinton, Donald Ross, and Bruce Coates conducted the memorial lesson. Mike Hinton opened with a few words of remembrance. The following list of names of the sick and shut-ins were read by Bruce Coates: Nate Green, Norma Green, Lavoy Smith, Eloise Wootten, Gayle Cowart, B.M. Smith, Margie Smith, Alfred Caldwell, Melanie Hauff, Clare Powell, Ruth Redmon, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Adelaide Vaughn, Marion Rousseau Grant, Dale Redmon, Myrl Jones, Charlotte Powell, Vickie Cook, Doug Webb, and Chloe Webb. Bruce led 563 in their honor.

Donald Ross read the following list of names of the deceased: Kathleen Doss Traywick, Toney Smith, Gary Smith, Elsie Moon, Kenneth Fannin, S.T. Reed, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, and Hester Edwards—Alabama; John Schaffer—Colorado; Joe Nall—Florida; Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Edward “Bill” Burns, Jerry Wright, Harold Hill, H.P. O’Mary, Russell Kangerga, Grady Bates, and Thomas Robinson—Texas; Ruth Steggles—United Kingdom. He led 541 in their memory. Mike Hinton spoke a few more words of remembrance, and Robert Vaughn closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Vivian Rogan 559; Kristie Powell and Gaylon Powell 524; Gary Rogan 418; Sarah Huckaby 48b. Tom Owen asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sam Craig brought the class back with 528b. Leaders: Henry McGuire 486; Scott Curran 442t; Sonny Erwin 430; Ron Bernucho 408; Cheryl Foreman 108b; David Rousseau 348t; Priscilla Wiggins 444t; Michele Curran 140; Chris Nicholson 175; Joan Smith 49t; Tom Owen 95b; Kris Wiggins 338; Beverly Coates 504t; Catherine Rogan 120; Mike Hinton 567; Tammy Powell 217; Ryan Ross 168; Gaylon Powell 343; Syd Caldwell 36b; Robert Vaughn 212; John Morris 67; Donald Ross 373; Bruce Coates 264t; Jackson Owen 31t; Silas Huckaby 215; Lauren Owen and Abby Huckaby 96; Riley Owen 155; Syd Caldwell 518, 513t.

Sam Craig led 225t as the closing song. Robert Vaughn dismissed the class with prayer.

There were 296 people in attendance from twelve U.S. states and one country (Japan). Seventy-three leaders led 160 songs.

Chairman—Sam Craig; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Carole Watts

INDIANA STATE FAIR SINGING **Pioneer Village at the Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana** **Sunday, August 14, 2016**

The 13th annual Indiana State Fair Singing was called to order by Brad Bahler, John Hoerr, and Samuel Sommers leading 32t. John Bahler offered the opening prayer. Leaders: John Hoerr 33b; Samuel Sommers 445; Robert Bahler 481; Adrian Eldridge

491; Aaron Jones 107; James Eldridge 42; John Bahler 47t; Carter Cook 350; Shannon Tibbs 38b; Karen Bahler 40; Ruth Bogan 122; Virginia Eldridge 137; Bill Shetter 198; Brad Bahler 168; Holly Austin 431; Katherine Eldridge 217; Adrian Eldridge 60; Samuel Sommers 528; Robert Bahler 47b; James Eldridge 77b; Aaron Jones and Michael Han 61, 282; John Hoerr 178; John Bahler 276; Curtis Cook 163b; Shannon Tibbs 39t; Karen Bahler 155; Virginia Eldridge 421; Bill Shetter and Virginia Eldridge 474; Thea Smith and Samuel Sommers 278t; Brad Bahler 192; Holly Austin 475; Kathrine Eldridge 56t; Adrian Eldridge 109; Samuel Sommers 112; Robert Bahler 131t; James Eldridge 48t; Aaron Jones 117; Katie Barunek and Aaron Jones 146; Emeline Grimsey and Robert Bahler 45t; Michael Han and John Hoerr 448t; John Bahler 229; Curtis Cook 228; Shannon Tibbs 159; Virginia Eldridge 59.

Samuel Sommers led 62, and the class took the parting hand.

Co-chairmen—Brad Bahler and John Hoerr; Secretary—Samuel Sommers

KITCHENS MEMORIAL SINGING **Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama** **Saturday, August 20, 2016**

The 5th annual Kitchens Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Linda Sides leading 512. She welcomed everyone, and offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Linda Sides; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Linda Sides 65; Joye Leggett 568, 108t; Jerry Kitchens 373, 112; Lisa Geist 546, 472; Amber Davis 212, 155; Will Menas and Christopher Menas 318, 72b; Zilpha Cornett 362, 361; Earl Ballinger 83t, 80b; Loretta Whitman 176b, 75; Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 282, 235; Kathy Jones 406, 341.

RECESS

Linda Sides brought the class back together by leading 170. Leaders: Daniel Bearden 54, 353; Bea Aaron 205, 438; Ottis Sides 530, 61; Nicholas Thompson 137, 528; Gary Glover 312b, 114; Elene Stovall 216 (in memory of Demus Aldridge), 430; Don Keeton 477, 498; Henry Guthery 527, 463 (for Velton Chafin).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Linda Sides leading 215. Leaders: Todd Wheat and Ottis Sides 517 (WB); Larry Ballinger 217, 540; Glenn Keeton 64 (for Willodean Barton); Glenn Keeton and Isabella Keeton 163b (for Lena Keeton); Margaret Keeton 499; Ernestine Parker 507; Shirley Tidwell 457; Ozella Blackmon 172, 222; Brenda Chafin 268, 426b. Frank Cornett asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Linda Sides leading 564. Leaders: Jerry Kitchens 405; Christopher Menas and Will Menas 551; Earl Ballinger 439; Zilpha Cornett 408; Loretta Whitman 31b; Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 343; Kathy Jones 339, 549; Daniel Bearden 382; Bea Aaron 456; Ottis Sides 322; Brenda Chafin 338; Nicholas Thompson 122 (in memory of Charles Kitchens and Steve Adams); Joye Leggett 30t; Gary Glover 58, 385t; Elene Stovall 385b (in memory of Mary Gardner); Don Keeton 76b; Henry Guthery 558 (in memory of Preston Crider); Larry Ballinger 158; Isabella Keeton and Glenn Keeton 491; Lisa Geist 269; Nicholas Thompson 532; Linda Sides 278t (in memory of Toney Smith).

Announcements were made. Linda Sides led 225t as the closing song, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Linda Sides; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

ROME SACRED HARP SINGING

Midway Primitive Baptist Church, Armuchee, Georgia

Saturday, August 20, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Midway Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in August was called to order by Hayden Arp leading 101t. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cassie Allen 36b; Judy Chambless 37b; Helen Bryson 411; Isaac Green 85; Shane Burris 86; Rachel Carlisle 460; Henry Johnson 111t; Eva Grace Horsley and Karis Askin 178; Nate Green and Norma Green 312b; Phillip Langley 272; Kelsey Ivey 267; Phil Summerlin 284; Joyce Walton 428; Andy Ditzler 349; Karen Rollins 350 (for B.M. Smith); David Ivey 467; Reba Windom 318 (for B.M. Smith and Eloise Wootten); Lela Crowder 499 (for Don Bradford); Micah Roberts 434; Robert Chambless 84; David Brodeur 68t.

RECESS

Hayden Arp led 145t to bring the class together. A business session was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Hayden Arp; Secretary—Cassie Allen; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless; Karen Rollins and Darrell Swarens—Memorial Committee.

Elder Joe Hayes, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone, and requested the class sing 271 (OSH). Leaders: Nathan Rees 104; Darrell Swarens 72b; Charlene Wallace 155; Jesse Roberts 566 (in memory of Elder Langdon Huffman); Michael Thompson 330t; Kris Tweedy 70t; Winfred Kerr 59; Kathy Williams 291; Philip Denney and Susan Cheronos 153; Richard Ivey 202; Janice Paulk 478; Eric Tweedy 77t; Glenda Collins, Burt Collins, and Nathan Rees 472; Don Bowen 225t (for B.M. Smith); Lisa Bennett 197; Jesse P. Karlsberg 69b; Justin Bowen 475; Judy Mincey 464. Cecil Roberts asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by David Brodeur leading 76b. Leaders: David Smead 227; Elizabeth Gentry 319 (for Michael Appert).

Karen Rollins and Darrell Swarens conducted the memorial lesson. Darrell talked about home. His spoke of his home in Indiana, and his home in the square. He led 345b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: B.M. Smith, Margie Smith, Dan Summerlin, Michael Appert, Eloise Wootten, Ben Price, and Charlotte Heard.

Karen Rollins spoke of memories, and how thankful she is for memories of singing and singers. She continued by saying memories are important to each person, and to the Sacred Harp tradition. She read the following list of names of the deceased: S.T. Reed, Gary Smith, Toney Smith, and Elsie Moon—Alabama; Earlis McGraw, Geneva Prichard, and Bernice Steadman Thompson—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Lewis Bennett and Betty Jo Bennett—South Carolina. Karen and Darrell led 119. Elder Jesse Roberts closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Alanna Blanks 405; Darlene Dalton and Allison Allred 503; Cecil Roberts 399b; Susan Cheronos 300; David Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Kelsey Ivey 298, 384; Philip Denney, Eva Grace Horsley, and Karis Askin 120; Reba Windom and David Brodeur 269; Darrell Swarens, Phil Summerlin, and Henry Johnson 341; Joyce Walton and Michael Thompson 336; Andy Ditzler, Isaac Green, and Hayden Arp

430; Nathan Rees and Cassie Allen 517; Phillip Langley, Lela Crowder, and Justin Bowen 436; Darlene Dalton, Susan Cheronos, and Elizabeth Gentry 564; David Smead, Lisa Bennett, and Judy Mincey 522; Jesse P. Karlsberg, Jesse Roberts, and Micah Roberts 389; Cecil Roberts, Winfred Kerr, and Don Bowen 77b; Charlene Wallace, Janice Paulk, and Rachel Carlisle 75; Eric Tweedy, Kris Tweedy, and Alanna Blanks 200; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Shane Burris 282; Hayden Arp 340 (for B.M. Smith).

Announcements were made. Hayden Arp led 62 as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Hayden Arp; Secretary—Cassie Allen

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY SINGING **Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, New Jersey** **Saturday, August 20, 2016**

The 4th annual Central New Jersey Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Rachel Speer leading 81t. Kelly Macklin offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nancy Mandel 31b; Dean Jens 565; Alex DiDonato 29t; Jeff Gauthier 99; Guy Banks 311; Leon Pulsinelle 57; Dan Hunter 435; Andre Kuney 144; Claire Simon 171; Sara Beaber-Fujioka and Alexandra Fujioka 31t; Emma Rose Brown 283.

RECESS

Corinne Ducey called the class back to order by leading 82t. Leaders: Charles Biada 89; Katy Hunter 546; Rachel Hall 205; Sarah Lott 312b; Kevin Griffin Moreno 326; Krista Guerrieri 384; John delRe 197; Steve Cackley 29b; Greg Vallette 28b; Kelly Macklin 351; Patti Gibney 501; Jesse Krikorian 196; Corinne Ducey 32b; Ina Shea 428; Claire Simon 122; Sara Beaber-Fujioka and Alexandra Fujioka 34b; Emma Rose Brown 30t; Jeff Gauthier 411; Guy Banks 151.

RECESS

Dean Jens led 319 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle 125; Sarah Lott 528; Bethany Towne 300; Andre Kuney 475; Steve Cackley 423; Charles Biada 422; Krista Guerrieri 276.

Rachel Speer led 430 as a memorial lesson. The following sick and housebound were named: Bill Davis and Ethel Strube. The following deceased were remembered and honored: Oliver Kindig-Stokes and Betty Hanf—Pennsylvania; Ann Henry—New York; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Leon J. Pulsinelle and Joe Neighmond—New Jersey; Toney Smith and Gary Smith—Alabama; and Jacob Ellsworth.

Leaders: Ina Shea 429; Nancy Mandel 278t; Greg Vallette 277; Katy Hunter 345b; Kevin Griffin Moreno 396; Jesse Krikorian 35; Kelly Macklin 404; Bethany Towne 56t. Kelly Macklin offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing continued with song selections from *The Shenandoah Harmony*. Rachel Hall called the class to order by leading 147 (ShH).

Leaders: Dean Jens 236t (ShH); Rachel Speer 109 (ShH); Corinne Ducey 57 (ShH); Dan Hunter 49 (ShH); John delRe 280 (ShH); Rachel Hall 190 (ShH); Kelly Macklin 56 (ShH); Steve Cackley 78 (ShH); Ina Shea 79 (ShH); Kevin Griffin Moreno 129 (ShH); Krista Guerrieri 212 (ShH); Charles Biada 408b (ShH); Guy Banks 382 (ShH); Emma Rose Brown 127 (ShH); Greg Vallette 202 (ShH); Bethany Towne 101 (ShH); Andre Kuney 305 (ShH); Jesse Krikorian 322 (ShH); Leon Pulsinelle 363 (ShH); Nancy Mandel 114 (ShH).

RECESS

Kevin Griffin Moreno led 322 (ShH). Leaders: Jeff Gauthier 431 (ShH); Katy Hunter 2 (ShH); Gerald Clark 381 (ShH); John delRe 452 (ShH); Krista Guerrieri 187 (ShH); Steve Cackley 404b (ShH); Rachel Hall 417 (ShH); Rachel Speer 143

(ShH); Corinne Ducey and Kevin Griffin Moreno 76 (ShH); Dean Jens 380 (ShH); Ina Shea 85 (ShH); Kelly Macklin 258 (ShH); Guy Banks 414 (ShH); Bethany Towne 168 (ShH); Andre Kuney 420 (ShH); Emma Rose Brown 96b (ShH); Greg Vallette 96t (ShH); John delRe 80 (ShH); Gerald Clark 41 (ShH); Charles Biada 164t (ShH); Jesse Krikorian 404t (ShH).

Nancy Mandel led 403 (ShH) as the closing song. Kelly Macklin offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Nancy Mandel; Secretary—Rachel Speer

SCOTLAND SINGING

Kelvinside Hillhead Parish Church, Glasgow, Scotland

Saturday, August 20, 2016

The Scotland All-Day Singing was held at Kelvinside Hillhead Parish Church in Glasgow, Scotland. Jan Geerts called the class to order leading 52t.

Leaders: Sandy Semeonoff 31t; Tom Gordon 569b; Sula O'Duffy 87; Karen Turner 47t; Shereen Benjamin 107; Harry Campbell 178; Gordon Kennedy 503; Joel Wallenberg 74b; Viv O'Duffy 354b; Claire Welford 49t; Mark Wardlaw 462; Cath Saunt 299; Tom Greig 30t; Benny Ross 36t; Colleen Jones 455; Judy Whiting 472; Helen Brown 492.

RECESS

Margaret Bradshaw brought the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Alan Williams 84; Werner Ullah 37b; Hannah Land 352; Lin James 68b; Cath Ingham 155; Ewan Paterson 122.

Sula O'Duffy conducted the sick and housebound lesson, leading 86 for the following people: Ian West, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Norma Green, Gloria Fagg, Allan Jones, Tony Benson, Lynn Carr, Jim Heaton, Sister Pippa, Cath Tyler, and Dot Green.

Harry Campbell conducted the memorial lesson, leading 163b in memory of the following people: Mary Kennedy and Helen Lyons—Ireland; Ruth Steggles, Irene Smith, Gillian Woodward, Ian Whiting, Michael Spittal, Dave Smith, Wendy Ross—England; Canon James Murphy, Helen Steven, Bob Holman, Zam Walker, Danus Skene, Louise Duncan, Sylvia Smail, Eileen Wilson, Lorna Ross, Melen Steven, Sam Deakin, Robena Brock Christine Chaplin, Bernard Gwilt, and Mike Smith—Scotland; Eileen McDougall—France; Charlie Derleth, Tom Robinson, Earlis McGraw, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, S. T. Reed, and Jimmy Bailey—USA.

Leaders: Chris Brown 475; Susan Lanfear 334; Matthew Parkinson 144; Jo Ellis 192.

RECESS

Sula O'Duffy brought the class back to order leading 99. Leaders: Karen Turner 117; Ted Brown 445; Leilai Immel 121; Christopher Lyons 344; Lorna Murphy and Katie Ahern 159; Sandy Semeonoff 375; Helen Brown 309; Ewan Paterson 319; Cath Saunt 125; Benny Ross 391; Tom Greig 29t; Werner Ullah 312b; Mark Wardlaw 414; Gordon Kennedy 547; Colleen Jones 290; Shereen Benjamin 268; Chris Brown 447. Ewan Paterson offered the Selkirk Grace to introduce the lunch break.

LUNCH

Tom Gordon brought the class back to order leading 496. Leaders: Harry Campbell 189; Cath Ingham 282; Joel Wallenberg and Anne Altringham 486; Alan Williams 183; Claire Welford 212; Matthew Parkinson 434; Katie Ahern 426b; Hannah Land 454; Lin James and Elin Munro 314; Jo Ellis 315; Judy Whiting 208; Leilai Immel 61; Susan Lanfear 40; Christopher Lyons 442; Ted Brown 113.

RECESS

Margaret Bradshaw brought the class back to order leading 421. Leaders: Jan Geerts 143; Karen Turner 566; Mark Wardlaw, Claire Welford, Jo Ellis, Joel Wallenberg,

and Lin James 365; Helen Brown 349; Chris Brown 277; Ewan Paterson 313b; Cath Saunt 350; Benny Ross 294; Werner Ullah 278t; Colleen Jones 171; Tom Greig 542; Sandy Semeonoff 448t.

Jan Geerts led 62 as the closing song. Tom Gordon offered closing thoughts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jan Geerts; Secretary—Margaret Bradshaw

THE SINLESS SUMMERLAND CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING

Belleville Congregational Church, Newburyport, Massachusetts
Saturday, August 20, 2016

The first Sinless Summerland All-Day *Christian Harmony* Singing was held at Belleville Congregational Church in Newburyport, Massachusetts. All song selections were from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 Revision. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Christopher Noren leading 521. The opening prayer was offered by Nancy Haverington.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman/Treasurer—Chris Noren; Vice Chairman—Pat Callahan; Secretary/Chaplain—Nancy Haverington; Arranging Officer—Elizabeth Stoddard; Keying—Robert Stoddard, Ben Bath, Becky Wright, and Mary Gowins; Food Committee—Jan Juntunen, Pat Callahan, and Barton Slatko; Welcoming—Alana Ali-Reynolds.

Chris Noren taught a brief singing school, teaching the class the seven shapes used in the *Christian Harmony* with new mnemonic lyrics set to “Do Re Mi” from The Sound of Music.

Leaders: Pat Callahan 509b; Elizabeth Stoddard 409t; Karen Noren 263; Ben Bath 336t; Bill Holt 171; Philippa Stoddard 419t; Mike Richards 105t; Ivy Hauser 350; George Pomfret 300; Becky Wright 326; Stina Soderling 211t; Patrick Friesen 205; Jennie Brown 292; Liz Cantrell 258; Terry Ryan 184. Chris Noren led 293 (birthday lyrics) for Pat Callahan, Robert Stoddard, and Philippa Stoddard.

RECESS

Pat Callahan called the class back to order by leading 35t. Leaders: Jesse Vear 109; Sylvia Martin 52; Laura Hodges 64; Robert Stoddard 303; Mary Gowins 362; Zoë Madonna 346; Tristan Gordon 546t; Chris Noren 372; Brian Harris 330; Joan Frankel 88; Vale Cofer-Shabica 91; Elizabeth Stoddard 338b; Becky Wright 209; Mike Richards 1; Stina Soderling 146b; Terry Ryan 131; Karen Noren 55t. Nancy Haverington offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chris Noren led 85 to call the class back together. Leaders: Mary Gowins 54; Ben Bath 180; Patrick Friesen 316; Ivy Hauser 284; Jennie Brown 276; Brian Harris 262; Philippa Stoddard 332; Tristan Gordon 145b; Laura Hodges 19; Linda Shea 274; Vale Cofer-Shabica 261t; Zoë Madonna 216t; Liz Cantrell 281b; Bill Holt 172; Robert Stoddard 168t; Jesse Vear 246; Sylvia Martin 208b; Joan Frankel 299; George Pomfret 43.

RECESS

Ben Bath called the class back to order by leading 93. Leaders: Jeremy Galvagni 117; Tara Mulder 153; Ron Trial 8; Stina Soderling 256t; Laura Hodges 455b; Patrick Friesen 268; Jennie Brown 138; Ivy Hauser 384; Brian Harris 156; Terry Ryan 309; Becky Wright 450b; Tristan Gordon 207b; Zoë Madonna 50; Mike Richards 63t; Vale Cofer-Shabica 465t; Liz Cantrell 290; George Pomfret 461; Chris Noren and Karen Noren 143.

Announcements were made. Elizabeth Stoddard reported forty total registrants representing five states (MA, ME, NY, RI, VT), with thirty leaders and seventy-six songs.

Chris Noren, Pat Callahan, Elizabeth Stoddard, Nancy Haverington and Jan Juntunen led 546b as the closing song. Nancy Haverington dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Chris Noren; Vice Chairman—Pat Callahan; Secretary—Nancy Haverington

MOUNT RAINIER SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Buckley Senior Center, Buckley, Washington

Saturday, August 20, 2016

The 8th annual Mount Rainier Singing held on Saturday before the third Sunday in August was called to order by Kathy Vlach and Karen Willard leading “Cascadia” (by Kevin Barrans). Greg Saue offered the opening prayer.

The singing was organized with the following officers: Co-Chairpersons—Kathy Vlach and Karen Willard; Secretary—David Wright; Treasurer—Adam Berey; Arranging Committee—John Wiens and Adam Berey.

Leaders: Karen Willard 27; Greg Saue 38t; Kathy Vlach 323t; David Wright 209; Adam Berey 430; Lucinda Larsen Saue 463; John Berendzen 39; Desirae Fendel 344; Kate Coxon 332; Kate Fortin 45b; Bruce Rowland 336b; Steve Helwig 95b; Destiny Woods 96; Erik Schwab 98; Marla Elliott and Molly Staley 518; Kelly Kennedy 416t; Peter Schinske 500.

RECESS

Kathy Vlach called the class to order leading 391. Leaders: Cornelia Stanton 229; Kevin Beirne 338 (for Henry Johnson); Kim Kankiewicz and Kate Fine 324; Kevin Barrans 215; Nancy Price and William Lange 572; Marie Brandis 216; Lindy Groening 567; Laura McMurray 89; Bob Schinske 512; Ana Tighe 571; Clarissa Fetrow 137; Evelyn Lamb and Morgan Cesa 514; William Price and William Lange 559; Riley Lee 503; Betsy Jeronen 41; Erika Wilson 563; Claire Hogan 201; Stephen Tarr 133; Linda Berkemeier 94; Robin Bisson 276; Kate Fine 369; Eric Holt 411; Desirae Fendel and Janet Shelstad 393; Karen Willard 401 (for Johnny Lee); Peter Schinske 449; David Wright 505; John Berendzen 447b. Greg Saue asked a blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Karen Willard opened the afternoon session leading 58. Leaders: Adam Berey 448; Marie Brandis 280; Steve Helwig 182; Kate Coxon 464; Kathy Vlach 508; Erika Wilson 511t; Clarissa Fetrow 380t; Riley Lee 569; Kevin Barrans 395b; Kelly Kennedy 497; Evelyn Lamb 315; Mother Felicitas 441; Erik Schwab 397; Claire Hogan 54t; John Wiens 384; William Price 515; Robin Bisson 356; Lindy Groening 580; Greg Saue 573.

RECESS

Kathy Vlach brought the class back to order by leading 145b. Leaders: Destiny Woods 594; Marla Elliott 587; Kevin Beirne 203; Sharon Kermiet 375; Linda Berkemeier 148; Darlene Simpson-Brown 195; Nancy Price 198; Lucinda Larsen Saue 155; Laura McMurray 111b; Karen Willard and Roberta Starkey 380b; Kate Fine and Kristina Moen 199; Mother Felicitas 49b; Bob Schinske 101t; Molly Staley 45t; Cornelia Stanton 507b; Stephen Tarr 292b; Eric Holt 341; Ana Tighe 112; Bruce Rowland 570; Betsy Jeronen 273; John Wiens 67.

There were sixty-six singers present from seven states, the District of Columbia, and two Canadian provinces. Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach led 147 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Greg Saue.
Co-Chairpersons—Kathy Vlach and Karen Willard; Secretary—David Wright

WILLARD BIRTHDAY SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Buckley Senior Center, Buckley, Washington

Sunday, August 21, 2016

The 7th annual Willard Birthday Singing held on the third Sunday in August, using the *Cooper Book* and a Hymnary of Willard family favorites, was called to order by Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach leading “How Cheering Is The Christian’s Hope”. Nancy Price offered the opening prayer.

The singing was organized with the following officers: Co-Chairpersons—Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach; Secretary—David Wright; Treasurer—Adam Berey; Arranging Committee—Bob Schinske and Kate Coxon.

Leaders: Kathy Vlach “Ellacombe”; Nancy Price “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”; Karen Willard “Jewels”; Kate Coxon “Abide With Me”; Bob Schinske 63; Laura McMurray 30b; Bruce Rowland 478; Marla Elliott 519; Clarissa Fetrow 383; Erik Schwab “Sine Nomine”; Linda Berkemeier “Fairest Lord Jesus”; Darlene Simpson-Brown 581; Destiny Woods and Doug Woods “Seeking the Lost”; Lucinda Larsen Saue “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”; Shannon McGuire 268b; John Wiens 68t; Ana Tighe 398b; Anne Huckins 288; Steve Helwig 29b.

RECESS

Karen Willard brought the class to order leading 510. Leaders: Erika Wilson “Where We’ll Never Grow Old”; Thom Fahrback 404; Cornelia Stanton 55; Adam Berey 583; Karen Willard “Willard” (by Robert Vaughn, for Barbara Willard); singers with August birthdays “Happy Birthday”; Jinx McGuire 300; Kevin Barrans 269; Sharon Kermiet 327; Kevin Beirne 421; Eric Holt 567; Evelyn Lamb 552; Greg Saue 507b; Lindy Groening 584; Desirae Fendel 508; Kramer Klein 311; Claire Hogan 53; Riley Lee 414; Kate Fine and Mother Felicitas 450; David Wright 524; William Price and Doug Woods 229; Wing Mui 155; Kathy Vlach “Leoni”; Anne Huckins 200; Lucinda Larsen Saue “Tallis’ Canon”; Bruce Rowland 571; Darlene Simpson-Brown “Sweet Hour of Prayer”; Ana Tighe 372. Nancy Price offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Kathy Vlach called the class back to order leading 339. Leaders: Brad Knoke 504t; Clarissa Fetrow 419; John Wiens and Zoe Scofield 361; Sharon Kermiet and Erik Schwab “Cascadia” (by Kevin Barrans); Steve Helwig 272; Evelyn Lamb 156; Riley Lee 168; Lindy Groening 133; Kevin Barrans 95t; Erika Wilson and David Wright 590; David Wright 527; Kevin Beirne 99; Claire Hogan 77t; Thom Fahrback 357 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Jinx McGuire 148; Cornelia Stanton 391; Greg Saue 451; Nancy Price “Count Your Blessings”; Eric Holt 390; Mother Felicitas 159.

RECESS

Karen Willard opened the last session leading “Revive Us Again”. Leaders: Bob Schinske 505 (for Sophia Schinske); Kate Coxon 536 (for Pat Coghlan); Marla Elliott 235; William Price 217; Laura McMurray 422b; Kramer Klein 417; Destiny Woods 282; Kate Fine and Melissa Stephenson 408; Wing Mui 492; Shannon McGuire 172; Adam Berey “Now the Day Is Over”; Linda Berkemeier “Homeward Bound”; Karen Willard and Riley Lee 203.

Following announcements, Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach led “God Be With You”, and Nancy Price closed the singing with prayer.

Co-Chairpersons—Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach; Secretary—David Wright

**BELTON AND EMMA BEASLEY AND
PHILLIP LEE III MEMORIAL SINGING**
Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama
Sunday, August 21, 2016

The 49th annual Belton and Emma Beasley and Phillip Lee III Memorial Singing was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Ricky Beasley. Marlin Beasley led 31b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Ricky Beasley; Secretary—Dorothea Maynard; Arranging Officer—Becky Briggs.

Leaders: Ricky Beasley 77t, 457; Gravis Ballinger 168, 120; Lisa Geist 304, 151; Larry Ballinger 148, 119; Amber Davis 78, 208; Buell Cobb 317, 325; Sarah Beasley 354b, 340; Henry Guthery 511, 488; Glenn Keeton 515, 475 (for Lena Keeton).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Marlin Beasley leading 318. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 43, 358 (in memory of his father); Nicholas Thompson 192, 216; Loretta Whitman 399b, 81t; Don Keeton 319, 335; Cora Sweatt 159, 143; Jerry Kitchens 343, 131b; Betty Baccus 166 (for Julia Poston), 59; Mike Hankins 282, 270; Dorothea Maynard 155 (in memory of Emma Beasley), 569b (in memory of Gary Smith); Rebecca Briggs 405, 400; Larry Ballinger 300; Gravis Ballinger 273; Marlin Beasley and Sarah Beasley 406; Shirley Tidwell and Glenn Keeton 127, 111b; Seth Holloway 236, 235. Don Keeton offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Ricky Beasley leading 47b. Leaders: Juanita Beasley 61, 63; Lisa Geist 150; Corissa Sweatt 345b, 145b; Bunk Beasley and Brooke Beasley 72b, 176t; Amber Davis 297; Richard Mauldin 99, 101t (in memory of Steve Adams); Nicholas Thompson 220, 436; Henry Guthery 434; Jerry Kitchens 480; Don Keeton 278t; Mike Hankins 149; Loretta Whitman 48t; Cora Sweatt 312b; the Beasley family 146; Corissa Sweat and Dorothea Maynard 344 (in memory of Gary Smith); Dorothea Maynard 383.

After announcements, Marlin Beasley and Ricky Beasley led 323t. The closing prayer was offered by Ricky Beasley.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Ricky Beasley; Secretary—Dorothea Maynard

CLEBURNE COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Edwardsville Baptist Church
Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama
Sunday, August 21, 2016

The 127th session of the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Edwardsville Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama, on the third Sunday in August. Cecil Roberts called the class to order by leading 49t, using a 1936 Edition of *The Sacred Harp*, donated to the convention by Midge and Al Kuester in 1962 in memory of J.W. (Uncle Will) Laminack. The book was given with explicit instructions that the only time it can be used is for the introductory lesson of the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention. Jack Nelson offered the opening prayer. Cecil welcomed the singers and visitors, thanked the church for hosting the convention, and then led 146.

Leaders: Rene Greene 101t, 40; Donna Bell 36b, 37b; Judy Chambless 556, 318; Jack Nelson 35, 480; Winfred Kerr 89, 47b; Charlene Wallace 155; Tony Hammock 314, 112; Virginia Dyer 340, 193; Henry Johnson 317, 322; Glenda Collins and Bert

Collins 100, 45t.

RECESS

Rene Greene brought the class back to order by leading 84. Leaders: David Brodeur 37t, 81b; Robert Chambless 282, 303; Reba Windom 313t, 213t; Andy Ditzler 152, 144; Richard DeLong 70t, 81t; Gary Davis 59; Jack Nelson 95, 180; Tony Hammock 430, 436; Rene Greene 302, 294; Fallon Cook 186, 225b; Henry Johnson 289, 138b; Reba Windom 270, 299 (for Betty Shepherd); Donna Bell 288, 442; Andy Ditzler 101b, 102.

Judy Chambless conducted the memorial lesson. She made remarks about each person on the sick and shut-in list. The sick and shut-ins honored were Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, B.M. Smith, Eloise Wootten, Lois Bowman, and James Hughes. Judy mentioned that death affects us all differently. She stated that when she first started singing Sacred Harp people would tell her that one day she would look around the square and some of the regular singers wouldn't be there; they would be gone. She now understands the concept of looking for a particular singer and not seeing them. The deceased remembered were Gary Smith, Earlis McGraw, Geneva Prichard, Toney Smith, S.T. Reed, Janelle Davis, Mrs. Nolan, Curtis Hamrick, Hester Edwards, and Elder Neal Prichard. Judy led 339. Robert Chambless closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Reverend Jeff Layton, pastor of the church, offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Cecil Roberts leading 56t. Leaders: David Brodeur 82b; Philip Denney 168, 61; Jason Stanford, Joel Stanford, and Leela Stanford 460; Ann Simpson 388; Fallon Cook 268 (for Joann Ward), 548 (for Isaac Green); Robert Chambless 75 (dedicated to the folks at Edwardsville Baptist Church); Virginia Dyer 63; Charlene Wallace 283; Winfred Kerr 68b; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 472.

A business session was held with the following officers retained: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Rene Greene; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Following announcements, Cecil Roberts led 58 as the closing song. Jason Stanford offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Rene Greene; Secretary—Donna Bell

CEDAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Cordele, Georgia

Sunday, August 21, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Cedar Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Cordele, Georgia, on the third Sunday in August was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Trent Peachy leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by David Grant. Trent Peachy served as Chairman and Tim Meeks served as the Arranging Officer and Secretary.

Leaders: Trent Peachy 317; Jon Robinson 290, 452; Oscar McGuire 34b; David Grant 274b, 345t; John Plunkett 345b, 108b; Bonnie Rewis 31t, 515; Myrtice Meeks 129, 491; Kay Robinson 46, 334; Bob Meeks 73b, 235; Cathy Gilbert 294, 45t; Georgia Ann Corbin 100, 127; Bob Corbin 323b, 339; Helen Bryson 155, 287; Tim Meeks 383, 480.

The host church held a short business meeting concerning the cemetery funds and upkeep.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Trent Peachy leading 318, 384, and 47t. Leaders: Jon Robinson 49b, 48t; Oscar McGuire 171; David Grant 145b, 154; John

Plunkett 78; Bonnie Rewis 75, 128; Myrtice Meeks 206; Kay Robinson 354b; Bob Meeks 569b; Cathy Gilbert 138b; Georgia Ann Corbin 340; Bob Corbin 156; Tim Meeks 34t, 341; Lamar Robinson 358, 490.

Announcements were made. Trent Peachy led 347 as the closing song. Lamar Robinson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Trent Peachy; Secretary—Tim Meeks

PALO ALTO SINGING

Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, Palo Alto, California

Saturday, August 27, 2016

The 5th annual Palo Alto All-Day Singing was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, Palo Alto, California, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Leigh Cooper leading 59.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Leah Coffin; Vice Chairperson—Terry Moore;

Secretaries—Jeannette Ralston and Leigh Cooper; Arranging Officer—Erika Wilson; Treasurer—Mark Godfrey; Chaplain—Joel Chan; Resolutions

Committee—Jeff Begley and Hannah Blair. Joel Chan offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Leah Coffin 31t; Terry Moore 215; Joel Chan 74b; Mark Godfrey 39b; Carolyn Deacy 300; Dan Harper 268; Jeff Begley 56b; Shelby Sampson 547; Phil Jensen 503; Greg Freed 28b; Lindy Groening 217; Edward Rice 421; Dave Barber 277; Bob Brylawski 163b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Erika Wilson leading 81t. Leaders: Rebecca Edwards 48t; Chris Thorman 229; Linda Domholt 330t; David Graff 38b; Inder Khalsa 29t; Bob Jost 535; Paul Johnson 117; Janet Herman 172; Arnold Zwicky 66; Dan Harper 479; Mark Godfrey 284; Carolyn Deacy 315; Terry Moore 146; Leigh Cooper 203; Paul Kostka 198; Pat Coghlan 510; Joel Chan 379; Shelby Sampson 171; Jeff Begley 545; Leah Coffin 118.

RECESS

The class was called back by Rebecca Edwards leading 72b. Leaders: Erika Wilson 560; Edward Rice 278b; Wren Hyde 76b; Bob Brylawski 254; Inder Khalsa 168; Dave Barber 542; Linda Domholt 54; Bob Jost 63; Arnold Zwicky 344; Chris Thorman 384; Janet Herman 378b; David Graff 313b; Lindy Groening 280; Greg Freed 532; Paul Johnson 107; Pat Coghlan 351. Joel Chan offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by Chris Thorman leading 56t. Leaders: Hannah Blair 209; Peter Ross 122 (in memory of Marian Bush); Edward Rice 77t; Rebecca Edwards 442; Mark Godfrey 564; Carolyn Deacy 65; Dan Harper 236; Linda Domholt 108b; Paul Johnson 155; Dave Barber 383; Erika Wilson 480; David Graff 504 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Chris Thorman 475; Wren Hyde 148; Jeff Begley 121.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Lindy Groening leading 111t. Leaders: Terry Moore 513; Arieta Santinelli 163t; Alexander Cotton 350; Jeannette Ralston 567; Phil Jensen 474; Anne Caswell 540; Joel Chan 477; Shelby Sampson 181 (for Don McIntyre); Peter Ross 178; Teresa Vosper 478; Bob Jost 49t; Janet Herman 440; Bob Brylawski 195; Hannah Blair 503; Pat Coghlan 272; Lindy Groening 436; Leah Coffin 216.

A business meeting was held. The Treasurer reported that expenses were met. The Secretary and Arranging Officer reported that there were thirty-five leaders and

eighty-eight songs led. The Resolutions Committee offered thanks to all who made the singing possible and resolved to convene again next year. Announcements were made.

Leah Coffin, Terry Moore, and Mark Godfrey led 347 as the closing song. Joel Chan offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Leah Coffin; Vice Chairperson—Terry Moore; Secretaries—Jeannette Ralston and Leigh Cooper

CORK SINGING

St. Fin Barre's Cathedral Hall, Cork, Ireland

Saturday, August 27, 2016

The 6th annual Cork All-Day Singing was called to order at St. Fin Barre's Cathedral Hall, Dean Street, Cork, Ireland, by Bryan Seale leading 171. Cath Saunt offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kevin Kennedy 61; Katie Ahern 29t; Sinéad Hanrahan 36b; Amanda Parkes 138t; Joanna Bennett 168; Colleen Jones 122 (for Helga Eisen); Christopher Lyons 56b; Chris Swift 37b; Declan Synnott 114; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 112; Lisa O'Grady 163t; Sarah Shiel 178; Dara Desmond 192; Niamh O'Sullivan 102; Helen Peake 228; Dermot Peel 143; Geoff Grainger 31t; Cath Saunt 53.

RECESS

Jennifer Barry called the class back to order leading 344. Leaders: Frédéric Eymard 133; Kate Kirwan 141; Ronan O'Donovan 26; Caro Stamm-Reusch 276; Florine Vieilly-Eymard 40; Michael Walker 30b; Cora T. Wareh 481; Mike Morrisroe 187; Sam Carter 32t; Vicki Elliott 534; Tarik Wareh 336; Sinéad Hanrahan 480; Steven Levine 350; Barry Parsons 441; Steph Malpass 209; Faiz J. Wareh 173; Sarah West 215; Ruth McNamara 274t; Pattie Wareh 299; Piers Blewett 351; Colleen Jones 84 (for Juniper Hill, Jesse Ratzkin, and Sierra May Ratzkin-Hill). Declan Synnott said grace before lunch.

LUNCH

Niamh O'Sullivan called the afternoon session to order leading 270. Leaders: Kate Kirwan 327; Steven Levine 28b; Tarik Wareh 434; Michael Walker 454 (for the family of Hannah Land); Cath Saunt 556; Pattie Wareh 99; Caro Stamm-Reusch 397; Sam Carter 292; Sarah West 82t; Faiz J. Wareh 197; Ruth McNamara 335; Barry Parsons 302; Vicki Elliott 542; Cora T. Wareh 522; Piers Blewett 269; Ciske Boekelo 496; Bryan Seale 306; Geoff Grainger 242 (for Jesse Luke); Amanda Parkes 528.

RECESS

Lisa O'Grady called the final session to order leading 212. Leaders: Sinéad Hanrahan 546; Kevin Kennedy 446; Dermot Peel 278t; Dara Desmond, Frédéric Eymard, and Florine Vieilly-Eymard 375; Mike Morrisroe 447; Sarah Shiel 269; Christopher Lyons 500; Chris Swift 77t; Leslie Burton 183; Joanna Bennett 377; Katie Ahern 148; Susan Good 440; Wareh family 80t; Jennifer Barry 383; Helen Peake 146; Declan Synnott 217; Dublin singers 300; Steven Levine 532.

Bryan Seale made closing announcements, during which he thanked all those involved in organizing the day, and gave special thanks to the singers who had traveled for the singing.

Katie Ahern gave the Secretary's report and stated that eighty-two songs had been sung by fifty-four registered singers and forty-three leaders. Seven countries were represented (Australia, England, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, and the U.S. A.). Sinéad Hanrahan gave the Treasurer's report, stating that all expenses had been met.

Christopher Lyons offered the closing prayer. Bryan Seale led 472 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bryan Seale; Vice Chairman—Kevin Kennedy; Secretary—Katie Ahern

MORTON SINGING

Tiller Arts Center, Morton, Washington

Saturday, August 27, 2016

The 2nd Morton All-Day Singing was called to order by Vicki Westerberg leading 87. The opening prayer was offered by Bruce Roberts.

A business meeting was held and service positions were elected and appointed as follows: Chairman—Kate Fortin; Arranging Officer—Steve Helwig;

Chaplain—Bruce Roberts; Secretary—Rogan Campbell.

Leaders: Kate Fortin 72b; Cece Callison 46; Rogan Campbell 42; Susan Fortin 201; Bruce Roberts and Steve Helwig 56t; Alexandra Maymi 344; Cornelia Stanton 171; Marla Elliott 186; Brad Fenbert and Kate Fortin 129; Anne Huckins 61; Laura McMurray 101b; Nancy Novotny 53; Ethan Hardy 125; Nancy Price 34b; Darlene Simpson Brown 285t; Eric Holt 220.

RECESS

Alexandra Maymi called the class back together leading 159. Leaders: Steve Helwig 342 (for B.M. Smith); Ana Tighe 280; William Price 228; Marie Brandis 157; Kathy Vlach 475; Karen Willard 224; Tom McTighe 200; Kelly Kennedy 106; Erik Schwab 160b; Cece Callison 68b; Alberta Hardy 422; Linda Berkemeier 122; Thom Fahrbach 182; Clarissa Fetrow 232; Kate Coxon 314; John Berendzen 382; Kate Fine 502; Kevin Barrans 544.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Steve Helwig leading 496. Leaders: Nancy Novotny 83; Vicki Westerberg 50b; Anne Huckins 38b; Kate Fortin 58; Eric Holt 551; Marla Elliott 361; Brad Fenbert and Kate Fortin 300; Nancy Price 178; Laura McMurray 565; Ethan Hardy 567; Marie Brandis 448t; Thom Fahrbach 442; Kate Coxon 215; Cornelia Stanton 479; William Price 479. Bruce Roberts offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Steve Helwig called the class back together by leading 438. Leaders: Darlene Simpson Brown 434; Kate Fine 454; John Berendzen 506; Kelly Kennedy 517; Erik Schwab 458; Karen Willard 527; Ana Tighe 522; Alberta Hardy 179; Adam Berey 371; Alexandra Maymi 535; Clarissa Fetrow 543; Tom McTighe 189; Desirae Fendel 406; Kevin Barrans 439; Linda Berkemeier 400; Kathy Vlach 485; Thom Fahrbach 328; Marla Elliott 269; Marie Brandis 216; William Price 217; Laura McMurray 111b.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Kate Fine leading 101t. Leaders: Kelly Kennedy and Adam Berey 212; Cornelia Stanton 350; Karen Willard 128; John Berendzen 396; Ana Tighe 560; Clarissa Fetrow and Kate Coxon 441 (for B.M. Smith); Alberta Hardy 135; Erik Schwab 124; Julie Ling 117; Nancy Price 86; Kevin Barrans 399b; Tom McTighe 313b; Ethan Hardy 523; Kathy Vlach 169; Eric Holt 146.

Announcements were made. The Secretary and Arranging Officer reported ninety-one songs sung with forty-one attendees and thirty-seven leaders from three states. Kate Fortin led 347 as the class took the parting hand. Bruce Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kate Fortin; Secretary—Rogan Campbell

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION
Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Collinsville, Alabama
August 27-28, 2016
Saturday, August 27

The 113th session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Pine Grove Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order by Scot Oliver leading 32t. Donnie Reed offered the opening prayer.

Wayne Reed welcomed the class, and requested that this session of the convention be dedicated to the memory of S.T. Reed. Wayne Reed, Scot Oliver, and Rodney Ivey led 59.

Leaders: Donnie Reed 146; Judy Caudle 79; Cindy Tanner 155; Phil Summerlin 97; Boyd Scott 358; Hubert Nall 496; Emma Rose Brown 336; John Wendt 229; Andy Ditzler 418; Pat Temple 415; Philip Denney 177; Paula Oliver 217; Nicholas Thompson 560; Daniel Lee 566; Lilly Underwood 354b; Henry Johnson 278t; Cornelia Van den Doel 270; Isaac Green and Hayden Arp 411 (for Sasha Hsuczky); Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 475 (for B.M. Smith); Myra Dalton and James Dalton 45t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 40. Leaders: Daphene Causey 137; Pam Nunn 280.

A business session was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairmen—Scot Oliver and Wayne Reed; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Treasurer—Alanna Blanks; Arranging Officer—Cindy Tanner; Finance Officer—Rodney Ivey; Memorial Committee—Wayne Reed and Henry Johnson.

Loyd Ivey told a joke in memory of B.J. Harris, and then led 283. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 36b; Vickie See and Billy See 33b; Calum Woods 322; Karen Rollins 318 (for B.M. Smith); John Plunkett 53; Reba Windom 373 (for B.M. and Margie Smith); David Brodeur 193; Angela Myers 272; Lomax Ballinger 430; Lauren Bock 186 (for her mom); Mary Wright 328; Darrell Swarens and Cornelia Van den Doel 84; Michael Thompson 196; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 215; Katherine Eldridge 377; Buell Cobb 69b; Kelsey Ivey 129; Justin Bowen and Dan Fuller 314; Jane Cannon 201; David Carlton 198; Linda Thomas and Rodney Ivey 73t (in memory of Oliver family members); Nathan Rees 227; Jesse P. Karlsberg 423 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes). Philip Denney asked a blessing at the table before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Scot Oliver and Rodney Ivey leading 343. Leaders: Virginia Eldridge 461; David Gooch 112; Elene Stovall 200; David Ivey 419; Cassie Allen 506; Jim Carnes 171; Erin Johnson-Williams 500; Sharon DuPriest 546; Richard Ivey and Emma Rose Brown 432; Larry Brasher and Louise Brasher 332; Cheyenne Ivey 176b; Matt Hinton and Lottie Hinton 172; Susan Cheronas 460; Judy Mincey 140; Alanna Blanks and Arleigh Beard 551; Don Bowen and Shane Wootten 39b; Garrett Sipe and Delone Cobbs 47b; Ed Johnson-Williams 442; Mary Ruth Stiefel and Verlon Stiefel 348b; Dan Edwards 56b; Lynne deBenedette 456; Aaron Little 448t; Karen Edwards 77t; Elizabeth Gentry 76b; Gail Doss 268; Tom George 309; Brian Field 457; Dennis George 485; Hayden Arp 530; Jonathon Smith 125.

Announcements were made. Scot Oliver led 46 as the closing song. Donnie Reed dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, August 28

The Sunday session of the Lookout Mountain Convention was called to order by Scot Oliver leading 82t. Donnie Reed offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Donnie Reed 571 (CB); Judy Caudle 121; Cindy Tanner 220 (for Barrett Patton); Boyd Scott 58; Dennis George 79; Larry Ballinger 78; Linda Booth 504; Scott Ivey and Brianna Wells 542; Earl Ballinger 439; Isaac Stiefel 87; Susan Field 496; Ainslie Allen and Emma Hayden Calvert 196, 76b; Jamey Wootten 99; Jackie Tanner 129; Courtney Baine and David Ivey 401; Brian Field 303; Drew McGuire 37b; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 168; Linton Ballinger 421 (in memory of Bud Oliver).

RECESS

Scot Oliver and Eric Blanks led 480 to bring the class together. Leaders: David Smead 539; Dan Edwards and Greta Edwards 547; Lilly Underwood 159; Joyce Whittington 143; Billy See and Vickie See 282; Eric Blanks 384; Erin Johnson-Williams 340; Chris Ballinger 112; Lisa Bennett 296 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Wanda Capps and Emma Calvert 388; Mary Wright 71; Justin Bowen 440; Calum Woods 138b; Pam Nunn 362.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Cindy Tanner leading 123t. Leaders: Isaac Green and Cassie Allen 39t; Daniel Lee 29t; Emma Rose Brown 313t; Winfred Kerr 225t; Judy Chambless 153; Shelley Calvert and Cassie Allen 498; Lauren Bock 181 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Katherine Eldridge 91; Cornelia Van den Doel, David Brodeur, and Andy Ditzler 370; Gail Doss 556; Gavin Blakeley 189; Jonathon Smith 302; Elene Stovall and David Ivey 42 (in memory of Bud Oliver and Marie Ivey); Nicholas Thompson 327 (for Ann Jett); Loyd Ivey 426t (in memory of Bud Oliver); Karen Edwards 209; Ed Johnson-Williams 111b; Ellen Ray 128.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Scot Oliver leading 108b. Leaders: Karen Freund 300; Pat Temple 232; Mark Carroll 481; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 396.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Henry Johnson. Henry spoke of encouragement, and read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Ben Price, Dan Summerlin, Eloise Wootten, Albert Whittaker, Michael Appert, B.M. Smith, Margie Smith, Jewel Wootten, Doug Conn, Carla Smith, Margaret Keeton, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Ann Jett, Wayne Reed, and Susan Harcrow. Cindy Tanner led 475.

Henry spoke about welcome, love, and community. He read the following list of names of the deceased: Janelle Davis—Illinois; Ruth Redmon—Texas; Bernice Stedman Thompson and Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Ruth Steggle—England; Joe Nall—Florida; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Tony Conrad—New York; Kathleen Doss Traywick, Elsie Moon, Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Gary Smith, S.T. Reed, Sandra Spradlin, Toney Smith, and Kenneth Fannin—Alabama. Henry led 55 in memory of the deceased. Donnie Reed closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Richard Ivey 566 (in memory of S.T. Reed); Darrell Swarens 507; David Brodeur 197; Alanna Blanks and Arleigh Beard 405; Rodney Ivey and Marty Wootten 426b (for Susan Harcrow and Eloise Wootten); Virginia Eldridge 107; Chita Blakeley 411 (for Doug Conn); Hayden Arp 434; Daphene Causey 291; Jesse P. Karlsberg 183 (in memory of George Seiler); Andy Ditzler 352; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 216; Nathan Rees 371; Sharon DuPriest and Pam Nunn 269; David Gooch 319.

RECESS

Shane Wootten led 56t to bring the class together. Leaders: Mairye Bates 312b;

Paula Oliver 222; Lynne deBenedette 142 (in memory of Ruth Brown); Sarah Trumbore 474; Susan Cheronos 564; Nate Green 105; Elizabeth Gentry 361; Jared Wootten 182; Erica Martinez 436; Coy Ivey 465 (CB).
Announcements were made. Scot Oliver, Donnie Reed, Alanna Blanks, and Eric Blanks led 62 as the closing song. Donnie Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Scot Oliver and Wayne Reed; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION
Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Forest, Mississippi
August 27-28, 2016

Saturday, August 27

The 87th session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 81t. Arlon Gardner offered the opening prayer. Mark Davis welcomed everyone, and thanked Alfred Bailey and Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for hosting the Convention.

Leaders: John Van Horn 225t (CB), 263; Arlon Gardner 278t, 313b; Darlene Reynolds 484 (CB), 515 (CB); Hugh McGuire 487t (WB), 460; Andy Davis 297, 196; Robert Vaughn 289b (CH), 507b (CB); John Hollingsworth 186 (CB), 548 (CH); Dennis Cranford 35, 178; Tim Gray 89 (CH), 140 (CH); Mike McNeil 172 (CH), 204t (CH).

RECESS

Wanda Gregg and Warren Steel called the class back to order leading 559 (CB).
Leaders: Warren Steel 411; Nancy Van den Akker 319; Brian Harrison 358; Amy Armstrong Wells 112; Anne McLeod and Steven McLeod 48t; Bobby Caldwell 82 (CB); Henry McGuire 512 (WB); Zilpha Cornett 408 (CB); Samuel Wright 292 (CH); Julie Heeren 63. President Davis appointed Henry McGuire, Hugh McGuire, and Colvin Mann to the Business and Credentials Committee. Tim Gray offered the prayer to bless the lunch.

LUNCH

Mark Davis brought the class back to order by leading 270. Leaders: Regina Derstine and Jamira Jackson 51 (CH); Elizabeth Muhleisen 566; Mike McNeil and Sharon McNeil 143 (CH); Sister Susan Dickey 392 (CB); Esther Mann 171; Will McGuire 142 (CH); Nathan Stewart 110; Todd Derstine and Regina Derstine 154; Mark Davis 117 (CH) (by request for the people of Antioch Primitive Baptist Church); John Van Horn 284 (CH); Amy Armstrong Wells 505 (CB); Zilpha Cornett and Brittany Thompson 362; Brian Harrison and Judy Harrison 40; Samuel Wright 372b (CH).
A business meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing officers. A motion and second was made to keep the same officers as follows: President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Chaplain—Arlon Gardner; Secretary—Darlene Reynolds. Mark Davis led 236.

RECESS

Leaders: John Van Horn 282; Sandy Fortenberry and Regina Derstine 388; Elizabeth Muhleisen 503; Julie Heeren 32t; Warren Steel 278b; Nancy Van den Akker 54t (CB); Sister Susan Dickey 59.

Announcements were made. Mark Davis, Hugh McGuire, and Henry McGuire led the Drone. Arlon Gardner offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, August 28

The Sunday session of the Mississippi State Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 37b. Nathan Stewart offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 73t; John Van Horn 179, 201; Arlon Gardner 481, 448t;

Darlene Reynolds and Bentley Rose 354b, 282; Nathan Stewart 225t, 546; Nancy Van den Akker 569b, 318; Amy Armstrong Wells 182 (CB), 393 (CB); Wanda Gregg 573 (CB), 460; Lisa Geist 527, 273; Amber Davis 440, 500; Mike McNeil 522 (CB), 176 (CH). Mark Davis appointed John Hollingsworth and Mike McNeil as the Memorial Committee. Wanda Gregg and Nancy Van den Akker were appointed as the Resolutions Committee.

RECESS

Leaders: Mark Davis 154b (WB); Caleb Jones, Brad Taylor, and Mike McNeil 175 (CH); Hugh McGuire 138 (CH), 521 (CH); Jane Armstrong 109 (CH), 108b; Henry McGuire 30b, 514 (WB); Will McGuire 63, 111b; Ben Fink 392 (CB), 582 (CB). John Hollingsworth and Mike McNeil conducted the memorial lesson. The following sick and shut-ins were honored: Benjamin Smith, Billie Margaret Gardner, Stites Gardner, Alice McGuire, Roy Davis, and Laura Densmore. They led 341 (CH).

The following deceased were remembered: Charles Porter and Henry Reynolds—Mississippi; Loretta Rigdon, Gary Smith, Nancy Cassandra Kindig—Alabama; Ruth Redmon—Texas; Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Janelle Davis—Illinois. John Hollingsworth and Mike McNeil led 489 and 25t (CH). Arlon Gardner closed the memorial service with prayer. Nathan Stewart asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Leaders: Mike McNeil 214 (CH); Anne McLeod and Steven McLeod 312b; Regina Derstine and Jamira Jackson 45t, 280 (CH); Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 181, 361; Mark Davis 147t; Lisa Geist 269; Amber Davis 215; Nathan Stewart 444; Nancy Van den Akker 180 (CH); Wanda Gregg 85; Hugh McGuire 587 (CB); Mike McNeil, Sharon McNeil, Caleb Jones, and Brad Taylor 248 (CH); Ben Fink 438; Henry McGuire 492 (WB); Jane Armstrong 107 (CH); Amy Armstrong Wells and Connie Ross 76b; Arlon Gardner 216t (CH).

In a business session, the Business and Credentials Committee reported a total of \$525.00 collected, and disbursements as follows: \$350.00 to Antioch Primitive Baptist Church; \$160.00 to Radio Broadcast Houston, MS; \$30.00 to minutes; \$250.00 to Camp Fasola.

The report from the Resolutions Committee as follows: Thanks to Alfred Bailey and the members of Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for use of the church; Thanks to the singers from several states, officers, those who brought food, and those who prepared the food on the table. We thank God first and foremost for the gift of music and our ability to sing. We also thank Him for beautiful weather. The business meeting was closed.

Announcements were made. Mark Davis, Henry McGuire, and Hugh McGuire led the Drone. The closing prayer was offered by Mike McNeil.

President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Secretary—Darlene Reynolds

CISPUS SINGING

Cispus Learning Center, Randle, Washington

Sunday, August 28, 2016

The Cispus Singing was called to order by Kate Fortin leading 101t. The opening prayer was offered by Marty Fortin.

A business meeting was held and service positions were elected and appointed as follows: Chairman—Susan Fortin; Arranging Officer—Kate Fortin;

Chaplain—Marty Fortin; Secretary—Rogan Campbell.

Leaders: Susan Fortin 59; Rogan Campbell 284; Tom McTighe 318; Kathy Vlach 40;

Erik Schwab 345b; Kate Fine 47b; Adam Berey 294; Kelly Kennedy 150; Laura McMurray 290; Karen Willard 88t; Marla Elliott 24t; Kevin Barrans 100; Ana Tighe 565; Clarissa Fetrow and Vicki Westerberg 566; Kate Coxon 474; Bruce Roberts and Kate Fortin 479; Alexandra Maymi 466; Tom McTighe 113; Kathy Vlach 169; Erik Schwab 546. Marty Fortin offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Kate Fortin called the class back together leading 56t. Leaders: Adam Berey 392; Kate Fine 212; Kelly Kennedy 455; Laura McMurray 159; Karen Willard 484; Rogan Campbell 346; Marla Elliott 36b; Kevin Barrans 196; Alexandra Maymi 271t; Clarissa Fetrow 176b; Ana Tighe 460; Kate Coxon 386; Erik Schwab 313b; Tom McTighe 142; Kathy Vlach 24b; Laura McMurray 30b; Kate Fine 475; Adam Berey 230.

RECESS

Marla Elliott called the class back together by leading 348t. Leaders: Kelly Kennedy 447; Karen Willard 387; Kevin Barrans 112; Alexandra Maymi 207; Vicki Westerberg and Marla Elliott 503; Clarissa Fetrow 123t; Kate Coxon and Zoe Scofield 387; Ana Tighe 564; Tom McTighe 365; Kathy Vlach 549; Adam Berey 99. Announcements were made. The Secretary and Arranging Officer reported fifty-two songs sung with twenty-five attendees and twenty leaders from two states. Susan Fortin led 62 as the class took the parting hand. Marty Fortin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Susan Fortin; Secretary—Rogan Campbell

MAIDENCREEK SINGING

Leesport, Pennsylvania

Saturday, September 3, 2016

The 21st annual Maiden Creek All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before Labor Day at Maiden Creek Friends Meeting House. The class was called to order by Ted Stokes leading 479, and then he offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Alex Forsyth; Vice Chairman—Peter Frank; Treasurer—Katy Hunter; Chaplain—Justin Bowen; Secretary—Linda Baysore.

Alex Forsyth made opening remarks, and then led 60. Leaders: Katy Hunter 72b; Linda Baysore 333; Ina Shea 312b; Dann Pell 135; Guy Bankes 311; Rachel Hall 76t; Kirsten Jensen 77t; Barbara Hohenstein 38b; Leon Pulsinelle 177; Theresa Rodriguez 171; Elizabeth Patton 430; Gerry Hoffman 297; Katie White 547; Doron Henkin 336.

RECESS

Joel Bassett called the class back to order leading 67. Leaders: Bethany Towne 142; Thomas Ward 390; Doug Kurtze 102; Brian How 86; Tom Tucker 100; Gary Ryan 442; Sara Lott 57; Sandra Cryder 384; Fritz Rasenberger 271t; Solon Gordon 269; Nancy Britton 228; Ben Cocchiaro 436; Alice Beattie 189; Terry Ryan 200; Dennis Leipold 270; Roland Hutchinson 524.

RECESS

Kevin Beirne called the class back to order leading 322. Leaders: Dan Hunter 324; Micah Walter 564; Laura Densmore 76b; Lorah Hopkins 320; Jason Steidl 502; Maura Burns 497; Nancy Mandel 230; Jesse Flynn 288; Mary Jane Wilkie 332; Emma Swartz 172.

Rachel Hall led 330b for the following sick and shut-ins: Skip Trout, Larry Wootten, Claudene Wootten Townson, Paula Picton, Merv Horst, Joanne Trimarco, and Murielee Kurtze.

Doron Henkin conducted a memorial lesson, and led 476 in memory of Betty Hanf.

Chris Holley conducted a memorial lesson in memory of the deceased. Chris Holley and Sasha Hsuczyc led 146 in honor of the following deceased: Fred Woodward, Betty Hanf, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Edward Stokes Sr., Catherine Stokes, David Stokes, Polly Biddle, Corey Kissinger, Cooper Fisher, Mary Mullen, Jacob Ellsworth, Lance Barclay, Randy Simmons, and Phoebe Hopkins—Pennsylvania; S.T. Reed—Alabama; B.M. Smith and Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Edmund Battersby—Indiana; Lou Anne Smith—Louisiana; Francis Bliss, John Vear, and Roy Dow—Maine; Annie Dawson—Massachusetts; Leon J. Pulsinelle, Joe Neighmond, and John Miranda—New Jersey; Ann Henry and Peggie Wade—New York; Joyce Fagan—New South Wales; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Leonard Joseph Rowe—Rhode Island. Justin Bowen closed the memorial lesson with a prayer. Leaders: Joanne Fuller 566; Asa Horvitz 448t; Jesse Polhemus 216.

LUNCH

Alex Forsyth and Dann Pell called the class back to order by leading 275b. Leaders: Alex Forsyth 101t; Charles Biada 411; Kevin Griffin Moreno 196; Laura Hodges 396; Sam Kleinman 422; Jon Giles 536; Ian Quinn 300 (for Paula); Deidra Montgomery 181; Mike Richards 475; Emma Rose Brown 405 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Gedney Barclay 397; Justin Bowen 30b (in memory of B.M. Smith); Tom George 197; Kevin Beirne 428; Becky Wright 316; Dennis George 455; Carol Huang 498; Mary Skidmore 215; Gwen Gethner 126; Angharad Davis 419; Erin Kelly 399b; Patrick Friesen 222; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 426t; Katy Hunter 36b.

RECESS

Emma Rose Brown called the class back to order by leading 111t. Ian Quinn led the Pennsylvania German Lesson with “Joseph’s Lied” or “Joseph’s Song.” A short history lesson of the Pennsylvania German Lesson at Maidencreek was given by Guy Bankes.

Leaders: Joel Bassett 431; Ted Stokes 155 (in memory of Betty Hanf); Ruth Wampler 83b; Jesse Krikorian 342; Margaret Youngberg 456; Gerald Clark 511; Matthew Kaufmann 47b; Nancy Tkacs 30t; Will Fesperman 31t; Jesse Vear 439; Corinne Ducey 423; Gina Balestracci and Joan Trout 408; Jordan Lewis 383; Jessica Keyes 425; Justin Bowen, Tom George, and Dennis George 73t; Sasha Hsuczyc 348b; Sonia Chin 441.

Alex Forsyth, Peter Frank, Katy Hunter, and Linda Baysore led 62 as the closing song. Justin Bowen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Alex Forsyth; Vice Chairman—Peter Frank; Secretary—Linda Baysore

NEW PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

Ringgold, Louisiana

Saturday, September 3, 2016

The 10th annual Sacred Harp Singing convened at New Providence Primitive Baptist Church, Ringgold, Louisiana, on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Robert Vaughn leading 59 (CB). The opening prayer was offered by Elder Joe Asbell.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 40 (CB); Gaylon Powell 208 (CB), 370 (CB); Henry McGuire 42 (CB), 411 (CB); Kristie Powell 210 (CB), 514 (CB); Peggy Ray 78 (CB), 511t (CB); Mark S. Davis 378b (CB), 559 (CB); Sonya Kirkham 475 (CB), 54t (CB), 450 (CB); Darlene Reynolds 145t (CB), 145b (CB).

RECESS

Robert Vaughn called the class back to order leading 540 (CB). Leaders: Tim McClain 96 (CB), 444t (CB); Carole Watts 461 (CB), 569 (CB); Baron Powers 239 (CB), 429 (CB); David Rousseau 127 (CB), 146 (CB); Charity Vaughn 108b (CB),

422b (CB); Sherry Rousseau 47b (CB), 282 (CB); Kim Vaughn 507b (CB), 558 (CB); Gaylon Powell 392 (CB); Henry McGuire 522 (CB); Mark S. Davis 336b (CB).
Gaylon Powell offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Robert Vaughn leading 164. Leaders: Kristie Powell 500, 470; Darlene Reynolds 569b; Darlene Reynolds and Henry McGuire 490; Baron Powers 117, 335; Tim McClain 143, 535; Sonya Kirkham 274t, 49b; David Rousseau 61, 159; Peggy Ray 64, 31t; Charity Vaughn 56b, 56t; Carole Watts 82t, 99. Announcements were made.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 73b; Joe Asbell 452; Gaylon Powell 165, 448t; Henry McGuire 148, 456; Mark S. Davis 410t, 57; Kristie Powell 142; Darlene Reynolds 418; Tim McClain 480; Baron Powers 457; Sonya Kirkham 63; David Rousseau 167; Peggy Ray 32t; Charity Vaughn 212.

Robert Vaughn led 62 as the closing song. Elder Joe Asbell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Sonya Kirkham

CLEAR CREEK WEST AND MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION

Johnson Schoolhouse, Fayette County, Alabama

Sunday, September 4, 2016

The 129th session of the Clear Creek West Convention and the 112th session of the Mulberry River Convention met at Johnson Schoolhouse, Fayette County, Alabama, on the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 47t. The opening prayer was offered by Adrian Eldridge. Danny Creel led 88t.

In a business meeting, the class voted to keep the same officers as follows:

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Ann Jett.

Leaders: Danny Creel 182; Elene Stovall 172, 208; David Brodeur 493, 494; Earl Ballinger 495, 472; Richard Mauldin 288, 480; Wanda Capps 171, 144; Loretta Whitman 373, 411; Nathan Stewart 110, 197; Darrell Swarens 36b, 72b (in memory of B.M. Smith).

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Larry Ballinger leading 56t and 540. Leaders: Linda Sides 225t, 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Adrian Eldridge 42, 83t; Seth Poston 275b, 168; Cheyenne Ivey 309, 222; Andy Ditzler 139, 157; Gary Glover 114, 335; Cornelia Van den Doel 535, 477; Ken Tate 183, 436; Betty Baccus 392, 100.

RECESS

Danny Creel led 196 to bring the class together. Leaders: Mako Cook 503, 515; Ann Jett 498 (in memory of Harrison Creel), 546; Gravis Ballinger 217, 112; Tim Cook 312b, 86; Julia Poston 108t, 108b; Margaret Keeton 568; Junior Poston 388; Lisa Geist 224, 276. Danny Creel asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel leading 145t. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 343; Cornelia Van den Doel 146; Darrell Swarens 507 (in memory of Josie Hyde); Mako Cook and Tim Cook 66 (in memory of Gary Smith), 569b; Adrian Eldridge 349; David Brodeur 490; Nathan Stewart 460; Earl Ballinger 162; Betty Baccus 499; Ann Jett 319; Gary Glover 348t; Loretta Whitman 48t; Linda Sides 215; Seth Poston 358; Cheyenne Ivey 166; Gravis Ballinger 120; Richard Mauldin 43 (in memory of John and Josie Hyde); Ken Tate 73b; Larry Ballinger 389 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Elene Stovall 273; Lisa Geist 528.

Announcements were made. Ken Tate led 147t as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Ann Jett

FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL SINGING

Island Park, Geneva, Illinois

Sunday, September 4, 2016

The Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing was held on Sunday before Labor Day at Island Park in Geneva, Illinois, as part of the Fox Valley Folk Festival. Mary Rogel called the class to order at 11:00 a.m., and led 73b.

Leaders: Judy Hauff 37b; Jerry Gripshover 99; Jim Helke 100; Sally Youngquist 229; Jim Lawrie 148; James Page 272; Orwin Youngquist 81t; Ted Mercer 300; Eileen Ferguson 36b; Carole Briggs 63; Erica Detemmermen 189; Mary Rogel 210; Beverley Enright 107.

LUNCH

Susan Kaufmann brought the class back to order leading 479. Leaders: Judy Hauff 155; Beverley Enright 441; Sophie Netcel 277; Sally Youngquist 49b; Laura 159; Amrit Singh 268; Jerry Gripshover 178.

Jim Helke gave a brief introduction to shape note singing for newcomers, and led 125.

Leaders: Jim Lawrie 282; Sara 105; Jan Debakk 188; Sue Kessel 547; Ted Mercer 276; James Page 284; Matthew Seacrest 133; Michael Apert 270; Joe Maltese 47t; Dave Barford 209; Grace 186.

Announcements were made. Debbie Barford led 29t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with a prayer.

Chairman—Mary Rogel; Secretary—Eileen Ferguson

HAYNES CREEK SINGING

Haynes Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Loganville, Georgia

Sunday, September 4, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Haynes Creek Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Wayne Watson leading 49b. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected: Co-Chairmen—Wayne Watson and Rosemund Watson; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 34b; Chris Tweedy 100; Rosemund Watson 503, 63; Sandra Wilkinson 473, 569b; Martha Harrell 74b, 75; Mary Brownlee 111b, 47b; John Plunkett 523, 405; Eric Tweedy 301; Robert Kelley 401, 406; Helen Bryson 112, 38b; Malinda Snow 472, 168; John Hollingsworth 37b.

RECESS

Rosemund Watson called the class to order leading 49t. Leaders: Susan Pierson 143, 354b, 282; Nan Wilson 30t, 46; Russ Hanson 300, 274t; Carol Hanson 155, 215; Tom Hanson 299, 515.

LUNCH

Wayne Watson called the class to order leading 225t. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 229; Chris Tweedy 70t; Rosemund Watson 147t; Sandra Wilkinson 378t; Martha Harrell 535, 178; Carol Hanson 335; Russ Hanson 441; Mary Brownlee 501, 446; John Plunkett 466; Tom Hanson 36b; Eric Tweedy 182; Robert Kelley 312t, 32b; Helen Bryson 313b; Malinda Snow 556; Helen Bryson 344; Oscar McGuire 485.

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. Wayne Watson offered the closing prayer.

Co-Chairmen—Wayne Watson and Rosemund Watson; Secretary—Helen Bryson

SHILOH-LITTLEVINE SINGING

Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, Tallapoosa, Georgia

Sunday, September 4, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Cecil Roberts leading 60. Cecil welcomed everyone, offered the opening prayer, and then led 68b.

Leaders: Donna Bell 155 (in memory of Carlene Griffin), 505; Judy Chambless 196, 203; Jack Nelson 504 (in memory of B.M. Smith), 32t (for Eugene Forbes); Robert Chambless 72b, 494; Charlene Wallace 283; Virginia Dyer 37b, 40 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard).

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 400, 112; Winfred Kerr 282, 36b; Nathan Rees 205, 172; Richard DeLong 345b, 325.

RECESS

Nathan Rees brought the class back to order by leading 35. Leaders: Rene Greene 464, 186; Karen Rollins 317, 318 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Judy Henry 392, 396; Gary Davis 480, 59; Rebecca Over 77b, 82t; Samuel Williams 95, 320; Ellen Johnson 34b, 99.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins. She talked about sharing our love for each other, focusing on the large crowd of singers that came to sing and pay tribute yesterday at B.M. Smith's funeral, citing that some of them drove a long way and sat for about two hours as a way of showing love for him. Karen stated that the memorial lesson is the heart of a singing and read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Eugene Forbes, Myrline Redmon, Edna Ruth Phillips, William Futral, Virginia Futral, Leonard Benefield, Lois Bowman, and James Hughes.

The deceased remembered were S.T. Reed, B.M. Smith, Kathy Benefield, Toney Smith, Elder Neal Prichard, Curtis Hamrick, Earlis McGraw, Geneva Prichard, Ruth Steggle, and Hester Edwards. Karen led 343, and then closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Charles Woods 381, 197; Glenda Collins 138t; Glenda Collins and Richard DeLong 566; Daniel Williams 32b, 34t. Cecil Roberts thanked the class for contributing \$215 and asked that it be recorded in the minutes. Clint Patterson offered the blessing of the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cecil Roberts leading 278t. Leaders: Samuel Williams 278b; Glenda Collins 81t; Donna Bell 441; Charlene Wallace 440; Rebecca Over 453 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Ellen Johnson 472; Daniel Williams 135; Tony Hammock 321; Richard DeLong 36t; Joyce Lambert 358 (for Mildred Patterson and in memory of her mother, Katherine Benefield), 56t (in memory of her daddy, Elder Homer Benefield); Jack Nelson 500; Robert Chambless 225t (in memory of B.M. Smith and Earlis McGraw); Rene Greene 145t; Winfred Kerr 146; Nathan Rees 435; Rebecca Over 39t.

Following announcements, Cecil Roberts and Nathan Rees led 294 as the closing song. Daniel Williams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Donna Bell

LABOR DAY SINGING
Shoal Creek Church, Cleburne County, Alabama
Monday, September 5, 2016

The 96th session of the annual Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Shoal Creek Church, located in Talladega National Forest, Cleburne County, Alabama. The class was called to order by Cecil Roberts leading 49t. Cecil offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 37b; Judy Caudle 36b; Judy Chambless 318 (in memory of B.M. Smith).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Virginia Dyer; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 566; Winfred Kerr 314; Donna Bell 283; Pam Nunn 186; Philip Denney 300; Dalton Lewis-Dyer 472; Jack Nelson 551; Vickie See and Billy See 33b; Rene Greene 142; Eric Tweedy 174; Charlene Wallace 155; Robert Chambless 303; Fallon Cook and Chance Cook 192; Reba Windom 418; Tony Hammock 196; Rebecca Over 122 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Virginia Dyer 454.

RECESS

Nathan Rees led 101t to bring the class together. Leaders: Karen Rollins 222; Victoria Grace Cofield 45t; Debora Grosse 556; Richard DeLong 399b; Andy Ditzler 42; Nathan Rees 298; Isaac Green 421; Oscar McGuire 171; Daniel Williams 74t; Hayden Arp 405 (for Jason Stanford and Margie Smith); David Brodeur 76t; Cornelia Van den Doel 148; John Plunkett 325; Kathy Williams 350; Susan Cheronos 564; John Kelso 426t (in memory of B.M. Smith); Judy Mincey 474; Jeannette DePoy 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith).

Joe Jones, of the Shoal Creek Church Preservation Society, spoke to the class. He told of some planned improvements to be made, in particular, the replacement of the foundation and restoration of the floor. He thanked the Sacred Harp singers for their donations to the Society.

Leaders: Dan Edwards 497; Scott DePoy 277; Jerusha Wheeler 479; Esther Williams 135; Samuel Williams 481; Judy Green 335 (in memory of William Jones).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Virginia Dyer leading 40. Leaders: Gary Davis 480; Hayden Arp 329 (by request); Pam Nunn and Rene Green 217; Nathan Rees, Isaac Green, and Hayden Arp 426b; Fallon Cook, Isaac Green, and Hayden Arp 269; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 460; Daniel Williams, Samuel Williams, and Esther Williams 123b; Cornelia Van den Doel, David Brodeur, Reba Windom, and Andy Ditzler 133; John Plunkett, Jerusha Wheeler, and Judy Mincey 348t; Richard DeLong, Virginia Dyer, and Donna Bell 193; Oscar McGuire, Kathy Williams, and Judy Caudle 208; Billy See and Vickie See 178; John Kelso and Eric Tweedy 200; Winfred Kerr, Gary Davis, and Cecil Roberts 35; Bert Collins, Glenda Collins, and Ann Simpson 340; Susan Cheronos and Rebecca Over 228; Tony Hammock, Jack Nelson, Judy Chambless, and Robert Chambless 225t (in memory of Earlis McGraw and B.M. Smith).

Announcements were made. Cecil Roberts and Virginia Dyer led 46 as the closing song. Robert Chambless dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Virginia Dyer; Secretary—Judy Caudle

THE UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION
Camp McDowell, Double Springs, Alabama
September 9-11, 2016

Friday, September 9

Linda Sides began the singing by welcoming those in attendance for the convention, guests, and visitors. She explained the evening singing was going to consist of “A Sampler of Longer Lessons Led Long Ago”. Linda stated that in doing her research, Margaret Keeton, Ozella Blackmon, and Willodean Barton recalled when leaders were given a time slot to sing, such as fifteen minutes. The Arranging Committee would call “time!” to end the lesson. The following leaders are descendants of those that led longer lessons. They led the same lesson as it was recorded in the original minutes. Linda remarked there were many prominent singing families from West Alabama, who were not named in the singing, but they are represented in spirit, hence the term, “sampler”. A hand-out was provided to the class with the year, original leaders, song numbers, historical notes, analysis of lessons by mode, and excerpts from original minutes.

Leaders: Chris Ballinger 82t, 112, 400, 460, 274b (his great-great-grandfather, J.W. Ballinger’s lesson from the Fayette County Courthouse singing, 1920); Mike Hinton 80b, 176b, 101t, 57, 329, 106, 126 (his uncle, Paine Denson’s lesson from the B.F. White Convention, Birmingham, 1930); Linda Sides 42, 65, 416 (J.D. “Dee” Wall’s lesson from the first Denson Memorial singing in Winston County, 1941. Wall was a brother-in-law to O.A. Parris and an uncle to John Hocutt); Rebecca Over 170, 274t, 355 (Lee Wells’s lesson from the first Alabama State (combined) Convention, 1941. Wells was a prominent singer and promoter of Sacred Harp from Jasper); Zilpha Kitchens Cornett 362, 361, 408 (her uncle, Elmer Kitchens’s lesson from the Sacred Harp Centennial, Double Springs, 1944); Dylan Feezell 434, 196, 360 (his great-great-great-grandmother, Ida Denson McCoy’s lesson from the Sacred Harp Centennial, Double Springs, 1944); Roma Rice and Loretta Whitman 288, 339, 406 (their grandfather, Levi Godsey’s lesson from the Winston County Convention, Shady Grove, 1944); Seth Poston 168, 203, 216 (his great-grandfather, Sim Wakefield’s lesson from the Clear Creek Convention, Old Flatwoods, 1948); Ainslie Allen, Emma Calvert, and Amelia Jett 132, 29t (their great-great-grandmother, Annie Reid Creel’s lesson from the New Hope singing, Walker County, 1952); Elene Stovall 428, 318 (her father, Demus Aldridge’s lesson from the Johnson Schoolhouse singing, Fayette County, 1952); Brenda Chafin 180, 183 (her grandfather, Marion Chafin’s lesson from the Pinetucky singing, Walker County, 1952); Dorothea Maynard 155, 159 (her grandmother, Emma Keeton Beasley’s lesson from the singing at Old Flatwoods, Walker County, 1955).

Linda Sides gave acknowledgements and thanks to the following for the planning and research of the singing: Buell Cobb, Ozella Blackmon, Larry Ballinger, Jerry Kitchens, Roma Rice, Margaret Keeton, Clarissa Fetrow, Jesse P. Karlsberg, Henry Johnson, Willodean Barton, Mike Hinton, Ann Jett, and those who led the lessons. A closing prayer was offered, and the class was dismissed.

Saturday, September 10

The 113th session of The United Sacred Harp Musical Association met at Camp McDowell, Double Springs, Alabama, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order by Jesse P. Karlsberg leading 31t. He made welcoming remarks, followed by the opening prayer offered by Ron Harper.

Leaders: Kathy Williams 37b; Angela Myers 345b; David Brodeur 569b; Nathan Rees 448b; Eddie Mash 328; Danny Creel 475; David Ivey 103; Linda Sides 225t; Brenda Chafin 542; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 486; Elene Stovall 492; Zilpha Cornett

143; Nicholas Thompson 442; Richard Mauldin 446; Judy Chambless 154; Daniel Bearden 407; Ann Jett 88t; Ann Riley Gray 142; Karen Freund 272; Cindy Tanner and Lucy Heidorn 155; Robert Chambless 84; Wanda Capps 299; Emily Brown 434; David Carlton 448t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jesse P. Karlsberg and Kathy Williams leading 220. A business meeting was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kathy Williams; Vice Chairman—Linda Sides; Secretary—Angela Myers; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner and David Brodeur; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey; Memorial Committee—Buell Cobb and Eddie Mash; Resolutions Committee—Rebecca Over and Ginnie Ely; Chaplains—Ron Harper, Danny Creel, and Rick Cunningham.

Leaders: Ron Harper 396; Karen Rollins 278b; Kelsey Ivey 278t; Judy Mincey 474; Buell Cobb 52b; Mark Davis 436; Philip Denney, Gayle Denney, and Kacey Cook 164; Cornelia Van den Doel 277; Warren Steel 392; Karen Ivey 146; Loretta Whitman 129; Bea Aaron 456; Mary Huffman 163t; Sandie Scott 472; Leslie Booher 473; Marilyn Burchett 49t; Richard Ivey 90; Hazel Heinze 145t; Lauren Bock 97; Cheyenne Ivey 182.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey called the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Tom George 297; Nancy Price 34b; Rebecca Over 397; Dan Brittain 209; Ginnie Ely 196; Lynne deBenedette 344; Rick Cunningham 504; Cassie Allen 485; Barbara VanderJagt 384; Daniel Lee 566; Erik Mason 569; Barbara Swetman 353; Reba Windom 411; Andy Ditzler 402; Pat Temple 373; Tammy Powell 454; Darrell Swarens 507; Lisa Bennett 98; Jonathon Smith 326; Mary Wright 495; Gary Glover and Rebecca Over 114; Gillian Inksetter 352; David Smead 543; Marian Mitchell 48b; Alex Forsyth 336; Cecelia Kramer 191; Linda Thomas 556; Rodney Ivey and Gary Huffman 294 (by request).

Kathy Williams led 56t as the closing song. Ron Harper offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, September 11

The Sunday session of The United Sacred Harp Musical Association was called to order by Kathy Williams, who welcomed the class, and led 31b. Rick Cunningham offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Linda Sides 215; Angela Myers 63; Rick Cunningham 42; Cindy Tanner 436; David Brodeur 298; Rodney Ivey 482; Karen Rollins 168; David Ivey 517; Rebecca Over 399t; Ginnie Ely 228; Eddie Mash 503; Daniel Lee 58; Andy Ditzler 134; Pat Temple 59; Reba Windom and Pam Nunn 222 (in memory of B.M. Smith and Jeff Sheppard); Amber Davis 192; Cornelia Van den Doel 335; Darrell Swarens 36b; Lisa Bennett 505 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Lisa Geist 273.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Kathy William leading 270. Leaders: Jamey Wootten 313t; Larry Ballinger 133; Gail Doss and Dan Brittain 513; Jonathon Smith 440; Mark Davis 283; Mary Wright 477; Winfred Kerr 146; Jared Wootten 106; Susan Allred 434; Karis Askin 240; Cheyenne Ivey and Rodney Ivey 389; Marlin Beasley 318; Tammy Powell 527; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 527; Philip Denney and Kacey Cook 142, 358; Gillian Inksetter 160b; Ken Tate 319; Greg Allred 56t.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey called the class back to order leading 170. Leaders: David Smead 491; Hubert Nall 176b; Roma Rice 93; Cassie Allen 227; Alex Forsyth 386; Shane Wootten and Linda Thomas 39t; Stuart Ivey 30b; David Carlton 376.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Buell Cobb and Eddie Mash. Buell began by describing Ruth Brown as a great leader, and stated that her husband had been chairman at the United. Buell read remarks from a memorial lesson conducted by Ruth Brown at the National Convention on June 14, 1997. Buell stated that the memorial list was long, and was made up of warm, caring spirits from the very elderly, (the sweet natured gentleman, S.T. Reed), to the very young (Oliver Kindig-Stokes), to family members of those present today. He read the following list of names of the deceased: Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Gary Smith, S.T. Reed, Elsie Moon, Toney Smith, Hester Edwards, Sandra Spradling, Kenneth Fannin, Kathleen Doss Traywick, Bernice Williams Harvey, and Solomon Flower—Alabama; Joe Nall—Florida; Donald Klein—Colorado; Alfred Caldwell, B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Geneva Prichard, and Bernice Stedman Thompson—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Henry Reynolds—Mississippi; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Tony Conrad and Evelyn Inksetter (Quebec)—New York; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Betty Jo Bennett—South Carolina; Ruth Redmond—Texas; Ruth Steggle—United Kingdom. Buell led 153 in their memory.

Eddie Mash stated that many faces were missing from the crowd. He said many things can keep us from singing together, such as sickness and just the difficulties of life. He talked about a story in the Bible where four people carried a man with palsy, and took him where he needed to be, and that we are to carry each other in times of need. He referenced the scripture that “the greatest commandment is love”. He recalled getting a phone call when he missed some singings, and reminded us that little things mean so much. He challenged the Sacred Harp family to collectively join our efforts to pick each other up and encourage one another even if it is only a small part. Eddie read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Willodean Barton, Lavoy Smith, Ottis Sides, Anne Mauldin Chalker, Velton Chafin, Johnnie Chafin, Laura Densmore, Edward Swetman, Anne Missavage, Ben Price, Bobby Willis, Karen Turner, Idy Kiser, Susan Harcrow, Roberta Strauss, Bruce Rowland, Eloise Wootten, Nate Green, Norma Green, Wayne Reed, Roy Davis, Alice McGuire, Margie Smith, Betty Shepherd, Jewel Wootten, and Douglas Conn. Eddie led 472 in their honor. Shane Wootten offered prayer to close the memorial service. Leaders: Marty Wootten 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Marian Mitchell 532; Daniel Bearden 301; Barbara Swetman 383; Nathan Rees 462; Susan Cheronas 56b; Mike Hinton 480.

LUNCH

Nicholas Thompson led 64 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Danny Creel 269; Kelsey Ivey 500; Richard Mauldin 43; Judy Mincey 510; Ann Riley Gray 186; Ann Jett 327; Karen Freund 309; Erik Mason 102; Hazel Heinze 515; Lauren Bock and Jesse P. Karlsberg 234; Cecelia Kramer 444; Barbara VanderJagt 496; Lynne deBenedette 77t (in memory of Jerry Enright); Marilyn Burchett 29t; Leslie Booher 274b; Sandie Scott 268; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 304; Richard Ivey 371; Elene Stovall 396; Gary Glover and Rebecca Over 312b; Judy Caudle 216 (in honor of Betty Shepherd); Wanda Capps 203; Jayne Fulmer 454; Nicholas Thompson 464; Karen Ivey 384.

A business session was held to hear committee reports. The Secretary reported that all expenses were met. The Arranging Committee reported that sixteen states and three countries were represented. The Resolutions Committee gave thanks to God for his bounties and blessings upon us and for gift of these songs. They thanked the officers for their work, those who made contributions, and everyone behind the scenes for a joyous and happy weekend of singing and fellowship. They resolved to meet again for the 114th session of the convention on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September, 2017. The Location Committee reported that they

will be looking at returning to Camp McDowell or other similar settings. They will report to the officers when a location has been determined for next year. All reports were accepted, and the business session was closed.

Kathy Williams and Linda Sides led 62 as the closing song. Rick Cunningham offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kathy Williams; Vice Chairman—Linda Sides; Secretary—Angela Myers

PIONEER DAY SINGING

Ora Old Fields Presbyterian Church, Culbertson Back Country Settlement, Gray Court, South Carolina Saturday, September 10, 2016

The 12th Pioneer Day singing was called to order by Robert Kelley leading 37b. Leon Carnell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Robert Kelley 27; Chris Wilhelm 99, 113; Mary Baumeister 206, 506; Leon Carnell 36b, 47b; Dave Farmer 128, 107; Frances Carnell 523, 30t; Phil Perrin 354b, 127; David Libbey 503, 374; Jacob Lindler 278t, 28t; Jesse Roberts 338, 155; Nick Gattis 276, 178; Eric Carnell 39b, 168; Jonathan Wood 38b, 493.

RECESS

Leaders: Robert Kelley 63, 47t; Chris Wilhelm 123, 479; Mary Baumeister 531, 145b; Leon Carnell 56b, 268; Dave Farmer 145t, 313b; Frances Carnell 448t, 542; Phil Perrin 35, 45t. Jesse Roberts returned thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Leaders: Robert Kelley 153; David Libbey 224, 122; Jacob Lindler 417, 40; Jesse Roberts 266, 131b; Nick Gattis 117, 167; Jonathan Wood 77t, 31t.

RECESS

Leaders: Robert Kelley 192; Chris Wilhelm 70b; Mary Baumeister 169; Leon Carnell 198; Dave Farmer 267; Frances Carnell 460, 365; Phil Perrin 457, 30b; David Libbey 504, 86; Jacob Lindler 154, 32b; Jesse Roberts 33b, 441; Nick Gattis 312b, 274b; Jonathan Wood 119, 83t. Robert Kelley led 209 by request.

Following announcements, Robert Kelley led 69b. Jesse Carnell offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Robert Kelley; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm

NALL AND FLOYD MEMORIAL SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church, Molino, Florida Saturday, September 10, 2016

The 13th annual Nall and Floyd Memorial Singing was held at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Ryan Bowman leading 36b. Tommie Spurlock offered the opening prayer. Tim Jones led 225t, 63, and 120 as the introductory lesson.

Leaders: Nicole Bowman 384, 514; Charlotte Naylor 65, 45t; Ken Kelley 163t, 482; Gary Padgett 272, 192; Barbara Jones 32t, 140; Tim Royappa 268t; Tim Royappa and Morgan Bunch 516.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ryan Bowman leading 58. Leaders: John Kelley 335, 82; Erica Martinez 207t, 98; Stanley Smith 88b, 88t; Loretta Jones 30b, 380t; Ken Sundberg 123t, 124t; Mary Whitehurst 440b, 571 (in memory of Joe Nall and for her sister, Julie); Anne Royappa 131t, 274t; Wayne Jones 283, 504t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Henry McGuire leading 573. Leaders: Bill

Hogan 112, 591; Aubrey Barfield and Shannan McKenzie 224, 242.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ryan Bowman. He read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Alice McGuire, Fred Hileman, Bobby Willis, Wilburn Ellison, and Joanne Nall. He and Ken Kelley led 78.

Ryan then read the following list of names of the deceased: Joe Nall, B.M. Smith, Charles Ellis, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Bernice Harvey, Hugh Kilmer, Arlie Nall, Agnes Nall, Bill Aplin, and Gary Smith. He and Bill Hogan led 171. John Kelley offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Nancy Hogan 505, 464; Russ Scholz 421, 475. The class sang 369, and Gerald Manning offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with the class singing 96. Leaders: Shane Brown 482; Shane Brown and Stanley Smith 62; Shannan McKenzie 444t, 450; Adrian Nall 393, 540; Marion Patrick 580, 358; Hubert Nall 36b, 336t; Sue Bunch 268b, 511b; Tommie Spurlock 99, 264b; Henry McGuire 336b, 574; Lloyd Jones 478, 463; Linda Westbrook 465; Chip Westbrook 451b; Morgan Bunch 30t, 123; Gerald Manning and Paulette Shivers 447t; Stanley Smith 522.

Announcements were made. Ryan Bowman and Nicole Bowman led 95b as the closing song. Adrian Nall offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ryan Bowman; Secretary—Nicole Bowman

CAPE MEARES SACRED HARP SINGING

Cape Meares Community Center, Cape Meares, Oregon

Saturday, September 10, 2016

The 7th annual Cape Meares All-Day Singing was called to order by Betsy Jeronen leading 448b. Melissa Stephenson offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairperson—Betsy Jeronen; Treasurer—Linda Berkemeier; Secretary—Lyle Lindsey.

Leaders: Linda Berkemeier 228; Lyle Lindsey 34b; Rachel Hall 318; Erik Schwab 201; Nell Whitman 159; Pat Coghlan 444; Kelly Kennedy 206; Dave Barber 99; Kathy Vlach and Hannah Field 171; Dorothy Robinson 312t; John Wiens 74b; Laura McMurray 512; Jen Rymut 138b; Nancy Novotny 540; Chris Cotter 513; Kate Fine 187; Thom Fahrback 98.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Cornelia Stanton leading 32t. Leaders: Bob Schinske 309; Kari Lundgren 37b; John Berendzen 480; Lindy Groening 368; Kevin Barrans 182; Steve Cackley 505; Kate Coxon 426b (for Bruce Rowland); Kevin Beirne 217; Ana Tighe 535; Mark Miller 348t; Betsy Jeronen 436; Steve Helwig 101t (in memory of Steve Adams); Claire Hogan 267; Dan Thoma 68b; Dave Barber 324; Pat Coghlan 218.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Bradley Knoke leading 569b. Leaders: Linda Berkemeier 385b (for Karen Willard and her parents); Dorothy Robinson 377; Eric Holt 344; Kelly Kennedy 492; Steve Cackley 494; Kari Lundgren 474; John Berendzen 314; Kathy Vlach 212; Lyle Lindsey 84; Kate Fine 475; Laura McMurray 101b; Steve Helwig 543; Nell Whitman 300. The noon blessing was offered by Melissa Stephenson.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Concetta Branson and Rosie Lindsey leading 72b. Leaders: Ana Tighe 302; Nancy Novotny 203; Kate Coxon 430; Erik Schwab 498; Kevin Beirne 422; Rachel Hall 329; Kevin Barrans 299; Bob Schinske 202; Jen Rymut 560; Mark Miller 280; Claire Hogan 328; John Wiens 379; Betsy Jeronen

564; Chris Cotter 213t; Lindy Groening 189; Thom Fahrbach 263; Dan Thoma 531; Eric Holt 354t; Kari Lundgren 46; Bob Schinske 73t; Kelly Kennedy 411; Rachel Hall 384; John Berendzen 266.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Steve Cackley leading 378t. Leaders: Dan Thoma 306; Kathy Vlach 565; John Wiens 370; Meg Larson 549; Cornelia Stanton 454; Thom Fahrbach and Bradley Knoke 177; Marie Brandis 112; Lindy Groening 68t; Ana Tighe 472; Steve Helwig 351; Kate Coxon 350; Erik Schwab 448t; Kevin Beirne 176t; Dave Barber 362; Mark Miller 229; Pat Coghlan 542; Kevin Barrans 536; Clair Hogan 181; Chris Cotter 410t.

The business session was reopened. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met, and the Registration and Arranging committees reported at total of fifty attendees with ninety-three songs led by thirty-seven leaders.

Betsy Jeronen led 36b as the closing song. Melissa Stephenson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Betsy Jeronen; Treasurer—Linda Berkemeier; Secretary—Lyle Lindsey

RIVANNA RIVER SINGING

Charlottesville Friends Meeting House, Charlottesville, Virginia Saturday, September 10, 2016

The 14th annual Rivanna River All-Day Singing was called to order by Bridget Camden leading 163t. Elections were held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Zachary Bullock; Vice Chairman—Miranda Elliot Rader; Treasurer—John Alexander; Secretary—Beverly Yaeger. The opening prayer was offered by Ateven Snderson.

Leaders: Zachary Bullock 101t; Miranda Elliot Rader 32t; John Alexander 102; Ben Shirley 148; Judy Cahill 87; Hank Schutz 192; Tristan Cleveland 112; Ateven Snderson 107; Les Updike 373; Bess Fitzgerald 28t; Kristin Szakous 268; Will Fitzgerald 448t; Marla Elliot 366; Jim Strube 217; Emily Alton 270; Kathy Manning 318; Ben Hartland 448b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Mary Helen Dupree leading 96. Leaders: Kelly Macklin 216; Chris Wolf 348t; Liz Meitzler 77t; John delRe 42; Emmie Strasburg 34b; Leland delRe 302; Ben Shirley 503; Tristan Cleveland 472; Kathy Manning 142; Ateven Snderson 455; Emily Owens Alton 479; Miranda Elliot Rader and Marla Elliot 208; Hank Schutz 143; Kristin Szakous 209; Jim Strube 210; Will Fitzgerald 532; Bridget Camden 141; John Alexander 317; Bess Fitzgerald 71; Les Updike 145b; Liz Meitzler 76b; John delRe 466; Kelly Macklin 564; Leland delRe 134.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Emily Owens Alton. She read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Karl Ackerman, Jeff Shirley, and Bev Kennell. Emily led 414.

She read the following list of names of the deceased: Bill Anderson, John Vollbrecht, and Sarah Armstrong—Virginia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Robert Dupree and Toney Smith—Alabama; and Megann Schmitt—Wisconsin. Emily led 330b. A prayer was offered by Ateven Snderson.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order and song selections were from either *The Sacred Harp* (SH) or Shenandoah Harmony (ShH). Leaders: Diane Ober and John Alexander 438 (ShH); Chris Wolf 381 (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 94 (ShH); Ben Hartland 432t (ShH); Zachary Bullock 424 (ShH); Graham Dezarn 284 (ShH); Bridget Camden 310 (ShH); Miranda Elliot Rader 305 (ShH); Will Fitzgerald 106

(ShH); Jim Strube 214 (ShH); Kathy Manning 188 (ShH); John delRe 29 (ShH); Emily Owens Alton 407 (ShH); Ben Shirley 115; Liz Meitzler 60b (ShH); Les Updike 296 (ShH); Leland delRe 411 (ShH).

RECESS

The class was called back together by Jim Strube leading 5t (ShH). Leaders: John Alexander 4t (ShH); Kelly Macklin 154 (ShH); Marla Elliot 269; Ateven Snderson 200 (ShH); Emmie Strasburg 163t; Zach Bullock 260t (ShH) (for Hank Schutz); Graham Dezarn 428 (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 22b (ShH); Chris Wolf 158t (ShH); Zachary Bullock 260b (ShH); Emily Owens Alton 416 (ShH); Will Fitzgerald 429 (ShH); Kathy Manning 232 (ShH); John delRe 316b (ShH); Marla Elliot and Miranda Elliot Rader 504; Ben Shirley 72b (ShH); Kelly Macklin 218t (ShH).

Judy Cahill submitted the following resolutions, thanking Barbarie Hill and Ben Shirley for their work in the kitchen, Ateven Snderson for being Chaplain, Emily Owens Alton for offering the memorial lesson, Beverly Yaeger for doing registration, Diane Ober and Ben Griffen for arranging, and John del Re, Kelly Macklin, Hank Schutz, and Chris Wolf for pitching.

Zachary Bullock led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ateven Snderson.

Chairman—Zachary Bullock; Vice Chairman—Miranda Elliot Rader;
Secretary—Beverly Yaeger

KULTURNATT SINGING WEEKEND

Uppsala, Kingdom of Sweden

September 10-11, 2016

Saturday, September 10

The first session of the Kulturnatt Singing Weekend was called to order by Zack Lindahl leading 47t. Leaders: Geoff Grainger 313b; Steven Schmidgall 473; Werner Ullah 49t; Oskar Kvasnes 452; Franziska Opp and Werner Ullah 178; Stefan Swat 278t; Elias Hall and Zack Lindahl 300; Michael Walker 82t; Hillevi Lasén and Zack Lindahl 448t; Marielle Minutella 410t; Christina Schümann 228; Camilla Widholm 272; Saara Pakarinen 332; Geoff Grainger 339; Steven Schmidgall 136; Dominik Fraune 277; Patrick Williams 183; Elias Hall and Zack Lindahl 457; Zack Lindahl 33b; Werner Ullah 37b. Grace was offered by Zack Lindahl.

LUNCH

The singing school was called to order by Zack Lindahl leading 48t. Michael Walker taught a singing school and led 49b, 45t, 28t, 53, 275t, 275b, 55, and 212 as illustrations of the teachings. Zack Lindahl concluded the singing school by leading 69t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Dominik Fraune leading 39t. Leaders: Steven Schmidgall 369; Christina Schümann 147t; Marielle Minutella 209; Camilla Widholm 528; Ruth McNamara 335; Michael Walker 111b; Werner Ullah 278t; Oskar Kvasnes 155; Franziska Opp 148. Zack Lindahl led 30b as the closing song.

Sunday, September 11

The Sunday session was called to order by Zack Lindahl leading 59. Michael Walker taught a singing school, and illustrated the teachings by leading 49b, 101t, 162, 378t, 40, 148, 354, 107, 131b, 38b, 36t, 319, 445, 401, and 62. Zack Lindahl concluded the singing school by leading 82t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Zack Lindahl leading 37b. Leaders: Camilla Widholm 39t; Saara Pakarinen 74t; Marielle Minutella 515; Ruth McNamara 49t; Elias Hall and Zack Lindahl 274t; Zack Lindahl 134 (for Michael Walker); Oskar Kvasnes 297; Stefan Swat 547; Franziska Opp 86; Patrick Williams 335; Geoff Grainger 535; Steven Schmidgall 415; Camilla Widholm 133; Marielle Minutella 294. Zack Lindahl led 69t as the closing song.

Chairman—Zack Lindahl; Secretaries—Werner Ullah and Steven Schmidgall

LEE ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING (CHRISTIAN HARMONY)

Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, Ila, Georgia

Saturday, September 17, 2016

The 8th annual Lee Rogers Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in September. All song selections were from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition. Judy Mincey called the class to order, and led 21. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 30t; Jack Chandler 144b, 107; Ben Chandler 106, 142; Ellie Snyder 62t, 105t; Robert Kelley 455b, 452t; Rodney Chandler 117, 369; Mildred Chandler 189; Jennifer McDaniel 214; Christy Sinksen 116, 30b; Helen Bryson 131, 85.

RECESS

Mary Baumeister called the class to order leading 215. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 548; Bill Hollingsworth 72t, 429; Michael Spencer 225t, 310t; Chris Wilhelm 104; Jane Cannon 312, 329.

A business session was held and the class re-elected the same officers as follows:

Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Mike Spencer; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 397b, 34; Jack Chandler 372, 140.

LUNCH

Michael Spencer called the class to order leading 410b. Leaders: Shannon Primm 378; LeAnne Akin 259b, 395; Ellie Snyder 61b; Robert Kelley 71; Mildred Chandler 89 (verse 1); Christy Sinksen 89 (verses 2-3); Helen Bryson 179; Mary Baumeister 32t; John Hollingsworth 204t (in memory of Loretta Rigdon); Bill Hollingsworth 428, 546t (in memory of Raymond Hamrick); Michael Spencer 495; Chris Wilhelm 195, 126; Jane Cannon 54; Jill Chandler 67b, 67t; Christy Sinksen 55b; John Hollingsworth 136; Ellie Snyder 63t; Robert Kelley 316; Robert Kelley 507t (per request of Shannon Primm, and dedicated to all those singers who have passed since last year).

After announcements, Judy Mincey led 23b as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Mike Spencer; Secretary—Helen Bryson

SANTA CRUZ SINGING

Garfield Park Community Church, Santa Cruz, California

Saturday, September 17, 2016

The 3rd annual Santa Cruz All-Day Singing was held at Garfield Park Community Church in Santa Cruz, California. Edward Rice called the class together leading 29b. Dan Harper offered the opening prayer.

In a business session, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve:

Chairperson—Janet Herman; Vice Chairperson and Arranging Officer—Edward Rice; Secretary—Dan Harper; Treasurer—Mark Godfrey.

Leaders: Janet Herman 276; David Fetcho 87; Lindy Groening 36b; Greg Freed 89; Dave Barber 448b; Mark Godfrey 277; Leah Coffin 160b; Leigh Cooper 142; Erika

Wilson 421; Rebecca Edwards 39t; Dan Harper 300; Ruth McGurk 315; Janet Herman 454; Terry Moore 287; Carolyn Deacy 29t; Edward Rice 171; Sue Lindner 217; Susan Fetcho 228; Cecil Godfrey and Leon Godfrey 40.

RECESS

Dave Barber brought the class together leading 59. Leaders: Leah Coffin 99; Greg Freed 455; Leigh Cooper 153; Erika Wilson 335; Dan Harper 504; Rebecca Edwards 531; Cecil Godfrey 288; David Fetcho 312t; Lindy Groening 431; Terry Moore 430; Mark Godfrey 129; Dave Barber 164; Janet Herman 500; Carolyn Deacy 328; Sue Lindner 192; Susan Fetcho 432; Jane Hancock 354b; Edward Rice 268.

RECESS

Song selections in this session were from *The Shenandoah Harmony* (ShH). Terry Moore brought the class together leading 106 (ShH). Leaders: Rebecca Edwards 53 (ShH); Dan Harper 27 (ShH); Erika Wilson 227 (ShH); Leah Coffin 201 (ShH); Edward Rice 320 (ShH); Ruth McGurk 310 (ShH); Susan Fetcho 326b (ShH); Carolyn Deacy 242 (ShH); Greg Freed 69 (ShH); Jane Hancock 60t (ShH); Janet Herman 273 (ShH); Dave Barber 429 (ShH); Mark Godfrey 56 (ShH); Lindy Groening 57 (ShH); Terry Moore 238 (ShH); David Fetcho 278 (ShH); Ruth McGurk 403 (ShH); Edward Rice 404t (ShH). Dan Harper offered a prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Rebecca Edwards brought the class together leading 37b. Leaders: Lindy Groening 485; Terry Moore 121; Cecil Godfrey 448t; Carolyn Deacy 480; Sue Lindner 318; Leigh Cooper 392; Dan Harper 183; Daniel Steinberg 155; Susan Fetcho 452; Erika Wilson 527; Leah Coffin 173; Dave Barber 272; Rebecca Edwards 517; Mark Godfrey 340; Emily Stone 457; Greg Freed 475; Janet Herman 453; David Fetcho 411; Peter Ross 163b.

RECESS

Leah Coffin brought the class together leading 28t. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy and Amy Stewart 501; Ruth McGurk and Janet Herman 532; Edward Rice 122; Leigh Cooper and Cecil Godfrey 472; Lindy Groening, Erika Wilson, and Leah Coffin 564; Dan Harper and Terry Moore 84.

In a business meeting, the Treasurer reported expenses had been met, and the Secretary reported at least forty singers, all from northern California, sang eighty-five songs led by twenty-four leaders. Leah Coffin and Erika Wilson thanked those who made the singing possible, and presented a resolution to convene again next year; the resolution passed unanimously.

Janet Herman led 157 (ShH) as the closing song. Dan Harper offered a closing prayer.

Chairperson—Janet Herman; Vice Chairperson—Edward Rice; Secretary—Dan Harper

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Texas Christian Church, Clinton, Illinois

Saturday, September 17, 2016

The 32nd annual Illinois Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Ryan Hill leading 84. The opening prayer was offered by Texas Christian Church pastor, Scott Marsh.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed: Chairperson—Ryan Hill; Secretary—Martha Tyner; Treasurer—Mark Graber; Arranging Officer—Janet Fraembs; Memorial Lesson—Don Bardsley and Darrell Swarens.

Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 63; Terry Hogg 142 (MH); Martha Tyner 147t; John Seaton 47t; Lori Graber 2 (MH); Carole Briggs 148; Les Sontag 178; Ginny

Landgraf 82 (MH); Darrell Swarens 36b; Jan May 13 (MH); Patti Sontag 162 (MH); Presley Barker 131 (MH); Joan Aldridge 373; James Page 45 (MH); Barbara Chopin 313b; Nick Pasqual 333; Julie Vea 157; Becky Browne 214; Dave Ressler 323b; Jan Ketelle 180 (MH).

RECESS

Ryan Hill called the class back to order by leading 338. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 56 (MH); Linda Selph 475; Lou Kujawinski 421; Don Bardsley 273; Penny Kujawinski 172 (MH); LaMar Schlabach 47b; Nelson Bond and Peggy Brayfield 384; Joan Aldridge 166; Ginny Landgraf 148 (MH); Carole Briggs 122; Jan May 20 (MH); John Seaton 63 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 139 (MH); Darrell Swarens 448t (in memory of Janelle Davis); Lori Graber 42.

RECESS

Ryan Hill led 172 to bring the class together. Leaders: Terry Hogg 549; Patti Sontag 86; Nick Pasqual 116; Linda Selph 354t; Presley Barker 183; Jan Ketelle 448b (in memory of B.M. Smith); Les Sontag 87; Barbara Chopin 277; Becky Browne 192. As grace before lunch, Ryan Hill led 164 (MH), followed by a spoken grace.

LUNCH

Ryan Hill called the class back to order by leading 68b. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 474; Dave Ressler 385t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Don Bardsley and Darrell Swarens. Don Bardsley read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Karen Hojnacki, Doris Steinmetz, Berkley Moore, Melanie Hauff, Johanna Fabke, Gary Gronau, and Laura Densmore. He led 138b.

Darrell Swarens read the names of the deceased: Janelle Davis—Illinois; Charles Derleth—Missouri; S.T. Reed, Toney Smith, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, and Elsie Moon—Alabama; B.M. Smith—Georgia; Max Stackhouse—Massachusetts; Louise Hotaling—Washington. Darrell read the poetry of 278t that we may heed the words, followed by the singing of the song. The memorial lesson closed with prayer offered by Don Bardsley.

Leaders: Julie Vea 481; Lou Kujawinski 131t; James Page 81 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 546; Jonathon Smith 187; Joan Aldridge 228; Lori Graber 174 (MH); Jan May 138 (MH); Becky Browne 147 (MH); Carole Briggs 162; John Seaton 106.

RECESS

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 81t; Darrell Swarens 507; Jason Hosfield 299; Nick Pasqual 195; Jan Ketelle 168; James Page 69 (MH); Linda Selph 430; Presley Barker 472; Barbara Chopin 268; Les Sontag 127 (MH); Dave Ressler 77 (MH); Terry Hogg 135 (MH); Patti Sontag 28b; Peggy Brayfield 551; Don Bardsley 295; Penny Kujawinski 300; Lou Kujawinski 217. Janet Fraembs requested the class sing 242 to commemorate the fact that we were meeting on Constitution Day. Ginny Landgraf led 242.

Ryan Hill thanked all who contributed to the success of the day, in particular: all who brought food and the Food Committee, Lori Graber and Terry Hogg. Announcements were made.

Ryan Hill led 347 as the closing song, while taking the parting hand. Terry Hogg offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ryan Hill; Secretary—Martha Tyner

NEW YORK CITY SINGING **Middle Collegiate Church, New York, New York** **Saturday, September 17, 2016**

The New York City All-Day Singing was held at Middle Collegiate Church in New York, New York, on Saturday before the third Sunday in September. Carol Huang

called the class to order leading 72b. The opening prayer was offered by Mary Jane Wilkie.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gwen Gethner; Vice Chairman—Jason Steidl; Treasurer—Gary Ryan; Secretary—Alice Beattie.

Leaders: Gwen Gethner 131b; Jason Steidl 565; Alice Beattie 171; Charles Biada 330b; Nancy Mandel 421; Mary Jane Wilkie 228; Buck Wanner 35; Gedney Barclay 40; Michael Kaye 501; Sam Kleinman 36b; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Andre Kuney 299; Rebecca Rohrer 270; Ian Davis 47b; Katie FitzGerald 111b; Leon Pulsinelle 352; Jaime Piedra 159; Sarah Xu and Eric Xu 475; Eli Petzold 306; Anna Melton 114; Asa Horvitz 29b.

RECESS

Becky Wright called the class to order by leading 399b. Leaders: Solon Gordon 37b; Rachel Himes 168; Al McCready 412; Liz Patton 441; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 391; Gary Ryan 56b; Doron Henkin 192; Mary Skidmore 76b; Zoë Madonna 534; Jesse Krikorian 298; MB Gowins 283; Ernest Chamberlain 86; Paula Picton 87; Mike Richards 172; Rebecca Blumenthal 25; Scott Luscombe 481.

RECESS

Doron Henkin called the call to order by leading 53. Leaders: Guy Bankes 297; Emily Hale-Sills 540; Joel Basset 573.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Nancy Britton and Aldo Ceresa, who led 70t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Patricia Sensor, Mary Metzger, Albert Whittaker, and Mary Ellen Shrock.

Nancy Britton and Aldo Ceresa led 385b in memory of the following deceased: Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Betty Hanf, Lloyd Staebler, and Mary Staebler—Pennsylvania; Ann Henry, Evelyn Lauria, Veronica Ivins, Juanita Chamberlain, Charlotte King, and Roger McCarthy—New York; Ruth Soper—Indiana; Tommy Soper—Florida; Leon J. Pulsinelle, Sr., and Joe Neighmond—New Jersey; Gary Smith—Alabama; B.M. Smith and Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Jean Chryst—Wisconsin; Clifford Dektar—California. Mary Jane Wilkie closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Ellen Lueck 165; John Hughes 339; Angharad Davis 212; Liz Cantrell 186; Becky Wright 433; Ina Shea 145t; Michael Sensor 38b; Carson Evans and Christina Wallin 436; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 393; Jessica Keyes 157; Elsa Phemayotin 375; Lynne deBenedette 30b. Mary Jane Wilkie offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

MB Gowins called the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: Laura Hodges 546; Jennie Brown 527; Evelyn Lamb 396; Jesse C. Polhemus 542; Susan Helf 472; Sasha Hsuczyk 432; Kevin Beirne 392; Christina Wallin 532; Vale Cofer-Shabica 99; Carol Selleck 382; Rachel Hall 397; Dann Pell 121; Tara Mulder 328; Krista Guerrieri 430; Patrick Friesen 302; Jordan Lewis 182; Corinne Ducey 167; Lucas Husted 276; Nancy Mandel 564.

RECESS

Paula Picton and Molly Dektar called the class to order leading 48t. Leaders: Kevin Griffin Moreno 269; Douglas Fower 411; Aldo Ceresa 550; Merv Horst 496; Emma Rose Brown 101t; Patrick Paglen 142; Evan Druce 117; Elsa Phemayotin and Zoë Madonna 378b; Joel Bassett 127; Emily Hale-Sills 384; Scott Luscombe 569b; Mike Richards 511; Anna Melton 290; Kevin Beirne and Susan Helf 208.

Following announcements, Gwen Gethner, Jason Steidl, Alice Beattie, and Gary Ryan led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. Mary Jane Wilkie dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Gwen Gethner; Vice Chairman—Jason Steidl; Secretary—Alice Beattie

UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION
The Trinity Centre, Bristol, United Kingdom
September 17-18, 2016

Saturday, September 17

The 21st session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Matthew Parkinson leading 448b. Andrew Clark offered the opening prayer. The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Matthew Parkinson; Vice Chairman—Vicki Elliot; Secretary—Phil Owen; Arranging Committee—Samantha Cole, Sarah West, and Helen Brown; Treasurer—Emma Hooper.

Leaders: Vicki Elliot 61; Phil Owen 31t; Leilai Immel 276; Emma Hooper 335; Barry Parsons 72b; Kate Kirwan 171; Samantha Cole 131b; Crispin Walker 448t; Ella Cumber 432; Ian Lamb 209; Marjorie Brown 101t; Mandy Townsend 318; Toby Goss 313b; Cath Ingham 30t; Joe Vickers 103; Hauke Grünefeld 122; Arthur Swindells 99; Sophie Sawicka-Sykes 440; Richard Mayers 107; Rachel Wemyss 312b.

RECESS

Sarah West called the class to order leading 87. Leaders: Liam Kirby 436; Bridget McVennon 111b; Teresa Maguire 83t; Thomas Greig 542; Catherine Roberts 348t; Cora Wareh 481; Scott Lewin 378t; Sarah Hill 456; Mick Verrier 272; Grace Scrimgeour 547; Andrew Clark 73b; Claire Welford 501; Tom Gerber 455; Joe Jones 350; Eimear O'Donovan 313t; Mark Wardlaw 462; Steve Biggs 178; Katie Ahern 426b; Fynn Titford-Mock 57; Dermot Peel 143; Seth Dickens 287; Rachel Jordan 200. Karen Turner offered the blessing for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Charlie Williams leading 475. Leaders: Erin Johnson-Williams 460; Calum Woods 283; Thom Fahrbach 315; Lisa Bennett 538; Paul Landskroener 486; David Ivey 273; Robert Stoddard 362; Elizabeth Gentry 108b; Emma Hooper 496; Jesse P. Karlsberg 377; Samuel Sommers 528; Karen Isbell 383; Harry Scott 474; Kate Coxon 411; David Brodeur 150; Dan Brittain 193; Elizabeth Stoddard 422; David Smead 196; Richard Schmeidler 254; Steve Helwig 228.

RECESS

Sue Lord called the class to order leading 290. Leaders: Ian West 105; Steve Brett 206 (for Chris Parris); Judy Whiting and Eva Striebeck 330b (for Andreas Manz and his new wife, Franka); Sam Carter 77t; Helen Brown 532; Amanda Parkes 441; Guy Hayes 153; Pattie Wareh 479; Jan Geerts 212; Emily Verrier 106; Cath Saunt 299; Francis Gaskin 160t; Sadhbh O'Flynn 56b; Nick Hall 497; Margaret Gillanders 500; Ron Holman 504; Hannah Land 182; Lisa O'Grady 351.

Matthew Parkinson led 68b as the closing song. Marjorie Brown offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, September 18

The Sunday session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Matthew Parkinson leading 59. Thom Fahrbach offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Vicki Elliot 81t; Phil Owen 42; Barry Parsons 36b; Kate Kirwan 72b; Bridget McVennon 88b; Sarah West 288; Gerben Voss 31t; Leila Gamaz 83t; Ann Chesterton and Kate Coxon 56b; Faiz Wareh 118; Eleni Melis and Fynn Titford-Mock 163t; Lottie Sumner, Sally Sumner, and Lee Dunleavy 146; Fionnuala Kirby and Liam Kirby 207; Lamar Matthew 344; Jill Thompson 504; Emma Hooper 354b; John Davis 37b; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 148; Edwin Macadam 556.

RECESS

Steve Brett called the class to order leading 544. Leaders: Kevin Kennedy 394; Caro Stamm-Reusch 29t; Tarik Wareh 445; Margaret Bradshaw 340; Christopher Lyons

442; Andy Ditzler 222; Chris Brown 480.

Amanda Parkes conducted the sick and housebound lesson and read the names of the following: Jackie Saunders, Ben Price, Kathy Williams, Joe McPartland, Michael Appert, Bio Capéra, Nigel Cumber, Nate Green, Norma Green, Cath Tyler, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Laura Densmore, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Bruce Rowland, Mary Wilsher, Ian Monty, Sister Pippa, Debby Bliss, Sheena McMain, Myrtle Wiley, Dani Wiley, Anne Brown, Cameron Brown, Jess Dickens, Emily Grote, Sue Gruffydd, Brian Morrisroe, Paula Mogensen, Maddy O'Brien, Melanie Hauff, Brenda Richards, and Sheila Dodsworth. Amanda Parkes led 376 in their honor.

Michael Walker conducted the memorial lesson and read the names of the following deceased: Ruth Steggles, Margaret Owen, Janelle Davis, Earlis McGraw, B.M. Smith, Bill Milne, Mike Bronniman, Dawn Chaloner, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Sylvia Smail, April Selley, Jimmy Baily, Patricia Parker, Pilar Nuñez, Jim Gray, Connie Greenwood, Natalie Elliot, S.T. Reed, Irene Smith, Gillian Woodward, Helen Lyons, Charlie Derleth, Tom Robinson, Eileen McDougall, Ian Whiting, Eileen Wilson, Gary Smith, Michael Whitmore, Kellie Moore, Tony Conrad, Francis Bliss, David Strother, Mary Kennedy, Jane Davies, Doris Hammond, Helga Eisen, Alfred Caldwell, Geneva Pritchard, David Smith, June Howieson, Suzanne Wilsher, Gaetano Scarasciullo, Maxine Wiley, Brunhilde Laabs, Greg Maher, and Charles Dodsworth. Helen Brown and Hannah Land gave a special additional lesson in memory of Ruth Steggles, and led 454. Michael Walker then led 475 in memory of all those on the list, and closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Ted Brown 97; Eva Striebeck 444; Ed Johnson-Williams 201. Christopher Lyons offered prayer before the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Helen Brown leading 270. Leaders: Joanna Bennett 428; Mike Morrisroe 536; Sinéad Hanrahan 296; Steve Fletcher 196; Michael Walker 396; Sheila Girling Macadam 377; Samuel Summers 232; Claire Welford 384; Katie Ahern 112; Mark Wardlaw 260; Ian West 102; Dan Brittain 218; Fynn Titford-Mock 382; Hannah Land 392; Lisa O'Grady 332; Thom Fahrbach 505; Sadhbh O'Flynn 385; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 220; Tarik Wareh, Pattie Wareh, Cora Wareh, and Faiz Wareh 472; Cath Saunt 217; Jan Geerts 168.

RECESS

Ted Brown called the class to order by leading 111b. Leaders: Lamar Matthew 35; Elizabeth Gentry 141; Paul Landskroener 485; Elizabeth Stoddard and Robert Stoddard 142; Calum Woods 132; Harry Scott 104; Nick Hall and Rachel Jordan 546; Dermot Peel 278; Steve Helwig 466; Lisa Bennett and David Smead 506; Richard Schmeidler 120; Cath Ingham 155; Kevin Kennedy and Amanda Parkes 123b; Karen Isbell 348b; Caro Stamm-Reusch 523; Chris Brown and Judy Whiting 208; Eva Striebeck 515; Kate Coxon 406; Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Macadam 474; Margaret Bradshaw 266; Sinéad Hanrahan 69; David Ivey and Jesse P. Karlsberg 45b.

Matthew Parkinson led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matthew Parkinson; Vice Chairman—Vicki Elliott; Secretary—Phil Owen

**CORNELIUS BENJAMIN KEETON AND
TRAVIS KEETON MEMORIAL SINGING**
Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama
Sunday, September 18, 2016

The 45th annual Keeton Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the third Sunday in September. Glenn Keeton called the class to order and extended a warm welcome to everyone. He led 319. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 46; Mike Hankins 30t, 30b; Linda Booth 31t, 440; Eugene Forbes 299, 318; Lisa Geist 377, 472 (for Earl Ballinger); Nicholas Thompson 475, 192; Don Keeton 61, 75; Gravis Ballinger 76b, 120; Amber Davis 214, 224; Loretta Whitman 343, 72b.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Isabella Keeton led 104 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Henry Guthery 189, 434; Larry Ballinger 177 (for Earl Ballinger), 217; Richard Mauldin 388 (for Anne Chalker), 43 (in memory of Josie Hyde); Sarah Beasley 145b, 129; Shane Wootten 313b, 441; Joey Clingan 335, 179; Betty Baccus 329, 378t; Chris Ballinger 546, 477.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton led 64 to bring the class together. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 225t, 47t; Marlin Beasley 111b, 490; Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 282, 108t; Margaret Keeton 373 (in memory of Travis Keeton), 122 (in memory of Sandra Spradlin); Julia Poston 166, 290 (for Maxine Keeton); Jack Pate 503, 569b; Alvin Beasley 81t, 59.

LUNCH

Glenn Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton led 270 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Jack Pate 143; Seth Holloway 365, 294; Shane Wootten 411; Linda Booth 196; Eugene Forbes 36b; Nicholas Thompson 564; Mike Hankins 168; Henry Guthery 488; Sarah Beasley 141; Chris Ballinger 215; Richard Mauldin 146; Larry Ballinger 528; Marlin Beasley 40; Gravis Ballinger 112; Lisa Geist 304; Amber Davis 234; Betty Baccus 408; Alvin Beasley and Linda Beasley 354b; Julia Poston 108b; Joey Clingan and Glenn Keeton 227; Shane Wootten 86; Glenn Keeton 517 (WB) (for Maxine Keeton and in memory of Olen Keeton).

Following announcements, Glenn Keeton led 267 as the closing song. Shane Wootten offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton

**THE ORIGINAL B. F. WHITE SACRED HARP SINGING
CONVENTION (1911 J.L. WHITE REVISION)**
Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
Sunday, September 18, 2016

John Plunkett called the class to order, led 30t, and offered the opening prayer. He then led 41. Leaders: Russ Hanson 72b, 511; Sandra Wilkinson 111t, 546b; Ann Riley Gray 485b, 203; Carol Duvall 76b, 207; Henry Johnson 89, 122; Oscar McGuire 37t, 276; Helen Bryson 287, 490b; Alex Forsyth 379, 138b; Faye Holbrook 111b; Carol Hanson 277, 313; Leslie Hanson 274t, 540.

RECESS

Russ Hanson reconvened the class by leading 101t. Leaders: Judy Mincey 54t, 544t; John Plunkett 160b. A business meeting was held in order to elect officers. It was agreed to retain the same officers for the ensuing year. The business meeting was

closed and the singing resumed. Leaders: John Plunkett 114t; Sandra Wilkinson 478t, 484t; Ann Riley Gray 222, 142; Carol Duvall 517; Henry Johnson 81t, 491t. A prayer before the noon meal was offered by Russ Hanson.

LUNCH

The class was brought back together by John Plunkett, who led 91b. Leaders: Malinda Snow, Olja Tanockrvic, and Sigrid Edwards 135, 547t, 300; Helen Bryson 498t; Andy Morse 487t, 46t; Alex Forsyth 50b, 102; Eric Tweedy 519; Micah Roberts 335, 99; Faye Holbrook 410; Tom Hanson 299, 512; Judy Mincey 314; Carol Hanson 186; Russ Hanson 317b; Laura Akerman 271b, 55t; Ann Riley Gray 297; Carol Duvall 48b; Henry Johnson 495; Jesse Roberts 40, 549b; Olja Tanockrvic and Sigrid Edwards 277.

Following announcements, John Plunkett led 389t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Jesse Roberts.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russ Hanson; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson

SMYRNA SACRED HARP SINGING

Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama Sunday, September 18, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in September. Jack Nelson brought the class together leading 34t and 33b. Elder Louis Culver offered the morning prayer.

The class voted to retain the following officers: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Virginia Futral. Leaders: Robert Chambless 77t, 68b; Charlene Wallace 171; Winfred Kerr 500, 36b; Judy Chambless 300, 410t; Stanley Smith 155, 217; Rebecca Over 114, 430; Edna Ruth Phillips 200, 480; Myrlene Redmond 569b, 358; Wendy Anderson 61; Robby Anderson 98; Wendy Anderson and Robby Anderson 341.

RECESS

Jack Nelson brought the class back together by leading 228. Leaders: Jenny Acton 25 (JB), 112; Jacob Acton 168, 282; Cecil Roberts 285t, 399b; Denice Burleson 192, 269; Myra Goss 380, 288; Brandon Acton 142, 551; Dalton Lewis 146, 354b. Elder Ken Milner asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson called the class to order by leading 108t and 297. Leaders: Virginia Dyer 186, 28b; Sharon Whitehead 565, 110; Richard DeLong 203, 70t; Daniel Dean 39b, 39t; Ken Milner 47b, 45t; Virginia Futral 566, 145b; Rebecca Over and Charlene Wallace 283; Stanley Smith 302; Cecil Roberts 312b; Winfred Kerr 59; Robert Chambless 225t; Jacob Acton 196; Brandon Acton 146; Myrlene Redmond and Edna Ruth Phillips 517; Denice Burleson 340; Jenny Acton 318; Jack Nelson 39b. Elder Ken Milner dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral

CAMP FASOLA EUROPE, 2016

Wichrowe, Wzgorze, Chmielno, Kazuby, Poland September 19-22, 2016

Monday, September 19

Arrival, check-in, and orientation Campers arrived to check in, receive their t-shirts, room assignments, and schedules, and settle in. After supper in the Dining Hall, staff and campers met in Oaza Zdrowia for an orientation meeting with Camp

Director David Ivey. There were forty-seven campers representing ten countries (Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, United Kingdom-England and Scotland, and USA-10 states).

Class Singing 7:30 p.m. (Group 1). The class was called to order by Eva Striebeck leading 171. Zack Lindahl offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Ruth McNamara 34b; Cath Saunt 276; Zack Lindahl 48t; Ted Brown 47t; Joanna Bennett 168; Magdalena Osthaus 72t; Chris Brown 108b; Eimear O'Donovan 141; Corinna Frische 42; Julius Pasay 270; Sinead Hanrahan 422; Werner Ullah 49t; Amanda Parkes 423; Gerben Vos 377; Jan Geerts 71; David Ivey 540; Jesse P. Karlsberg 202; Kate Kirwan 129; Aldo Ceresa 297; Judy Whiting 441; Samuel Sommers 184; Holly Ruth Gale 479; Ross Harbison 187; Inga Hubner 56b; Harald Grundner 416; Sarah West 216; Oskar Kvasnes 155; Steve Helwig 351; Richard Mayers 299; Elizabeth Stoddard 374; Dan Brittain 309; Richard Schmeidler 475; Thom Fahrbach 310; Kate Coxon 166; Helen Brown 273 (for Kathy Williams).

Eva Striebeck led 521. Zack Lindahl gave the devotional, led 33b, and offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Tuesday, September 20

Each day, campers were given time for recreation, socializing, and evening singing.

Lesson: Rudiments I / Basics 9:00 a.m. Teacher-Samuel Sommers. Samuel Sommers introduced himself, and welcomed the class. He led 56t. Samuel suggested that a beginning singer should sing the tenor part, then choose the part that best suits the voice. He introduced the shapes, and the class practiced singing the major scale. He led 358. He pointed out that the last note in the bass part is always the tonic note, and will identify the song as major or minor. Samuel reminded the class that leaders, by definition, are always right. He encouraged campers, when attending a singing, to choose one thing to focus on that day (leading, accent, rests, etc.). He led 132, 121, and 323t, asking the class to focus on the tenor part. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments I / Advanced 9:00 a.m. Teacher-Dan Brittain. Dan Brittain introduced himself, and welcomed the class. Richard Schmeidler led 565. Dan referred to the Rudiments, and focused on the major scale, explaining that the interval between two notes of the same shape is always a fourth. The class practiced singing the major scale. Dan moved on to talk about keeping time, and stated that the tradition in Sacred Harp was to use a modest up and down motion of the hand and arm. He introduced the modes of time, using the Rudiments from the 1911 James Book, which specified beats per second for each mode of time. The class discussed the more traditional tempos for each mode of time. The class sang 45t, 287, 183, and 268. Dan then referred to page 21 of the Rudiments, and explained the rules and traditions concerning word pronunciation. Dan stated that in two-song lessons, a major song and a minor song are not usually mixed. The class sang 43 and 417, and then 278b and 345b as examples of two-song lessons. The class was dismissed.

Elective: Vocal Health 10:45 a.m. Teacher-Holly Ruth Gale. Holly Ruth Gale welcomed the class, and shared a hand-out. She outlined the items of the lesson. She stated that vocal health can be achieved by using common sense, such as being rested, having food for energy, and drink for hydration. She pointed out the importance of choosing to sing a part that best suits the voice, changing when needed, and resting when necessary. She gave some examples of physical warm-ups and vocal warm-ups. There was a question and answer period, and the class was dismissed.

Elective: The Life, Letters, and Music of Daniel Read 1:00 p.m. Teacher-Aldo Ceresa. Aldo began the class by leading 186. He provided two handouts. One handout included a chronology of the life of Daniel Read, copies of drafts of

correspondence spanning from 1793-1807, information covering years of his musical development, and pictures of his early manuscripts, handwriting, monuments and grave site. The second handout included several of Read's songs for the class to sing during the lesson.

Daniel Read grew up on a farm with one season of schooling and no musical training outside of singing schools and learning from his two older brothers. Read began keeping a notebook of his own compositions, which is now in the collection of the New Haven Museum, New Haven, Connecticut. In 1782; Read settled in New Haven, where he opened a successful general store and manufactured horn and ivory combs. In 1785; Read published his first collection, "The American Singing Book". Read is the second American composer, after William Billings, to publish a book entirely devoted to his own music. The volume went through five editions between the years 1785-1796. Read published "The American Musical Magazine", which included the tunes "Russia", "Greenwich", and Elihu Carpenter's "Southwell". The first edition of "The Columbian Harmonist" was published in 1793 and the final edition in 1810, when Read's musical activities began to decline. Daniel Read died at the age of seventy-nine, and is buried in Grove Street Cemetery near Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. The class sang the following songs: "Norwich", "Stafford", "Lisbon", "Smithfield", and 38b, 38t, 150, 50t, 300, 107, and 183. Aldo read excerpts from letters. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Music and Influence of O.A. Parris 2:15 p.m. Teacher-Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse welcomed the class, and Amanda Parkes led 546. Jesse gave campers a supplementary hand-out, which included a number of songs not published in *The Sacred Harp*. Orin Adolphus Parris was born on December 16, 1897, to Oscar Hayden Parris and Ada Odellia Morris Parris. When his father died, and his mother remarried, he moved to live with his uncle, John Godbee, and his aunt, Susan Godbee. He dropped out of school after finishing the eighth grade, and declined further formal education. Later, his son, Heflin, would remark on his extraordinary memory, and vast knowledge and skill despite the lack of education. Parris was known to have said that because there is no do (dough) in Sacred Harp, he chose to write gospel music instead. Parris composed in every gospel idiom, and contributed regularly to songbooks published by James D. Vaughan, and the Stamps-Baxter Music Company. Parris established a publishing company, the Denson-Parris Music Company, with S. Whitt Denson in the early 1930s. Leaders: Sarah West 349; Joanna Bennett 377; Thom Fahrback "A Few More Tears". After losing access to the technology needed to print shape-note tunebooks in the mid-1940s, he partnered with the National Music Company, and then with the Stamps Quartet Music Company. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa "God's Helping Hand"; Kate Kirwan "Weary Rest"; Sadhbh O'Flynn "Then I'll Be Satisfied". Parris continued editing tunebooks and composing new songs late in life for the Convention Music Company in Birmingham, Alabama, where he lived. He died in 1966. Sinead Hanrahan led 454 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Lesson: How to Beat the 7 Modes of Time 3:30 p.m. Teacher-David Ivey. David welcomed the class, and described keeping time as moving from bar to bar throughout the music. He referred to page 16 of the Rudiments and demonstrated moderate downward and upward strokes of the hand and arm at an appropriate tempo, so that accent can be done correctly. David led 313b (2/2 common time); 84 (2/4 common time); 410t (3/2 triple time); 348b (3/4 triple time); 65 (6/4 compound time); 275b (6/8 compound time); 387 (time changes). David said that many songs lend themselves to a wide variation in tempo, but some do not. He encouraged campers to always carefully watch the leader.

Lesson: Scales and Intervals 3:30 p.m. Teacher-Samuel Sommers. Samuel led 25.

He talked about the importance of singing and knowing the scale. The class sang selections from the *White Book Rudiments*. He led 359. Jan Geerts led 188. Samuel pointed out that camp is a good opportunity to practice singing intervals, which may mean singing unfamiliar parts. He led 91. Kate Coxon led 220. Samuel led 54. Samuel urged the class to sing their part while listening to another in order to hear and enjoy discord. He led 358, and the class was dismissed.

Elective: Learning Songs 4:45 p.m. Teacher-Helen Brown. Helen welcomed the class, and led 34b. Helen said it is important to know the tones well. The class practiced singing scales and intervals in both major and minor. She led 49t. Helen stressed the importance of knowing a song by observing time signature, tempo, repeats (both internal and optional), rests, holds (bird's eyes), fugues, and end bars (number of pages in a song). She suggested listening to tapes, with song book in hand. The class sang 52t, 63, 39t, 49b, 131b, 209, 159, 468, and 146. The class was dismissed.

Elective: Keying Music 4:45 p.m. Teacher-David Ivey. David and the class discussed reasons for learning to key. The most common reason was necessity. David referred to page 12 of the *Rudiments*, and noted that there are many ways to learn to key: knowing the tones of the scales, understanding one's range of voice, using keys of known songs as the basis for keys of other songs, and listening to experienced keyers. He gave some examples of songs that may present a challenge, and noted that the keyer should strive to make the class sound good. He related that consistent keying adds to the success of a singing day. The following campers practiced keying their songs: Zack Lindahl 53; Thom Fahrback 125; Steve Helwig 127. The class was dismissed.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m. (Group 2). Richard Mayers called the class to order by leading 312b, and then he offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Inga Hubner 49b; Ulricke Tietjen 375; Elizabeth Stoddard 67; Camilla Widholm 272; Helen Brown 300; Kate Coxon 215; Richard Schmeidler 474; Zack Lindahl 306; Thom Fahrback 327; Jasmina Graf 271t; Dan Brittain 465; Cath Saunt 91; Ruth McNamara 274t; Gosia Percy 58; Sadhbh O'Flynn 394; Ted Brown 549; Eva Striebeck 222; Alma Moledys 70b; Joanna Bennett 380; Jesse P. Karlsberg 353; Julius Pasay 111b; Amanda Parkes 298; Holly Ruth Gale 59; Jan Geerts 500; Eimear O'Donovan 177; Steve Helwig 101b; Kate Kirwan 545; Oskar Kvasnes 46; Chris Brown 48b; Sula O'Duffy 117; Magdalena Osthaus 432; Gerben Vos 181; Sinead Hanrahan 522; Corinna Frische 515.

Richard Mayers led 56t as the closing song. Harald Grundner gave the devotional, and led 308. Elizabeth Stoddard offered the closing prayer.

Campers were treated to a Kashubian Folk Dance performance.

Wednesday, September 21

Lesson: Rudiments II / Basics 9:00 a.m. Teacher-Samuel Sommers. Samuel Sommers welcomed the class, and led 76t. He outlined the class on Rhythmics, and proceeded to demonstrate keeping time. He stated that moderate downward and upward strokes of the hand and arm were much preferred. He encouraged campers to keep time within a range from about chin to waist, and to avoid flicking the wrist or bouncing at the end of the beat. Samuel reviewed each mode of time, and also demonstrated methods of observing a fermata. The class discussed repeats, ties, slurs, and joined flags. Leaders: Zack Lindahl 70t; Inga Hubner 68b; Magdalena Osthaus 80t; Jasmina Graf 229; Gosia Percy 385t; Gerben Vos 403; Eimear O'Donovan 438; Julius Pasay 417; Samuel Sommers 24b. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments II / Advanced 9:00 a.m. Teacher-Dan Brittain. Dan provided the class with a handout of the modes of time, and explained the modes of time. The class discussed the speed in which each mode is beaten. Dan reviewed songs, drawing

attention to traditional practices. Dan turned to 302 and 314, pointing out the slurs and ties. He demonstrated how to beat the time and sing the syllables. The class went over songs that are considered exceptions to the general rules for tempo, and those included 360, 376, 34t, 73t, and 163t. He used the songs on pages 387, 329, and 408, noting the time changes, and explaining how to beat the time and the customary tempos for these songs. Dan stated that even though we have these guidelines, it is best to always respect the local traditions. The class sang 57, and was dismissed.

Elective: Concorde and Discords 10:45 a.m. Teacher-Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse welcomed the class, and read from the Rudiments, page 22, section 8. Jesse and the class sang some examples of concords and discords, encouraging campers to listen closely. He said that the idea of what is a concord vs. discord can be both a personal thing and a cultural thing. In other words, it varies. Jesse led 348b, then the class sang just the half notes. Discussion was centered around why each of the tonic chords in that song sounded different. The reason is inversions. Jesse again referred to the Rudiments, page 22, section 10. Jesse and the class sang the example on page 22, section 6, to place the chords in context. They examined the songs on pages 406, 76b, 303, 36b, 59, 549, 82t, 414, 122, 99, 418, and 318, singing some of the chords in each song. The class was dismissed.

Elective: Minor Music 1:00 p.m. Teacher-Dan Brittain. Dan welcomed the class, and led 29b. The class sang minor songs, analyzing and comparing one minor song to another. Dan gave some background information on some of the composers, including Jeremiah Ingalls, M. Mark Wynn, and O.A. Parris. The class sang 32b, 36t, 47b, 53, 209, 211, 214, 224, 240, 268, 375, and 377. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: The Music and Life of S.M. (Seab) Denson 2:15 p.m. Teacher-Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse welcomed the class. Thom Fahrback led 314. Seaborn McDaniel Denson was born in Randolph County, Alabama, and spent his early years working on his father's plantation. He was not well educated, spending only a few months each year in school. Seab was an accomplished fiddle player from a very musical family. His brother, T.J. Denson, was a prolific composer of Sacred Harp music, and a renowned singing school teacher. Seaborn also composed Sacred Harp songs, and added many alto parts to other songs. Jesse led "Welcome, Sweet Day". In 1909; S.M. Denson was brought into the United Convention project to revise *The Sacred Harp*, and publish a supplement. He served as musical editor of the Union Harp, a stylistically valued companion to *The Sacred Harp*, and contributed twenty-one songs to the book. Leaders: Sadhbh O'Flynn "The Great Provider"; Amanda Parkes 430; Jasmina Graf "Cullman"; Eimear O'Donovan "Casander". Denson collaborated with J.S. James during the revival wars, adding eighty percent of the alto parts, some original writings, and some from other books, completing the task in less than one year. He also composed three very popular songs in one day ("Eternal Home", "Praise God", and "Morning Sun"). Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 336; Judy Whiting 328; Sinead Hanrahan 436. When James died in 1933; Denson bought the rights to the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, but then died himself before the 1936 edition of *The Sacred Harp* was published. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Leading Workshop 3:30 p.m. Teacher-Helen Brown. Helen welcomed the class, and led 68b. She referred to the Rudiments, page 16, section 15, reading the instruction concerning tempo. Helen encouraged campers to select a song to lead, and she offered constructive criticism and suggestions to improve their abilities. The following songs were chosen by the class for practice: 507, 71, 94, 276, 153, 193, 340, 91, and 178. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Accent 3:30 p.m. Teacher-Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse explained that accent is part of the Rhythmics section of the Rudiments, and shows emphasis to certain notes

within each mode of time. Accent gives structure to the melodies, brings voices together for a more uniform sound, and becomes a driving force for the music. Jesse reviewed the modes of time, explaining where the accent falls in each. Jesse selected songs on pages 70t, 53, 530, and 385b to demonstrate simple accent in common time. He directed the class to pages 422 and 455, to see what conditions might alter accent. He led 65 and 360 to practice accent in compound time. Jesse used 274t, 122, and 504 as examples of songs where the rules for accent don't necessarily apply, or the poetic accent wins over musical accent. The class sang 209, and was dismissed.

Elective: I Never Will Unloose My Hold 4:45 p.m. Teacher-Aldo Ceresa. Aldo welcomed the class. He gave the definition of fermata, what it looks like (bird's eye), and how it is used in music. He said that half-measure downbeat holds are the common, and usually double the length of the note in common and compound time (48t and 404), and extra measure duration in triple time (569b). Aldo said that half-measure upbeat holds were less common, and used 59 and 163t as examples. The class sang 96, 316, and 550 as examples of holds on the third beat in common time. The class sang 198 and 567 to practice full measure holds. Off-beat and unusual holds can be found on pages 37t, 321, and 543. The class was dismissed.

Elective: Newton and Cowper 4:45 p.m. Teacher-Chris Brown. Chris welcomed the class, and reminded everyone that poetry gives our music its atmosphere. Words help us communicate with one another. Sometimes the words of a song will determine what time of day it's led, or if a song may be appropriate for the memorial lesson. The Olney Hymns were published in 1792, and contain 348 hymns in three books. Topics include scriptural texts, texts on occasional subjects, and spiritual life. Twenty-one songs in *The Sacred Harp* use texts from the Olney Hymns. Ross Harbison led 148. Chris described the life of John Newton, as well as his friendship with William Cowper, and their involvement with the evangelical community. Cowper believed in predestination, and that he had not been called (that he was damned), and yet he still wrote songs full of enthusiasm. Helen Brown led "Cleansing Fountain". Steve Helwig led 27. Cowper and Newton lived near one another, often walking together or tending their gardens together. Newton began to offer weekly Bible classes. Cowper began operating as an unofficial curate, leading prayers and singing. In 1791; Newton and Cowper began working together on the Olney Hymns. Richard Schmeidler led 287. Chris talked more of Newton's and Cowper's relationship, and their continued writing of spiritual texts. Their texts became popular in America because of camp meetings, with different hymns illustrating different stages in the conversion process. Leaders: Ted Brown 74b; Elizabeth Stoddard "In Evil Long"; Sula O'Duffy 105; Richard Schmeidler 113; Eimear O'Donovan 34t; Eva Striebeck 56b; Kate Coxon 127; Judy Whiting "Texas". The class was dismissed.

Elective: Future of Camp FaSoLa Europe 7:00 p.m. Director-David Ivey. David met with a number of campers to discuss topics concerning the future of Camp FaSoLa Europe. Points of discussion included local participation, advertising, price factors, camp sites, and camp dates.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m. (Group 3). The class was called to order by Corinna Frische leading 144. Jasmina Graf offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Cath Saunt 101t; Zack Lindahl 189; Harald Grundner 312t; Sula O'Duffy 38b; Steve Helwig 323b; Alma Moledys 375; Sadhbh O'Flynn 346; Camilla Marie Widholm 196; Elizabeth Stoddard 399t; Julius Pasay 175; Joanna Bennett 532; Jan Geerts 91; Eimear O'Donovan 285t; Thom Fahrback 426t; Richard Mayers 198; Inga Hubner 94; Jasmina Graf 448t; Richard Schmeidler 543; Ross Harbison 500; Gerben Vos 430; Kate Kirwan 406; Ulricke Tietjen 113; Sarah West 342; Gosia Percyz 133; Judy Whiting 318.

Corinna Frische led 146 as the closing song. Ted Brown gave the devotional, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Thursday, September 22

Lesson: Rudiments III / Basics 9:00 a.m. Teacher-Samuel Sommers. Samuel welcomed the class, and led 477. He said that accent is stress of voice or emphasis on one part of a sentence, strain, or measure. There is both primary and secondary accents in music. He led 177. He continued by talking about dynamics, both written and unwritten. He led 412 and 143. There was discussion with the class about traditional customs concerning dynamics, and the class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments III / Advanced 9:00 a.m. Teacher-Dan Brittain. Dan welcomed the class, and led 90. Dan reviewed points about accent, and referred to the song on page 70t, stating that accent is straightforward. Then he asked the class to note the song on page 28t, where accent creates a thunder and lightning effect. The class sang 49t. Dan made the observation that this old hymn is sung often, and tempos vary from place to place. Dan led 48t, demonstrating how to observe the hold. The class sang 416, first with the alto part, and then without the alto (which was added in 1971). Dan reviewed the modes of time, and the class was dismissed.

Elective: Songs of P. Dan Brittain 10:45 a.m. Teacher-Dan Brittain. Dan welcomed the class, and passed out a booklet of his compositions to campers. The class sang selections from the booklet, and Dan made comments about the songs. Leaders: Dan Brittain “Chmielno”, “Dean Street”; Samuel Sommers “Garden State”; Jesse P. Karlsberg “Redding”; Thom Fahrback “Maquoketa”; Elizabeth Stoddard “Kittery”; Sarah West “Dow”; Dan Brittain “Cowling”, “Hauff”, “Beard”, “Pohick”, “Steel”, “Ruth”, and “Self Examination”. The class was dismissed.

Elective: 50th Anniversary of the 1966 Revision 1:00 p.m. Teacher-Aldo Ceresa. Aldo welcomed the class, and led 569b. Aldo said that Hugh McGraw spearheaded the movement to make the 1966 Revision. Aldo talked about the 1960 edition of *The Sacred Harp* and its flaws, then talked about the improvements and corrections made for the 1966 Revision. The class sang selections from a hand-out, and also songs that were added in the 1966 Revision, including “Martyrdom”, 479, 473, 513, 515, 566, 506, 571, 505, and “Seek His Blessings”. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: The Memorial Lesson 2:15 p.m. Teachers-Helen Brown and Ted Brown. Helen and Ted welcomed the class, and Helen led 565. Ted and Helen each talked of their experiences when they first attended a memorial lesson.

Ted talked about the history of the memorial lesson, stating that it was a way to catch up on news. He mentioned that the memorial lesson was not always included in the recording of the minutes, and was known by other names, such as the special lesson or the funeral lesson. Ted noted that the Rudiments do not give any guidelines for this service, so he related his observations of memorial lessons. A person is usually invited or appointed to participate. There is usually a short talk or reflection, the lists of names will be read, and a song led in honor of the sick and housebound, and one for the deceased. The memorial lesson is closed with prayer.

Helen related that the memorial lesson is a great source of support and comfort. Grief can provoke overwhelming emotions, and the support of the Sacred Harp family can ease the pain. The memorial lesson directs our thoughts to human mortality, and to hope for the hereafter.

Sula O’Duffy spoke on behalf of the sick and housebound, and read a poem. Joanna Bennett read the following list of names: Sister Pippa, Karen Turner, Cath Tyler, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Nate Green, Norma Green, Laura Densmore, Issy Kellaway, Dominika Jedrzejczak, Sheena McMain, Kathy Williams, Bruce Rowland, Bill Kerridge, Eloise Wootten, Brian Morrisroe, and Bruce Rye. Sinead Hanrahan led 531.

Ulrike Tietjen spoke of loss, sadness, a sense of emptiness, and anger. She said there is need for words, ritual, and music. Joanna Bennett read the following list of names of the deceased: Rina Rogers, Irene Smith, Eamon Smith, Gillian Woodward, David Smith, Ian Whiting, Eileen Wilson, and Ruth Steggle—England; Eileen McDougall—France; Sylvia Smail—Scotland; Mary Kennedy—Ireland; Brunhilde Laabs and Chris Holloway—Germany; Gary Smith, S.T. Reed, and Toney Smith—Alabama, USA; Earlis McGraw and B.M. Smith—Georgia, USA; Janelle Davis—Illinois, USA; David Strother and Frances Bliss—Maine, USA; Jim Gray—Michigan, USA; Charlie Derleth—Missouri, USA; Ann Henry—New York, USA; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania, USA; Tom Robinson and Jimmie Foreman—Texas, USA. Richard Mayers led 465 in memory of the deceased. Eimear O'Donovan closed the memorial service with prayer. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Leading Workshop 3:30 p.m. Teacher—Helen Brown. Helen welcomed the class, and led 52t. She stated that the key to effective leading is communication with the class. Campers led songs of their choice to practice leading skills. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: And Then I'll Be At Rest 3:30 p.m. Teacher—Samuel Sommers. Samuel welcomed the class, and led 43. He stated that a rest is a period of silence within time, meaning no foot tapping, or other sounds to keep the beat. Leaders: Jasmina Graf 71; Samuel Sommers 98; Gosia Percyz 330t; Jan Geerts 70t. Samuel talked about giving rests the same integrity as the notes. Sing every rest with impunity. Leaders: Corinna Frische 26; Thom Fahrback 280; Samuel Sommers 29b; Sadhbh O'Flynn 254; Sarah West 38b. Samuel asked campers a question for thought: "What song in the Sacred Harp book ends with a rest?" The class was dismissed.

Elective: Conduct and Care of Conventions and Singings 4:45 p.m. Teachers—David Ivey and Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse led 24b. David and Jesse alternated in covering the points outlined on page 25 of the Rudiments, Chapter XI. David talked about tradition as usual and customary, not recreating the past. Singings and conventions of this era are conducted with a practical approach to things that suit the circumstances. Jesse pointed out that conventions have changed with time. Many practices have been retained, such as the memorial lesson, while others have altered, such as less formality and shorter business sessions. The teachers and the class participated in a question and answer session, with David and Jesse addressing such things as how to raise funds and promotion, arranging committee, resolutions committee, dinner on the ground, and the expectations of visiting singers. David thanked the class for their participation, and dismissed the class.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m. (Group 4). The class was called to order by Julius Pasay leading 146. The opening prayer was offered by Gerben Vos. Leaders: Camilla Marie Widholm 440; Corinna Frische 126; Sinead Hanrahan 123t; Ruth McNamara 340; Ted Brown 479; Sarah West 361; Lloy Cook 276; Alma Molelys 268; Isabel Corfe 38b; Inga Hubner 193; Ross Harbison 282; Jasmina Graf 102; Aldo Ceresa 280; Richard Mayers 412; Cath Saunt 29t; Dan Brittain 170; Gerben Vos 448b; Werner Ullah 49t; Magdalena Osthaus 564; Oskar Kvasnes 63; David Ivey 210; Judy Whiting 521; Elizabeth Stoddard 424; Gosia Percyz 352; Jan Geerts 497; Eva Striebeck 491; Thom Fahrback 560; Helen Brown 422; Sula O'Duffy 277; Samuel Sommers 437; Kate Kirwan 442; Ulrike Tietjen 224; Eimear O'Donovan and Sadhbh O'Flynn 64; Chris Brown 447; Amanda Parkes 345t; Richard Schmeidler 155; Joanna Bennett 506; Harald Grundner 74t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 208.

Julius Pasay led 69t as the closing song. Jan Geerts gave the devotional, and Sarah West offered the closing prayer.

There were many expressions of thanks to the teachers for their preparations and willingness to share. David Ivey made closing comments. The class was dismissed.

Campers met on Friday morning for breakfast, and then departed.
SHMHA President and Camp Director—David Ivey

CHMIELNO-SKEPE-WARSZAWA SINGING

Poland

Friday, September 23, 2016

The 3rd biennial session of the Chmielno-Skepe-Warszawa Singing was held on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September. Zack Lindahl opened the business meeting, firstly thanking God and secondly praying for a safe journey. The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jan Geerts; Secretary—Amanda Parkes; Treasurer—Richard Schmeidler; Chaplain—Richard Mayers; Hospitality Committee—Gosia Perycz and Richard Schmeidler; Arranging Committee—Ruth McNamara and Zack Lindahl; Resolutions Officer—Jesse P. Karlsberg. The business meeting was closed.

Jan Geerts called the class to order leading 171. Richard Mayers offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Kate Coxon 32t; Thom Fahrbach 60; Joanna Bennett 112; Ross Harbison 318; Kate Kirwan 105; Gosia Perycz 186; Jesse P. Karlsberg 185; Sinead Hanrahan 192; Chris Brown 82t; Eimear O'Donovan 25; Werner Ullah 37b; Judy Whiting 503; Gerben Vos 535; Ruth McNamara 274t; Oskar Kvasnes 113; Camilla Marie Widholm 216; Julius Pasay 457; Elizabeth Stoddard 545; Steve Helwig 28b; Eva Striebeck 330t.

RECESS

Jan Geerts called the class back to order leading 38t. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 399b; Amanda Parkes 348b; David Ivey 79; Lloy Cook 178; Sarah West 320; Samuel Sommers 97; Sula O'Duffy 496; Zack Lindahl 507; Richard Mayers 294; Richard Schmeidler 254; Sinead Hanrahan 269; Sadhbh O'Flynn 263; Thom Fahrbach 236; Gosia Perycz 124. Richard Mayers offered the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Aldo Ceresa leading 474 (in dedication to Richard Schmeidler as the Treasurer). Leaders: Jan Geerts 52t; Amanda Parkes 472; Oskar Kvasnes 147b; Kate Coxon 354t; Camilla Marie Widholm 528; Werner Ullah 278t; Elizabeth Stoddard 341; Jesse P. Karlsberg 22 (on the left); Eimear O'Donovan 573; Richard Mayers 455; Joanna Bennett 245; Gerben Vos 228; Sarah West 365; Julius Pasay 410t; Sula O'Duffy 452.

The class went into a business session to hear reports from the various committees. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The Secretary's report was given, stating that a total of thirty-five registered singers representing ten countries and ten states were present. The Resolutions Officer submitted the following report: We, the singers of the third biennial Chmielno-Skepe-Warszawa Singing, humbly resolve to give thanks and praise to God for blessing our journey from Camp Fasola Europe to the Poland Sacred Harp Singing Convention with fellowship, food, sweet sleep, and singing.

We resolve to thank the chairman, Jan Geerts, for his gracious leadership, and congratulate him on his birthday. We further thank secretary Amanda Parkes and chaplain Richard Mayers, and we extend particular appreciation to our treasurer, Richard Schmeidler, for ensuring our ability to undertake these proceedings in such commodious accommodations. We express our gratitude to Gosia Perycz for her work coordinating our journey, and to our arranging committee, Zack Lindahl and Ruth McNamara, for coordinating our singing. Thanks as well to Sinead Hanrahan for her service in pitching our singing. We congratulate our leaders on successfully braving sudden starts and stops, unsteady aisles, and forward facing seats, negotiating vast expanses of tempo and pitch to bring hymns, fugal tunes, and so many anthems

to their conclusions.

As we journey from this place, we resolve to put the lessons we've learned during our stay at Camp into practice, and to serve as conduits for spreading the sincere, divine love and fellowship that draws us to this music. Finally, we resolve to meet again on a bus on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 2018, pending confirmation of the dates for the next session of Camp Fasola Europe, for the fourth Chmielno-Warszawa Singing. A motion was made and carried to accept the reports and add them to the minutes. The business meeting was closed.

Jan Geerts thanked the singers, and led 155. Richard Mayers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jan Geerts; Secretary—Amanda Parkes

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE DAY
Western Carolina University, Cullowhee
Jackson County, North Carolina
Saturday, September 24, 2016

The morning session was from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Mike Nichols called the class to order, welcomed the singers, and led 128. Judy Mincey gave a brief history of Sacred Harp.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 31t; Nick Gattis 276; Will Peebles 38b; Robert Varkony 68b; Dan Huger 81t; Mike Spencer 420; Steve Walker 445; Chris Wilhelm 31b; Mary Baumeister 303; Mike Nichols 324; Judy Mincey 77t; Nick Gattis 155; Will Peebles 136; Robert Varkony 49b; Dan Huger 569b; Mike Spencer 166; Steve Walker 107; Chris Wilhelm 99; Mary Baumeister 565; Cliff Hall 277; Kathy Tomlin 312b; Mike Nichols 72b; Judy Mincey 145t; Will Peebles 47b; Robert Varkony 282; Dan Huger 66; Mike Spencer 354t; Steve Walker 40; Chris Wilhelm 70b; Mary Baumeister 70t; Cliff Hall 159. Mike Nichols offered the grace.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was from *The Christian Harmony, 2010 Edition*. Leaders: Dr. James Dooley 249 (CH); Mike Nichols 255 (CH); Will Peebles 51 (CH); Steve Walker 180 (CH); Carl Blozan 109 (CH); Mike Spencer 30b (CH); Chris Wilhelm 21b (CH); Mary Baumeister 117 (CH); Judy Mincey 133 (CH); Robert Varkony 171 (CH); Dan Huger 419 (CH); Dr. Dooley 86t (CH); Mike Nichols 339 (CH); Steve Walker 167t (CH); Carl Blozan 135 (CH); Mike Spencer 193 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 208b (CH); Mary Baumeister 277 (CH); Judy Mincey 61t (CH); Dan Huger 23b (CH); Mike Nichols 369 (CH). Mike Nichols led 200 (CH) as the closing song.

Chairman—Mike Nichols; Vice Chairman—Judy Mincey; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING
Eva, Morgan County, Alabama
Saturday, September 24, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September was called to order by J.L. Hopper leading 31b. The opening prayer was offered by Nicholas Thompson.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman and Arranging Officer—Nicholas Thompson; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 89, 318 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Rodney Ivey 503, 276 (for Glenda Hopper); Judy Caudle 32t, 36b; Buell Cobb 92, 116; Susan Cheronos 300, 56b; Nathan Stewart 217, 546; Linda Booth 198, 313b; Loyd Ivey

426b, 90; Nancy Thompson 65, 405; Lisa Geist 273, 532; Sarah Trumbore 168, 222; Glenn Keeton 504, 178; Susan Allred 436 (in memory of Kenneth Fannin), 378b.

RECESS

Nicholas Thompson and Teresa McKee led 270 to bring the class together. Leaders: Alex Forsyth 110, 396; Daniel Lee 566, 542; Georgia Mitchell and Marissa Lingaitis 114; Angela Myers 160b, 57; Rebecca Over 376, 377; Wilson Lewis and Caroline Wright 339; Gary Glover 35, 335; Stephen Miller 47t, 384; Molly Sackett and Esmeralda Trevino 282; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 37b, 391. Elder J.L. Hopper asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Rodney Ivey leading 144. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 500, 314; Larry Ballinger 291, 528; Hazel Heinze and friend, Stella 99, 496; J.L. Hopper 369; Elenore Cole and Ayradian Shores 286; Oscar McGuire 441, 344; Daniel Williams 271b, 74t; Erin Dockery and MaryMac Cowan 333; Mary Blake Thompson 302, 277; Brandon Thompson 30b, 448t; Fiona Charow and Arrie Jones 455; Geraldine Sharpton 120, 143; Nathan Stewart 189; Shane Wootten 138t; Rebecca Over 39t; Daniel Williams 211.

Announcements were made. Nicholas Thompson led 62 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Judy Caudle

COLUMBUS SINGING SCHOOL **Karl Road Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio** **Saturday, September 24, 2016**

The Columbus Sacred Harp Singers gathered at Karl Road Baptist Church with members of the KRBC choir for an afternoon singing school and “Introduction to Sacred Harp”. Ohio singers from Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chillicothe, and Dayton added their voices to the day. Rob Rucker, the KRBC Choir Director, welcomed everyone and offered a prayer. A bountiful noontime meal was shared as singers and choir members mingled.

Laura Russell called the class to order by leading 72b. She welcomed everyone, and thanked Rob Rucker for inviting the singers to share their love of Sacred Harp with the choir. Nigel Ewan offered a prayer.

Michael Darby taught a singing lesson referring to the Rudiments in the front of the book, practicing scales and intervals, and leading 49t, 49b, and 39t to illustrate his points and practice parts. He asked Laura Russell to lead 107. The attentive class asked questions and sang well. The singing lesson concluded, and the class was turned over to the Arranging Officer, who called leaders for the next two hours.

Leaders: Lia Mansfield 515; Ray Rechenberg 565; Carly Monnin 448t; Brad Oglesby 34b; Ally Talbot 178; Greg Creech and John Kim 159.

RECESS

Laura Russell called the class back to order leading 45t. Leaders: Nigel Ewan 344; Beth Todd 146; Ed Walton and Ray Rechenberg 268; Michael Darby and Charlie Ernst 133; Laura Russell and Rob Rucker 163t; Brad Oglesby 87; Beth Todd and Maria Landrum 501; Ray Rechenberg and Laura Hall 276; Ally Talbot and Anne Shock 474; Lia Mansfield and Tim Leykauf 142; Nigel Ewan 143; Carly Monnin and Laura Russell 299; Ed Walton and Beth Todd 236; Greg Creech 86; Michael Darby 300; Joel-Henry Mansfield 163b; Laura Russell 532; Lia Mansfield 209; Ray Rechenberg 40; Carly Monnin 282; Nigel Ewan 480; Rob Rucker 411.

Laura Russell thanked KRBC for their invitation, the delicious food, and joyful singing. Announcements were made, and Ohio's three regular singings were mentioned. The class sang 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Nigel Ewan.

Singing Master—Michael Darby; Chairman—Laura Russell; Chaplain—Nigel Ewan; Arranging Officer and Secretary—Joel-Henry Mansfield

MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Olivet Congregational Church, St. Paul, Minnesota and the Landing,
Shakopee, Minnesota
September 24-25, 2016

Saturday, September 24

The 27th annual session of the Minnesota State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Alec Jenkins-White leading 34b. Ben Copenhaver offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Steve Luttinen 565; Dick Patterson 36b; Tamara Harris 266; Eleanor Haase 270; Jake Kiakahi 79; Christine Stevens 542; Angie Payne 77t; Claudia Egelhoff 571; AnnaLeigh Smith 466; Hans Guttman 480; Ben Copenhaver 41; Leslie Williamson White 102; Midge Olsen 528; John Seaton 49b; Kevin Bullock 144; Ann Fox 145t; Michael Shewmaker 171.

RECESS

Matt Wells brought the class back together by leading 29t. Leaders: Eamonn O'Neill 272; Karen Edwards 378b; Erik McDonald 91; Myles Alexander 548; Elise delMas 464; Erik Schwab 560; Cathy Lutz 441; James Page 216; Denise Kania 217; Leon Pulsinelle 55; Martha Beverly 504; Ray Cott-Meissel 47b; Joel Menk 165; Carol Buche 387 (for Jacob Wetterling); Anna Pfau 505.

RECESS

Kat Kohorst recalled the class together by leading 48t. Leaders: Martha Henderson 396; Steven T. Schmidgall 333; Michael Moore 48b; Jim Pfau 474; Dayle Dryer 362; Paul Figura 445 (in memory of Charlie Derleth); Mary Ellen Shaw 87; Bill Waddington 218; Peter Bradley 538; Lisa Grayson 383. Ben Copenhaver offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Matt Wells called the class to order by leading 47t. Leaders: Kim Bahmer 63; Steve Warner 475; Will Gilman 495; Jim Helke 567; Steven Levine 200; Hubert Nall 313t; Alexa Copeland 344; Shirley Figura 299; Barb Patterson 228; Cecelia Kramer 157; Robin Fox 212; Dan Edwards and Peter Edwards 56b; Jeanette Nelson 163b; Ann Sleeva 99; Ana Tighe 506; Carole Briggs 334; Val Eng 142; Bill Beverly 546; Tom McTighe 304; Doug Donley 424; Roberta Strauss 269.

RECESS

Steven T. Schmidgall called the class together by leading 59. Leaders: Shelley Robbins 455; Natalie Jablonski 432; Miriam Delirium and Kat Kohorst 448t; Janell Draper 74b; Ben Copenhaver 310; Ann Fox 146; Angie Payne 547; AnnaLeigh Smith 95; Tamara Harris 419; Steve Luttinen 372; Dick Patterson 155; Midge Olsen 454; Christine Stevens 352; Eleanor Haase 384; Anna Pfau 500; Kat Kohorst and Bernard Herberholt 271t; Matt Wells 456; Alec Jenkins-White 198; Paul Wyatt 440; Paul Wyatt and Alec Jenkins-White 82t.

Stephanie Copenhaver offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 25

Alec Jenkins White led 49t to bring the Sunday session of the Minnesota State Convention to order. Ben Copenhaver offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Steven Levine 497; Barb Patterson and Jeff Gotfredson 31b; Martha Henderson 64; Dick Patterson 40; Jim Pfau 203; Cathy Jordan 178; Jim Goetz 282; Midge Olsen 362; Jeff Bell 154; Erik McDonald 131t; Mara McPartland 504; Jeanette Nelson 171; Leon Pulsinelle 512; Steve Warner 168; Roberta Strauss 209; Hubert Nall 176b; Lisa Grayson 411; Dan Edwards 129.

RECESS

Matt Wells led 106 to bring the class together. Paul Wyatt announced Christine Stevens and Erik McDonald will co-chair the Minnesota State Convention in 2017, then led 299. Leaders: Ben Copenhaver 86; Joel Menk 400; Shirley Figura 550; Cecelia Kramer 430; Anna Pfau 196; Paul Figura 146 (for Zeb Figura); Jan Ketelle 216 (for Melanie Hauff); Tom McTighe 189; Martha Beverly 283; Jim Helke 399t; Ana Tighe 436; Leslie Williamson White 268; Karen Edwards 300; James Page 284; Erik Schwab 522; Michael Moore 349.

RECESS

Cathy Lutz called the class back to order by leading 39t. Leaders: AnnaLeigh Smith 298; Myles Alexander 162; Peter Bradley 149; John Seaton 47t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Dick Patterson and Jim Pfau. Dick Patterson led 566 for the following sick and shut-ins: Susan Harcrow, Anne Missavage, Melanie Hauff, Dee Egelhoff, Elaine Zidek, Melissa Kelley, Vera Nell Sasser (Wyatt), Julie Vea, Johanna Fabke, Megan Holm, Berkley Moore, Robert Smith, Edna Pauly, Dante Nettles, Stevie Peterson, and Paul Wilson.

Jim Pfau led 66 in memory of the following deceased: Bernice Williams Harvey, Vernelle Amason, Kathleen Doss Traywick, Elsie Moon, Steve Adams, S.T. Reed, Kermit Adams, Toney Smith, and Gary Smith—Alabama; Joe Nall—Florida; B.M. Smith and Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Patty Neir, Melvin Amundson, Eleanor Zelliott, Elizabeth Lofgren, David Skeie, Philando Castille, DePaul Willette, John Kenna Henderson, and Louisa Kajmowicz Tapu—Minnesota; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Leon J. Pulsinelle, Joe Neighmond, and Paul Miller—New Jersey; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Fran Ross—Oregon; Oliver Kindig Stokes—Pennsylvania; Ruth Steggle—United Kingdom. Ben Copenhaver closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Tamara Harris 414; Ann Fox 68b; Kevin Bullock 562; Ann Sleeva 335. Stephanie Copenhaver offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Steve Luttinen brought the class back to order by leading 105. Leaders: Stephanie Copenhaver and Ben Copenhaver 318; Jake Kiakahi 421; Noelle Copeland 236; Jacob Carrigan 163t; Gordon Olsen 503; Nathan Migdalia and Alec Jenkins-White 218; Janell Draper 112; Steven T. Schmidgall 477; Jenny Willard 422; Steve Lazicki 74b; Eleanor Haase 274t; Carol Buche 217 (for sister's anniversary); Hans Guttman 384; Denise Kania 564; Claudia Egelhoff 569t; Michael Shewmaker 84; Kat Kohorst 290; Erik Schwab 538; Hubert Nall 186; Ana Tighe and Tom McTighe 560; Leon Pulsinelle 507; Alec Jenkins-White 277; Paul Wyatt 398; Matt Wells 183; Bill Waddington 350; Dan Edwards and Karen Edwards 77t; Lisa Grayson 278b. Paul Wyatt and Alec Jenkins-White thanked all of those who helped put on the convention, and then led 62 as the closing song. Ben Copenhaver offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Paul Wyatt and Alec Jenkins-White; Secretary—Dick Patterson

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SACRED HARP CONVENTION
YWCA Camp, Tijeras, New Mexico
September 24-25, 2016

Saturday, September 24

The 25th annual Rocky Mountain Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in September at the YWCA camp in Tijeras, New Mexico.

Stephanie Fida brought the class to order leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Robert McKay.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Leslie Alperin; Treasurer—Sally Gwylan; Secretary—Nancy Nortz.

Leaders: Leslie Alperin 48t; Eric Mason 33b; Paul Lindholm 56t; Marilyn Murata 87; Sandra Cryder 178; Steve Cackley 73b; Meg Quinlisk 347; Lynda Hambourger 203; Michael McKernan 49b; Janet Plattner 503; Julia Zaffarano 380; Nancy Newell 155; Sharon Kermiet 181; Carla Smith 57; Jerry Schreiber 344; Craig Averill 49t; Judy Van Duzer 474; Mike Hinton 275b; Amanda Jokerst 67.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Harlan Van Camp leading 189. Leaders: Barry Johnston 106; Catie Van Duzer 280; Larry Hand 72b; Chris Nicholson 34b; Donna Sewell 171; Janet Morgan 77t; Carol Selleck 548; Sally Gwylan 326; Jean Merritt 569b; Allan Staveley 107; Robert McKay 142; Stephen Hoyt 68b; David McPherson 282; Claire Singleton 217; Nancy Nortz 89; Ed Stevens 515; Corrie Van Duzer 510; Stephanie Fida 498; Eric Mason 133; Leslie Alperin 180; Paul Lindholm 419; Marilyn Murata 450; Sandy Cryder 384; Steve Cackley 502; Meg Quinlisk 472; Lynda Hambourger 200; Michael McKernan 56b.

LUNCH

Mike Hinton called the class back to order leading 63. Leaders: Janet Plattner 47b; Sharon Kermiet 217; Julia Zaffarano 547; Eric Morgan 186; Lynn Hoyt 490; Jerry Schreiber 236; Craig Averill 276; Harlan Van Camp 362; Judy Van Duzer 151; Amanda Jokerst 318; Abbie Sorg 268; David Schmitt 86; Barry Johnston 66; Catie Van Duzer 481; Allan Staveley 148; Donna Sewell 40; Mike Hinton 426b; Larry Hand 59; Chris Nicholson 477; Carla Smith 36b.

RECESS

Janet Morgan and Eric Mason led 36b. Leaders: Pam Brandes 75; Marion Lewis 235; David McPherson 183; Sandy Klein 143; Jean Merritt 168; Corrie Van Duzer 42; Robert McKay 277; Sally Gwylan 421; Stephen Hoyt 105; Nancy Nortz 39t; Carol Selleck 496; Ed Stevens 369; Stephanie Fida 309; Leslie Alperin 454; Harlan Van Camp 504; Eric Morgan 110; Claire Singleton 315. The class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 25

The Sunday session of the Rocky Mountain Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Leslie Alperin leading 497. Leaderes: Claire Singleton 30t; David McPherson 452; Julia Zaffarano 379; Carol Selleck 424; Meg Quinlisk 127; Mike Hinton 495; Jean Merritt 47t; Michael McKernan 228; Eric Metzler 66; Lynda Hambourger 448t; Eric Morgan 383; Marilyn Murata 177; Eric Mason 89; Judy Van Duzer 163t; Harlan Van Camp 192; Stephanie Fida 202; David Schmitt 31t; Sharon Kermiet 215; Larry Hand 48t; Abbie Sorg 284; Paul Lindholm 447; Donna Sewell 146.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Robert McKay leading 70b. Leaders: Steve Cackley 61; Nancy Newell 410t; Luke Silvertson 312b; Sally Gwylan 324.

Carol Selleck conducted the memorial lesson, and led 70b in memory of the following deceased: B.M. Smith—Georgia; Oliver Kindig Stokes—Pennsylvania;

Janelle Davis—Illinois; Toney Smith, Steve Adams, and Kermit Adams—Alabama; Ruth Steggles—United Kingdom; Donald Klein—Colorado; Tom Fagan, Elle Ard, Hilde Ward, Ron Hess, and Eva Miller—California; John Shaffer—Colorado; José Aguirre—Arizona; Bud Dick and Becky Dick—Oregon; Katherine Nelson—New Mexico; NancyAnn Bullington—Nevada.

Carol Selleck led 70t for the following sick and shut-ins: Laura Densmore, Lavoy Smith, Melanie Hauff, Karen Hand, David Carr, Norma Ruptier, Shizue Sugimoto, John Fruin, Jeri Segal, Jan Lewis, and John Lewis.

Leaders: Catie Van Duzer 81t; Mike Chaffin 209; Janet Morgan 341; Ed Stevens 347; Chris Nicholson 473; Nancy Nortz 84; Janet Plattner 159; Amanda Jokerst 460; Craig Averill 29t; Corrie Van Duzer 112; Stephen Hoyt 549; Marion Lewis 68b; Robert McKay 39t.

LUNCH

Harlan Van Camp called the class back to order leading 276. Leaders: Leslie Alperin 122; Claire Singleton 455; Sandy Klein 117; David McPherson 120; Carol Selleck 421; Mike Hinton 373; Lynn Hoyt 339; Meg Quinlisk and Janice Teal 162; Jean Merritt and Carol Selleck 551; Michael McKernan 114; Eric Metzler 505; Lynda Hambourger 446; Eric Morgan 245; Marilyn Murata 412 (dedicated to Donald Klein); Eric Mason 313b; Judy Van Duzer 299; LeeAnn Boone and Carol Selleck 47b; Larry Hand 171.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Marmion Walsh leading 168. Leaders: Stephanie Fida 88t; David Schmitt 175; Abbie Sora 108t; Paul Lindholm 422; Sally Gwyllan 216; Catie Van Duzer 192; Mike Chaffin 99; Ed Stevens 294; Chris Nicholson 290; Nancy Nortz 135; Janet Plattner 119; Amanda Jokerst 560; Craig Averill 45t; Leslie Alperin 564.

Announcements were made. Leslie Alperin thanked all who worked to make this convention a success, especially the arrangers, the pitchers, and the kitchen crew. Robert McKay offered the closing prayer. Leslie Alperin led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Leslie Alperin; Secretary—Nancy Nortz

POLAND SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Copernicus Conference Centre, Warsaw, Poland** **September 24-25, 2016** **Saturday, September 24**

The 5th session of the Poland Sacred Harp Convention was held in the Conference Centre Copernicus, Warsaw, Poland. The class was called to order by Kuba Choinski leading 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Magdalena Gryszko.

Leaders: Kama Dembinska 48t; Jacek Borkowicz 31t; Anna Spruch 452; Justyna Orlikowska 40; Gosia Perycz 168; Blazej Matusiak 171; Magdalena Gryszko 217; Steve Helwig 156; Lloy Cook 178; Oskar Kvasnes 63; Geoff Grainger 313b; Sharon Spicher and Steve Helwig 344; Zack Lindahl 73t; Richard Mayers 65; Olo Orlikowski 29t.

RECESS

Magdalena Gryszko called the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Cornelia van den Doel 277; Ted Brown 426t; Gerben Vos 49b; Rachel Jordan 297; Christopher Schuller 81t; Jan Geerts 183; Thom Fahrback 187; Joanna Bennett 446; Edwin Macadam 550; Coleen Jones 500; Eimear O'Donovan 56t; Elizabeth Stoddard 410b; David Ivey 328; Ross Harbison; 276; Amanda Parkes 439; Nick Hall 455; Richard Schmeidler 84; Jasmina Graf 505; Cherylyn Neilson 215; Samuel Sommers 448b;

Julius Pasay 406; Chris Brown 392; Monique Mathieu 144.

RECESS

Jacek Borkowicz called the class back to order leading 401. Leaders: Marco Wessnigk 83t; Ciske Boekelo 209; Caro Stamm-Reusch 367; Ted Mercer 353; Camilla Marie Widholm 272 (for Samuel Sommers); Robert Stoddard 214; Aldo Ceresa 532; Judy Whiting 492; Paul Landskroener 464; Dan Brittain 458; Sinéad Hanrahan 134; Corinna Frische 142; Ruth McNamara 274t; Kate Kirwan 330t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 383; Kate Coxon 380; Eva Striebeck 456; Helen Brown 475; Sheila Girling Macadam 377; Sarah West 411; Sadhbh O'Flynn 428. A blessing before the noon meal was offered by Zack Lindahl.

LUNCH

Cherilyn Neilson called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Ulrike Tietjen 487; Julius Pasay 270; Magdalena Gryszko 542; Edwin Macadam 280; Aldo Ceresa 309; Eimear O'Donovan 269; Samuel Sommers 512; Thom Fahrback 225t; Helen Brown 426b; Eva Striebeck 390; Steve Helwig 57; Sadhbh O'Flynn 573 (for Eimear O'Donovan); Jacek Borkowicz 268; Joanna Bennett 436; Kate Coxon 182; David Ivey 481; Amanda Parkes 558; Sheila Girling Macadam 421; Richard Mayers 196; Dan Brittain 333; Rachel Jordan 564.

RECESS

Sarah West called the class back to order leading 388. Leaders: Justyna Orlikowska 198; Gosia Perycz 454; Ross Harbison 444; Robert Stoddard 419; Sinéad Hanrahan 372; Jesse P. Karlsberg 472; Anna Spruch 448t; Ted Mercer 69t; Nick Hall 279; Kate Kirwan 404; Richard Schmeidler 490; Corinna Frische 95; Ruth McNamara 59; Elizabeth Stoddard 534; Gerben Vos 547; Camilla Marie Widholm 528; Jan Geerts 91; Judy Whiting 150; Jasmina Graf 181; Marco Wessnigk 207; Geoff Grainger 339. Announcements were made. Kuba Choinski led 34b as the closing song. Eimear O'Donovan offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, September 25

The Sunday session of the Poland Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Kuba Choinski leading 47t. Blazej Matusiak offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Blazej Matusiak 503; Magdalena Gryszko 176t; Gosia Perycz 124; Kama Dembinska 313t; Zack Lindahl 445; Cornelia van den Doel 117; Ted Brown 77b; Cherilyn Neilson 497; Tim Eriksen 39t; Caro Stamm-Reusch 32b; Joanna Bennett 113; Paul Landskroener 112; Chris Brown 306; Ciske Boekelo 300; Oskar Krasnes 341; Lloy Cook 276; Christopher Schuller 324; Monique Mathieu 37b; Andras Szanto and Magdalena Gryszko 333; Olo Orlikowski 312b.

RECESS

Steve Helwig called the class back to order leading 335. Leaders: Nick Hall 302; Justyna Orlikowska 203; Ruth McNamara 340; Thom Fahrback 232; Sadhbh O'Flynn 206; Kate Coxon 568; Corinna Frische 132; Gerben Vos 133; Richard Schmeidler 268; Anna Spruch 442; Ulrike Tietjen 396; Judy Whiting 208; Geoff Grainger 535.

A memorial lesson was held. Magdalena Gryszko led 480 for the following sick and shut-ins: Sister Pippa, Karen Turner, Kathy Williams, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Nate Green, Norma Green, Allan Jones, Roy McGregor, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, David Sillito, Liliana Sillito, Bruce Rowland, Brian Morrisroe, Philomena Henderson, Paula Okerstrom, Sheena McMMain, Zdzislaw Gryszko, Maciej Kazinski, Bruce Rye, Sheila Dodsworth, Lavoy Smith, Paula Mogensen, and Issy Kellaway. Helen Brown spoke and led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Jaroslaw Ryszard Milczarek—Poland; Ian Whiting, June Howieson, Charles Dodsworth, Ruth Steggles, Dave Smith, Eamon Smith, Irene Smith, and Gillian Woodward—United Kingdom; Scot Overton—Sweden; Ellen Vos—Netherlands; Mary

Kennedy—Ireland; Kirstin Grainger Wellington—New Zealand; Chris Holloway—Germany; S.T. Reed, Toney Smith, Gary Smith, Charles Derleth, Francis Bliss, David Strother, Janelle Davis, Ann Henry, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Earlis McGraw, and B.M. Smith—USA. Helen Brown offered the closing prayer for the memorial service.

Leaders: Colleen Jones 499; Sula O'Duffy 347; Sarah West 391; Jacek Borkowicz 245; Julius Pasay 111b; Dan Brittain 177; Gosia Perycz 309; Camilla Marie Widholm 196; Richard Mayers 71; Jasmina Graf 320; Amanda Parkes 379; Marco Wessnigk 495. A blessing before the noon meal was offered by Jacek Borkowicz.

LUNCH

Kama Dembinska called the class back to order leading 370. Leaders: Blazej Matusiak 218; Zofia Przyrowska 236; Chris Brown 501; Kate Kirwan 283; Ted Brown 546; Steve Helwig and Gosia Perycz 352; Rachel Jordan 189; Robert Stoddard 228; Samuel Sommers 386; Sheila Girling Macadam 114; Jesse P. Karlsberg 349; Helen Brown 327; David Ivey 76t; Sadhbh O'Flynn and Ross Harbison 163t (for Hasina Khalil and her family and for other refugees from Sounio Refugee Camp in Greece); Ted Mercer 299; Kate Coxon 145t; Aldo Ceresa 522; Eva Striebeck 434; Thom Fahrback 227; Magdalena Gryszko 76b.

RECESS

Jacek Borkowicz called the class back to order leading 319. Leaders: Cherilyn Neilsen and Ellen Quenédie 58; Zack Lindahl 425; Lloy Cook 504; Elizabeth Stoddard 399b; Richard Schmeidler 475; Karolina Materek and Gosia Perycz 53; Monique Mathieu 457; Judy Whiting 373; Dan Brittain 43; Colleen Jones 432; Edwin Macadam 540; Sinéad Hanrahan 273; Jan Geerts 148; Kama Dembinska 315; Paul Landskroener 287; Sarah West 72t; Julius Pasay 159; Cornelia van den Doel 477; Justyna Orlikowska and Olo Orlikowski 267; Ruth McNamara 34t; Ulrike Tietjen 229; Caro Stamm-Reusch 278t; Amanda Parkes 381.

The Chairman asked for reports. The Finance Committee reported expenses for the convention were met. The Secretary reported that over the two days of singing 197 songs had been sung, with sixty-six leaders and eighty-six singers from fourteen countries (Australia, Cambodia, Canada, Czechia, England, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Scotland, Sweden, and USA).

The Resolutions Committee, Jesse P. Karlsberg, thanked the committees and individuals whose hard work made this a wonderful two days of singing and friendship. Announcements were made.

Kuba Choinski led 62 as the closing song. Magdalena Gryszko offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kuba Choinski; Secretary—Bogna Rózczycka

ALABAMA STATE CHRISTIAN HARMONY CONVENTION

Union Missionary Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Alabama

September 24-25, 2016

Saturday, September 24

The Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention was held at Union Missionary Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 31t. David Daniels offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Danny Creel 1, 110; Ken Tate 166, 462t, 121t; Emily Brown 120, 131, 167b; SuNell Ellis 189, 82b; David Daniels 184, 253, 143; Robert Walker 85, 171; Joan Aldridge 60, 19; Billy Thompson 178, 179.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel;

Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary/Treasurer—Emily Brown; Arranging Office—Ann Jett.

RECESS

Danny Creel led 63t to bring the class together. Leaders: Brenda Chafin 109, 372; Henry Johnson 256t, 281t, 281b; Yancey Jett 307, 287, 93; Velton Chafin 16, 2, 332; Daniel Bearden 61t, 431, 430; Cindy Tanner 322, 180; John Plunkett 22b, 67t, 300.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel leading 170. Leaders: Cassie Allen 203, 235, 54; Wanda Capps 264, 91; Ann Jett 149, 59b, 96; Dylan Feezell 172, 168b, 165; John Plunkett 546b; Joan Aldridge 51; Billy Thompson 355; Henry Johnson 274; David Daniels 248; Robert Walker 49; Emily Brown 117 (by request); Daniel Bearden 50; Ken Tate 133; Cindy Tanner 43, 258; Emily Brown 64; John Plunkett 278 (for Velton Chafin); Dylan Feezell 135.

Danny Creel led 359 (by request) as the closing song, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, September 25

The Sunday session of the Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention was called to order by Danny Creel leading 46t. Henry Johnson offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Danny Creel 308; Ken Tate 534, 490, 339; Emily Brown 338b, 326, 264; Jeff James 250, 170, 215; Judy Caudle 258, 322, 176; Nancy Hogan 493b, 468b, 166; Henry Johnson 76b, 105t, 105b.

RECESS

Danny Creel led 123 to bring the class together. Leaders: Henry Guthery 1, 4, 186; Emma Calvert 91, 85; Wanda Capps 142, 110; Ainslie Allen 117; Cindy Tanner 97, 342, 316; Michael Spencer 310t, 404b, 225t; Yancey Jett 354, 238; Yancey Jett and Emily Brown 352; Bill Hogan 121t, 356, 133; Joan Aldridge 131.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Danny Creel leading 230b. Leaders: Cassie Allen 364, 74, 361; Velton Chafin 16, 2, 14; Ann Jett 234, 284; Brenda Chafin 172, 216b; Jeff James 140, 249, 214; Michael Spencer 397b; Yancey Jett 68; Cindy Tanner 64; Henry Johnson 216; Judy Caudle 495; Nancy Hogan 362; Emily Brown 57; Bill Hogan 155, 6; Cassie Allen 38; Danny Creel 143 (for Johnnie Chafin).

A business session was held, and the class discussed ideas about promoting the convention in 2017. The convention will be held at Union Missionary Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Warrior-Jasper Road, Alabama. The business meeting was closed.

Danny Creel led 23b as the closing song. Ken Tate offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Emily Brown

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama

Sunday, September 25, 2016

The Winston County Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Springs, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in September. Don Keeton called the class to order leading 101t. He offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Secretary—Roma Rice; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Don Keeton 335; Mike Hankins 16, 282; Ozella Blackmon 172, 222; Betty Baccus 48t, 100; Julie Poston 108t, 108b; Nellie Alexander 81t; Nicholas Thompson 436; Nicholas Thompson and Gary Glover 480; Linda Booth 489; Linda Booth and

Nicholas Thompson 319; Gary Glover and Rebecca Over 114, 35; Winfred Kerr 59, 225t; Loretta Whitman 343, 406.

RECESS

Don Keeton called the class back to order by leading 143. Leaders: Rebecca Over 378t (in memory of Steve Adams), 99 (in memory of Kermit Adams); Amber Davis 276 (for Margaret Keeton), 391; Roma Rice 146, 496; Lisa Geist 572, 472; Parnell Berry 283, 306; Chris Ballinger 424, 178; Gravis Ballinger 78, 215; Larry Ballinger 224, 112; Earl Ballinger 217, 177; Susan Allred 384, 153 (in memory of Kenneth Fannin).

LUNCH

Don Keeton led 278t to bring the class together. Leaders: Susan Allred 182; Nicholas Thompson 189; Linda Booth 196; Earl Ballinger 439; Amber Davis 454 (for Willodean Barton); Mike Hankins 111t; Bernice Wakefield 159 (in memory of Cecil Wakefield); Gravis Ballinger 56t; Larry Ballinger 47t; Winfred Kerr 36b; Don Keeton 61, 141, 358; Gary Glover and Rebecca Over 312b; Roma Rice 66; Loretta Whitman 72b; Chris Ballinger 111b; Rebecca Over 56b; Lisa Geist 228.

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

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Secretary—Roma Rice

VANCOUVER SACRED HARP SINGING

Grandview Calvary Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

Saturday, October 1, 2016

The 2nd Vancouver All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Caroline Helmecci and Kevin Beirne leading 72b. Jocelyn Price offered the morning prayer. A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairman—Tova Houpt; Vice Chairman—Kevin Beirne; Treasurer—Jake Hachey; Secretary—Owen Plowman.

Leaders: Tova Houpt 29b; Jake Hachey 312t; Jennifer Jones 300; Matthew MacLellan 176b; Ana Tighe 81t; Peter Schinske 137; Dorothy Robinson 286; Adam Berey 451; Betsy Jeronen 573; Tom McTighe 73t; Marie Brandis 29t; Lu Zeng 129; Emma Swartz 101t; Steve Cackley 198; Erik Schwab 308; Kelly Kennedy 30t; John Berendzen 64; Claire Hogan 95; John Wiens 70b; Clarissa Fetrow 224.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Matthew MacLellan and Jocelyn Price leading 68b. Leaders: Bob Schinske 128; Ruth Linehan 284; David Wright 202; Laura McMurray 101b; Wing Mui 107; Kevin Barrans 349; Suzanne Garmsen 178; Kevin Beirne 460; Jennifer Jones 318; Tom McTighe 556; Rene de Vos 47t; Adam Berey 312b; Emma Swartz 560.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Erik Schwab leading 565. Leaders: Caroline Helmecci 324; Steve Cackley 494; Betsy Jeronen 422; Matthew MacLellan 506; Clarissa Fetrow 402; Tova Houpt 143; Peter Schinske 99; Marie Brandis 472; Claire Hogan 148; David Wright 410b; Lu Zeng 415; Sean MacPherson 359; Suzanne Garmsen 47b; John Berendzen 48b; Rene de Vos 46; Wing Mui 228; Dorothy Robinson 377; Jake Hachey 328. The grace was offered by Jocelyn Price.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order Claire Hogan leading 270. Leaders: Jake Hachey 332; Bob Schinske 302; Jocelyn Price and Matthew MacLellan 268; Ana Tighe 411; Adam Berey 149; Betsy Jeronen 436; Erik Schwab 316; Kevin Barrans 271b; Laura McMurray 283; Kevin Beirne and James Saville 454; Eric Wayt and John Wiens 547; David Wright 541; Kelly Kennedy 355; Ruth Linehan 500; Sean MacPherson 55;

Caroline Helmecci 440; John Wiens 553; Peter Schinske 209; Clarissa Fetrow 112; Emma Swartz and Jennifer Jones 430; Lu Zeng 479.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Ana Tighe leading 32t. Leaders: Dorothy Robinson 383; Steve Cackley 505; Wing Mui 504; John Berendzen 566; Jake Hachey 108b; Bronwyn MacPherson and Sean MacPherson 347; Rene de Vos 282; Kevin Barrans 196; Ruth Linehan 542; Caroline Helmecci 42; Tom McTighe 124; Matthew MacLellan 320; John Wiens 61.

The business session was reopened. The Treasurer reported that the day's expenses had been met. It was reported that there were fifty-eight registered attendees from two countries including two US states and three Canadian provinces, and that ninety songs were sung. Announcements were made. Thanks were given to all who helped make the singing a success.

Tova Houpt led 348t as the closing song. Jocelyn Price offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tova Houpt; Vice Chairman—Kevin Beirne; Secretary—Owen Plowman

SHADY GROVE CHURCH (COOPER BOOK)

Dutton, Alabama

Saturday, October 1, 2016

The annual Shady Grove Sacred Harp singing held on Saturday before the first Sunday in October was called to order by Syble Adams leading 293b. Mark Brown and Dennis Hall led 40. Bro. Dennis Hall offered the opening prayer. Rex Wilks led 53.

David Lee and Phillip Reese led the class in a review of the major and minor scales. The class sang the scales, and basic chords in each.

Leaders: Brad Bahler 515; Don Clark 497; Judy Caudle 477; Laura Densmore 504t; Hubert Nall 503; Richard Mauldin 272; David Killingsworth 95b; Phil Summerlin 96; Ed Walton 511t; Barbara Hohenstein 486; Samuel Sommers 344.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Pam Wilkerson and Shane Wootten leading 505. Leaders: Shane Wootten 138t; Henry Johnson 175; Johnny Lee, David Lee, Kathy Lee, Sonya Lee, and Phillip Reese 323b (for Delorese Lee); Jeff Adcock, Leah Holland, and Syble Adams 444t; Ray Rechenberg 133; David Saylor, Theresa Saylor, and Sierra Saylor 203; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilobosian 411; Steven Schmidgall 55; Rebecca Over 380t; Karen Clark 514; Tom Owen 27; Brenda Dunlap 77t; Phillip Reese 49b; David Lee and Syble Adams 288; David Lee and Darlene Dalton 587; Nathan Stewart 501.

RECESS

Samuel Sommers led 319 to bring the class together. Leaders: David Bahler 546; Sonya Lee 31t; Mark Carroll, Syble Adams, Pam Wilkerson, and Ronda Arnold 559. A memorial lesson was held at this time. Shane Wootten spoke about the closeness of the Sacred Harp community, and of fellowship within and without. He led 463 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Eloise Wootten, Delorese Lee, Anne Chalker, Linda Walton, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Matthew Lind, Malachi Lind, Skip Trout, Martha Beverly, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Milton Brown, Levon Wootten, and Frances Iris.

Shane Wootten, Syble Adams, and Jeff Adcock led "When All of God's Singers Get Home" in memory of the following deceased: B.M. Smith, Donald Carroll, Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Ruth Redmon, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, S.T. Reed, Toney Smith, Janelle Davis, Azilee Adams, Joe Nall, Tom Robinson, Jimmie Foreman, Naomi

Carroll, Earlis McGraw, and Loraine Bayer. Phil Summerlin closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey and Reba Windom 572; Dennis George 573; Susan Cheronos 300; Jane Carroll 511b. Mark Carroll asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mark Brown, Syble Adams, Pam Wilkerson, and Ronda Arnold leading 108b. Leaders: Karen Bahler 571; Tom George 98; Ruth Wampler 518; Gary Glover and Rebecca Over 441; Reba Windom 478; Cheyenne Ivey and Sarah Trumbore 465; Lindy Groening 342; Alex Forsyth 552; Cindy Tanner 39; Isaac Stiefel 543; Gideon Lloyd, Ezra Lloyd, and Malachi Lloyd 168; Isaac Lloyd 47b; Darlene Dalton, Rosa, and Sheila 492; Elyssa Lloyd, Havilah Lloyd, and Jael Lloyd 38t; Linda Booth 361; Kathy Lee 500; Sonya Lee, Arlene Holloway, and David Lee 159; Ronda Arnold and Syble Adams 393 (for Betty); Shane Wootten 392 (by request); Mark Brown "Sweet Beulah Land"; Rodney Ivey and Alex Forsyth 137 (by request); Syble Adams and Shane Wootten 376.

Announcements were made. Syble Adams and Mark Brown led "God Be with You" as the closing song. Brad Bahler dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Mark Brown; Secretary—Judy Caudle

NEW ENGLAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION

The Old Refectory, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut

October 1-2, 2016

Saturday, October 1

Ian Quinn called the class to order leading 56t. LaRee Delahunt offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Gambell 38b; Charles Biada 40; Philippa Stoddard 42; Jesse C. Polhemus 370; John Klaess 37b; LaRee Delahunt 34b; Holly Laws 29t; Keillor Mose 200; Wendy Sibbison 477; Vicki Hayes 48t; John Hughes 171; Gabriel Kastle 95; Angharad Davis 70b; Sharon Lehr 315; Sam Kleinman 313t; Corey Walters 192; Mary Jane Wilkie 332; Mike Richards 129.

RECESS

Solon Gordon called the class to order leading 105. Leaders: Stina Soderling 451; Ian Ludders 132; Joanne Fuller 335; Leonard Spencer 250; Andre Kuney 472; Molly Bledsoe 76b; Robert Dove 474; Mary Andrews 108b.

The Resolutions Committee honored Neely Bruce for his role in founding the New England Sacred Harp Convention in Middletown, Connecticut, forty years ago. Ina Shea led 484. Nathan Rees presented Mr. Bruce with a letter from Hugh McGraw that thanked him for his service to the community.

Leaders: Jesse Flynn 208; Liz Patton 299; Tom Padwa 133; Elizabeth Stoddard 57; Yuka Oiwa 270; Nancy Mandel 440; David Rosenberg 503; Ian Davis 227; Sylvia Martin 107; Bill Holt 377.

RECESS

Brian Harris called the class to order leading 89. Leaders: Sally Langendorf 314; Gary Ryan 271; Jeremy Galvagni 330t; Kassie Urban-Mead and Charlie Urban-Mead 547; Nathan Aldrich 80t; Sara Lott 216; Ron Trial 63; Margaret Youngberg 362; Sharon Strong 524; Andrew Forsthoefel 32b; Gwen Gethner, Carol Huang, and Jasmine Mendoza 546; Sarah Underhill 53; Anne Kazlauskas 532; Ben Bath 528.

LaRee Delahunt offered the blessing, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Becky Wright called the class to order leading 114. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 384; Corinne Ducey and Gerald Clark 501; Anya Skibbie 56b; Elene Stovall 500;

Jonathon Smith 214; Allison Steel 564; Dan Hertzler 324; Jean Seiler 142; Holly Mixon and Jeannette DePoy 475; Ivy Hauser 423; Joel Bassett and Sasha Hsuczyk 383; Asa Horvitz 436; Aldo Ceresa and Alvaro Witt Duarte 411; Tom Ivey 217; Philippe Doyle and Jesse Vear 430; Leah Velleman and Dan Coppock 196; Liz Cantrell 466; Peter Golden 350; Micah John Walter 352; Al McCready 113; Krista Guerrieri 396; Isabelle Gervais Chapman, Masti Denise Mayrand, Brenda Louise Cleary, and Tássia Camões Araujo 82t; Anna Mays 455; Neely Bruce 298.

RECESS

Nathan Rees called the class to order leading 35. Leaders: Terry Ryan 280; Chris Frantz-Dale 99; Christine Andrews and Hannah Coyle 445; Scott Luscombe 549; Tristan Gordon 375; Linda Shea 168; Corrone Bryant and Barb Ames 77b; Mary Skidmore, 65; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 367; Ben Fink, Evan Druce, and AuCo Lai 448t.

A business session was held to discuss the current formula for the New England Convention. Elizabeth Stoddard introduced a motion to change the formula to be more consistent with the practices of the wider community. Lynne deBenedette and Dan Hertzler presented arguments for and against the motion, and when unanimous consent could not be reached, the motion was tabled until Sunday.

Leaders: Gedney Barclay 73t; Anayis Wright 189; Joanne DeVoe 31t; John Holbrook 354t; Laura Hodges and Patrick Friesen 306; Lynne deBenedette 186; Justin Geyer and Bryan Rote 319; Brian Harris and Zoe Madonna 376; Michael Nord 336; Charlotte Ehrman 486; Jonathan Spencer 365; Rashad Ullah 47b; Joan Frankel and Philippa Stoddard 414; Brooks Chupp 101t.

Ian Quinn, John Gambell, and Charles Biada led 323t to close the day's singing. LaRee Delahunt dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, October 2

Ian Quinn called the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: John Gambell 38t; Charles Biada 83t; Angharad Davis 90; Holly Laws 49t; John Klaess 131b; Brian Harris 59; Philippa Stoddard 155; Anya Skibbie 171; Jason Steidl 278t; Vicki Hayes 547; Jonathan Spencer 148; Carol Huang 573; Jesse Vear 172; Sarah Underhill 280; Micah John Walter 292; Robert Stoddard 187; Yuka Oiwa 288; Molly Merrett 54; Anna Mays 371.

RECESS

Andre Kuney called the class to order leading 117. Leaders: Alvaro Witt Duarte 47b; Corrone Bryant and Al McCready 452; Gedney Barclay 448b; John Hughes 481; Charlotte Ehrman 479; Mike Richards 422; Barb Ames 37b; Chris Coughlin 138b; Scott Luscombe 181; Gwen Gethner 436.

Laura Hodges and Liz Cantrell led 33b in honor of the sick and shut-ins, and Laura spoke for the following people: Susan Harcrow, Ann Barker, Thom Metzger, Ron Bornick, Margaret Bornick, Henry Cheng, Linda Huppe, Sue Nord, Chloe Rombach, and Maciej Kaczynski.

Laura Hodges and Liz Cantrell led 267 in honor of the deceased. Liz spoke and read the following list of names: Bethany Gray, Patrick Murray, Dan Adams, Quimby Heath—Connecticut; B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Lucille Grunnels, and Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; Peggy Waide, Izzy Zimmerman, Roger McCarthy, and Ann Henry—New York; Linda Barclay, Dorothy Kratz, Betty Hanf, and Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Joyce Fagan and David Newton—New South Wales; Gary Smith—Alabama; Robert Kemper and Patricia Kemper—Tennessee; Francis Bliss—Maine; Joseph Leonard Rowe—Rhode Island; Joanne Coburn—New Hampshire; Timothy Grannis, Carol Bill Seaman, and Abby Haigh—Vermont; Roberta Robson—Louisiana; Márcia Tosca—Brazil; David Strother—Maryland; Tony Anderson—Massachusetts. LaRee Delahunt offered a

blessing.

Leaders: Jennie Brown 564; Sam Kleinman 165; Ina Shea 145b; Elizabeth Stoddard 283; Terry Ryan 198; Dann Pell 498; Mary Skidmore 203; Aldo Ceresa 470; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 318; Joel Bassett 142. Aldo Ceresa offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Corrine Ducey, Gerald Clark, and Patrick Friesen called the class to order leading 207. Leaders: Joanne Fuller 542; Michael Nord 506; Holly Mixon 183; Ellen Lueck 546; Jonathon Smith 126; Becky Wright 560; Elene Stovall 216; Tim Eriksen 129; Lynne deBenedette 300; Ben Fink 438; Rachel Hall 28b; Jeannette DePoy 460; Andre Kuney 442; Nathan Rees 380; Sasha Hsuczyk 328; Tom Ivey 480; Jesse C. Polhemus 548; M.B. Gowins 189; Sharon Strong 365; Linda Shea 400; Al McCready 68b; Jesse Flynn 421; Dan Coppock 290; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 396; Philippe Doyle 209; John Holbrook 415.

RECESS

Gwen Gethner called the class to order leading 30b. Leaders: Ian Ludders 201; Lilly Israel 89; Leonard Spencer 245; Emma Rose Brown 475; Sophie Soloway 284; Auco Lai and Ben Fink 146; George Sigut 448t; Dan Hertzler 444; Nancy Mandel 27; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 74t; Corinne Ducey 77t; Gerald Clark 511; Rashad Ullah 268; Patrick Friesen 83b; Joan Frankel 229; Paula Picton, Vicki Hayes, Chris Geissler, Holly Laws, John Klaess, Martha Murray, and Angharad Davis 168; LaRee Delahunt 178; Neely Bruce 263.

In a business session, the previous day's motion on the formula, introduced by Elizabeth Stoddard of Maine and seconded by Lynne deBenedette of Rhode Island, was briefly discussed and was passed by a unanimous vote: right from henceforth, the New England Convention will be held on the first Sunday of October and Saturday before. The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met. Nathan Rees and Lynne deBenedette offered the resolutions, including the new formula. Alvaro Witt Duarte of Massachusetts moved, with Anna Mays of Vermont seconding, that these resolutions be adopted, and all reports approved. The business session was closed. Ian Quinn, John Gambell, and Charles Biada led 62, and the class took the parting hand. LaRee Delahunt offered the closing prayer, and dismissed the class. Chairman—Ian Quinn; Vice Chairman—John Gambell; Secretary—Charles Biada

ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, HYATT, PUTMAN, AND WOOTTEN MEMORIAL

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama

Sunday, October 2, 2016

The 50th session of the Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Hyatt, Putman, and Wootten Memorial singing was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama, on the first Sunday in October. Terry Hullett called the class to order by leading 81t. Doyle Alexander offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 166 (in memory of John Alexander); Doyle Alexander 68b, 36b; Rebekah Gilmore 32t, 276; Eugene Forbes 384, 137; Richard Mauldin 388, 43 (in memory of Josie Hyde); Karen Rollins 227, 274t; Nate Green and Norma Green 49t, 322; Philip Denney 55, 313t; Susan Cheronas 460, 564.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Terry Hullett leading 76b. Leaders: Danny Creel 448t, 170; Tom Owen 326, 500; Doug Conn 204, 61; Lisa Geist 394, 171; Lindy Groening 458, 411; Reba Windom 371, 49b (for Jewel Wootten); Rodney Ivey and Peggy Groening 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith and Virgil Phillips), 347; Alex

Forsyth 470, 30b; Judy Caudle 448b (in memory of Herby Bailey), 208.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Terry Hullett leading 129. Leaders: Taylor Watkins 146, 345t; Ainslie Allen 196, 132; April Watkins 343, 101t; Grace Gilmore 542; Grace Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore 270; Cheyenne Ivey 106, 213t; Larry Ballinger 209, 224; Cassie Allen 374, 382.

LUNCH

The class was brought back together by Terry Hullett leading 222. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 314 (in memory of Bud Oliver and Milton Oliver), 182; Ann Jett 498, 546; Debra Rich 385b; Wanda Capps 421, 349; Cindy Tanner 512, 198; Bob Watkins 389, 406 (in memory of Calvin Phillips); Linda Thomas 123t, 345b; Shane Wootten 440, 309 (for Doug Conn), 572 (CB), 571 (CB) (for Jewel Wootten); Rodney Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 317; Rodney Ivey 465 (CB) (for Coy Ivey).

Terry Hullett and Doyle Alexander led 45t as the closing song. Doyle Alexander dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore

SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Liberty Hill Community House, Barnesville, Georgia

Sunday, October 2, 2016

President Oscar McGuire called the class of the 97th South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention to order leading 59. John Hollingsworth offered an opening prayer.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 34b; John Plunkett 73b, 54; Lauren Bock 569t, 527; Helen Bryson 72t, 492; Bill Hollingsworth 50b, 466; Rebecca Over 571, 540; Jerusha Wheeler 36b, 85; Rosemund Watson 503, 66; Martha Harrell 99, 145b; David Smead 330t, 330b. As we broke for recess, it was announced that Wesley Haley and John Hollingsworth were the Nominating Committee.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class back to order leading 289. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 26, 27; Sandra Wilkinson 82t, 546; Jesse P. Karlsberg 486, 538; Anna Hinton 168, 142; Wesley Haley 45t; Mary Brownlee 452, 163t; Robert Chambless 70t, 77b.

A motion carried to enter into a business session wherein the Nominating Committee recommended retaining the following officers: President—Oscar McGuire; Vice President—John Plunkett; Secretary—Lauren Bock; Treasurer—Helen Bryson; Chaplain—Matt Hinton. The Treasurer's report for 2015-2016 was presented. Wesley Haley made a motion that South Georgia Convention singings contribute the full amount of money collected to the Convention, and that the Convention Treasurer pay for the singings' expenses. The motion carried, and the report was approved. The class received and accepted a list of 2017 singings to be printed in the convention's directory. The business session was closed. Matt Hinton offered grace.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class back to order leading 207. Leaders: Glenda Collins and Burt Collins 100, 101t; Matt Hinton 192, 147t; Winfred Kerr 146, 89; Judy Chambless 225t (in memory of Earlis McGraw), 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith and in honor of Margie Smith); Daniel Edwards 448b, 270; Russ Hanson 222; John Hollingsworth 461; Erica Hinton and Dera White 209, 138t; Rebecca Over 65; Anna Hinton and Fiona White 155, 47b; Mary Brownlee, Rosemund Watson, and Martha Harrell 94; Sandra Wilkinson and Carol Hanson 313t; Bill Hollingsworth 489.

Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. Bill Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
President—Oscar McGuire; Vice President—John Plunkett; Secretary—Lauren Bock

MUNICH SACRED HARP SINGING AND WORKSHOP
St. Martin Spirituelles Zentrum, Munich, Germany
Sunday, October 2, 2016

The 2nd all-day singing in Munich, Germany, was held on the first Sunday in October at St. Martin Spirituelles Zentrum in the Glockenbach neighborhood of Munich. Peter Kocher welcomed singers.

Yotin Tiewtrakul taught a singing school/workshop, introducing shapes to beginning singers. Yotin Tiewtrakul used and led the following songs: 47t, 162, 45t, 35t, 101t, and 39t.

Leaders: Harald Grundner 70b; Ulrike Tietjen 428; Andreas Manz 28t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Peter Kocher; Treasurer and Secretary—Hinrich Kruger, Arranging Committee—Amelie Kruger and Naomi Kaye Honova.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Laura Eisen leading 102. Leaders: Peter Kocher 540; Tobias Kanngiesser 452; Dominik Fraune 38t; Benjamin Schallwig 448t; Franka Sprzagala 171; Andreas Manz 144; Stefan Swat 49t; Ruth McNamara 49b; Heather Thompson 31t; Elisabeth Schallwig 448b; Gerben Vos 183; Peter Sabel 71; Harald Grundner 51; Laura Eisen 480; Emma Rock 142; Ursula Diderich 178; Magdalena Osthaus 375; Yotin Tiewtrakul 290; Jan Hon 86; Naomi Kaye Honova 182.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Ulrike Tietjen leading 225t. Leaders: Laura Eisen 542; Naomi Kaye Honova 300; Jan Hon 186; Harald Grundner 145t; Emma Rock 198; Amelie Kruger 29t; Ursula Diderich 38b; Ulrike Tietjen 564; Magdalena Osthaus 411; Dominik Fraune 350, 59; Andreas Manz 115; Stefan Swat 277; Ruth McNamara 335; Heather Thompson 146; Elisabeth Schallwig 378b; Gerben Vos 84; Peter Kocher 344; Yotin Tiewtrakul 528; Tobias Kanngiesser 268; Franka Sprzagala 457; Peter Sabel 85.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Harald Grundner leading 106. Leaders: Gerben Vos 377; Yotin Tiewtrakul 236; Ruth McNamara 274t; Andreas Manz 460; Heather Thompson 163b; Franka Sprzagala 330b; Emma Rock 181; Elisabeth Schallwig 348t; Stefan Swat 547; Dominik Fraune 538; Ursula Diderich 209; Harald Grundner 309; Laura Eisen 425; Ulrike Tietjen 487; Peter Kocher 148; Mannheim singers 481; Bremen singers 42; Cologne singers 163t; Bavarian singers minus Munich 47b; Munich singers 231; singers from the rest of the world 162; Hamburg singers 28b.

Announcements were made. There were people in attendance from six countries (Germany, United Kingdom, Australia, Netherlands, United States, and Czech Republic). The closing prayer was offered by Naomi Kaye Honova, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Peter Kocher; Secretary—Hinrich Kruger

TAYLOR SINGING
Lafayette County, Mississippi
Saturday, October 8, 2016

The 29th annual Sacred Harp singing at Taylor United Methodist Church (formerly held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church) was called to order by Warren Steel leading 72b and 72t. Matt Bell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Matt Bell 57, 495; John Van Horn 61, 111t; Anne Steel 110, 335; Arlon Gardner 481, 65; Jeff Corbett 326, 230; Jan Murray 31b, 457; Bob Lence 40, 155; Sheree Lence 59, 128.

RECESS

Warren Steel reassembled the class leading 142. Leaders: Jamira Jackson 45t, 114; Regina Derstine 229; Hamilton Lence 28t, 479; Hannah Gadd 49t, 27; Henry McGuire 29b, 475; Thomas Ardrey 162, 433.

A memorial lesson was held. Warren Steel led 274t and Matt Bell led 318 in memory of the following deceased: Kenneth Stead, Al Moreton, Becky Moreton, Curtis Bryant, Charles Pulliam, and Helen Beauchamp. The sick and shut-ins were also remembered. Matt Bell offered the memorial prayer.

LUNCH

Warren Steel called the class together leading 213t and 141. Leaders: Matt Bell 214, 67; John Van Horn 297, 212; Anne Steel 217, 348b; Arlon Gardner 448t, 455; Jeff Corbett 503, 146; Jan Murray and Warren Steel 282, "Hurricane Creek", 285t; Bob Lence 163t, 236; Regina Derstine 107, 410t; Matt Bell 377; Scotty Polston 63; Henry McGuire 196, 436; Randy Weeks 354b; Regina Derstine 82t (for T.K. Funderburk).

Following announcements, Will McGuire led 81t. Warren Steel then led 235 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by John Van Horn. Chairman—Warren Steel

COLUMBIA SINGING
Dripping Springs Christian Church, Columbia, Missouri
Saturday, October 8, 2016

The 22nd annual Columbia Singing was held at Dripping Springs Christian Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. Meg Stauffer called the class to order leading 46. Tim Von Englen offered the opening prayer.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Meg Stauffer; Chaplains—Tim Von Englen and Cherry Hinderberger; Arranging Officer—Patti Doss; Finance Officer—Lou Kujawinski; Secretaries—Carla Bermudez and Sandy Falloon.

Leaders: Lou Kujawinski 535; Tim Von Englen 13 (MH); Sandy Falloon 178; Cindy Stone 155; Cindy Burlison 203; Carla Bermudez 153 (MH); Cherry Hinderberger 361; Wendy Hofmann 278t; Penny Kujawinski 172 (MH); Dayle Dryer 464; Lori Graber 548; Stephen Huffman 344; Patti Sontag 268; Barbara Chopin 474; Anne Drexler 146; Carole Briggs 334; Mary Huffman 56 (MH); Tom Schultz 65; John Huffman 176b; Julie Thompson 63.

RECESS

Patti Doss called the class back to order leading 276. Leaders: Katie Dohman "Thy Strength" (handout); John Wilkins and Wendy Hofmann 455; Dan Brittain 138 (MH); Anna Dohman and Mary Huffman 180 (MH); Presley Barker 39t (in memory of Charlie Derleth); Jubal Schultz 482; James Page 45 (MH); Roberta Strauss 228 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Paul Figura 67; Shirley Figura 348b (in memory of Charlie Derleth); Jan Ketelle 68b; Dave Ressler 475 (in memory of Brenda Soboleski); Becky

Browne 411; Karen Isbell 77 (MH); Joan Aldridge 198. Cherry Hinderberger offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Stephen Huffman leading 58 (MH). Leaders: Paul Figura 127 (MH); Roberta Strauss 384 (in honor of Gary Gronau); Dan Brittain 109 (MH); Shirley Figura 499; Dayle Dryer 269; Karen Isbell 68 (MH); Tom Schultz 177 (MH); Becky Browne 147 (MH); Dave Ressler 175 (MH); Anne Drexler 277; Jan Ketelle 2 (MH); James Page 139 (MH); Meg Stauffer 547; Anna Dohman 503; Patti Sontag 87; Carole Briggs 162.

RECESS

Lori Graber called the class back to order leading 82t. Leaders: Lou Kujawinski 477; Jedidiah Schultz 496; Jairus Schultz 59; Julie Thompson 163b; Katie Dohman 365; Jubal Schultz 546; Mary Huffman 66; John Huffman 362; Presley Barker 99; Tim Von Englen 86; Gayle Von Englen 107; Wendy Hofmann 22 (MH); Penny Kujawinski and Dave Ressler 444; Cindy Stone 504 (in memory of her mother); Cindy Burlison 40; Carla Bermudez 360.

Following announcements, Meg Stauffer led 347 as the closing song. Cherry Hinderberger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Meg Stauffer; Secretaries—Carla Bermudez and Sandy Falloon

NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SACRED HARP SINGING **First Universalist Church of Girard, Girard, Pennsylvania** **Saturday, October 8, 2016**

The 9th annual Northwestern Pennsylvania Sacred Harp singing held on Saturday before the second Sunday in October at the First Universalist Church of Girard was called to order by Gerry Hoffman leading 34b. Katie White offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gerry Hoffman; Secretary—Cecelia Kramer; Chaplain—Katie White; Memorial Committee—Martha Beverly and Katie White; Treasurer—Gerry Hoffman; Kitchen Chief—Brian How; Arranging Officer—Gerry Hoffman.

The Chairman announced that this Singing was dedicated to the memory of First Universalist congregant member, Lance Barclay.

Leaders: Cecelia Kramer 47t, 47b; Katie White 171, 106; Brian How 497, 183; Martha Beverly 528, 430; Chuck Crawford 107, 313t; Marian Mitchell 71, 368; Beth Todd 52t, 70b; Pleasance Crawford 564, 565; Katie Reimers 48t, 547; Dave Witter 49b, 276.

RECESS

Gillian Inksetter called the class back to order leading 56t. Leaders: Bill Beverly 124, 191 (in tribute to the victims of Hurricane Mathew); Jerusha Wheeler 200, 551; Gillian Inksetter 217, 439; Jan May 515, 228; Ginny Landgraf 216, 478; Ben Grubb 33b, 146; Doug Hill 34t, 163t.

RECESS

Beth Todd called the class back to order leading 66. Leaders: Gerry Hoffman and Stephanie Phillips 236, 178; Nick Stocks 112, 163b; Cecelia Kramer 180, 271t.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Martha Beverly reminded us how important it is to reach out by telephone, card, or email to lift the spirits of those who are homebound. Martha read the following list of sick and homebound, and then led 70t for them: Anne Messavage, Julie Veal, Johanna Fabke, Marilyn Eichenlaub, and Melanie Hauff.

Katie White noted, with sadness, that it was a year of great loss with great numbers of names on the list of the deceased. These are members of our family; our

community of Sacred Harp. Heaven is our home and we are all on the journey to arrive there to be reunited with our Sacred Harp family. The following list of the deceased was read: Lance Barclay, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Bill Hickman, Becky Hickman—Pennsylvania; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Vernelle Amason, Kathleen Doss Traywick, Elsie Moon, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, S.T. Reed, Toney Smith, and Gary Smith—Alabama; Jo Houghton—New York; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Joe Nall—Florida; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Max Stackhouse—Massachusetts; Earlis McGraw, Benjamin “B.M.” Smith—Georgia; Francis Bliss—Maine; Ruth Steggle—United Kingdom; and Jan Plecash—Ontario, Canada. Katie White led 114 for the deceased. The memorial lesson was closed with a prayer offered by Katie White.

Leaders: Chuck Crawford 72b, 312b; Marian Mitchell 300, 504. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Katie White.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Jerusha Wheeler leading 270. Leaders: Brian How 86; Martha Beverly 534; Beth Todd 373; Katie White 457; Pleasance Crawford 550; Katie Reimers 549; Dave Witter 122; Bill Beverly 546; Susan Turnquist 81; Jerusha Wheeler and Kelsey Chapman 196; Gillian Inksetter 377; Gerry Hoffman 68b; Jan May 362; Helen Hedrick 148; Ginny Landgraf 173; Ben Grubb 56b; Doug Hill 152; Nick Stocks 284.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Cecelia Kramer leading 84. Leaders: Chuck Crawford 314; Ginny Landgraf 507; Jerusha Wheeler 269; Martha Beverly 475; Pleasance Crawford 174; Bill Beverly 440; Gillian Inksetter 448b; Marian Mitchell 344; Dave Witter 454; Susan Turnquist 53.

In a brief business session, Gerry Hoffman announced that expenses were met.

Thanks were extended to all who helped with the singing, and travelers for coming to sing. Announcements were made.

Gerry Hoffman led 347 as the closing song. Katie White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gerry Hoffman; Secretary—Cecelia Kramer

TALLAHASSEE SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Tallahassee Museum, Tallahassee, Florida

Saturday, October 8, 2016

The 23rd annual Tallahassee Singing was called to order by Morgan Bunch, who welcomed the class and led 40. Aubrey Barfield offered the opening prayer.

Adam Brasich led 101t, 68b, and 133 as the introductory lesson (in memory of Ian Smith). Leaders: Beverly Dayton 47t, 575; Aubrey Barfield 497, 404; Alice Bejnar 55; Ross Brand 567; Ellen Gwynn 295; Steven Taylor 155; Ann Blake and Basil Blake 357.

RECESS

Charles Brewer brought the class back together by leading 63 and 427. Leaders: Russ Scholz 87; Evie Eddins 98; Tor Bejnar 38t; Pat Morse 148; Ezra Eddins 203; Alicia Gill and Ashley Levy 45t; Joshua Klatt 49t; Dana Eddins 50t; Tommie Spurlock 335; Ellen Fournier 49b; Eli Eddins 29b.

RECESS

Steve Talbert called the class back to order leading 100. Leaders: Sarah Kahre 594; Ross Brand 142; Alice Sundberg 514; Nathan Calvert 304; Ken Sundberg 51; Morgan Bunch 369. Stanley Smith offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Aubrey Barfield brought the class back leading 96. Leaders: Kevin Eddins 356; Edith

Eddins 542; Steve Talbert 392; Emily Eddins 364; Elam Eddins 516; Sue Bunch 268b; Ewan Eddins 99; Marty Pytel and Beverly Dayton 274t; Stanley Smith 121; Vicki Mariner 107; Jimmy Prater and Vicki Morrison 463; Nathan Calvert 43; Steven Taylor 42; Pat Morse 361; Joshua Klatt 508; Tommie Spurlock 156; Aubrey Barfield 225t; the Eddins family 132.

Following announcements, Alice Bejnar and Morgan Bunch led 95b. Nathan Calvert offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Alice Bejnar; Vice Chairman—Morgan Bunch; Secretary—Sue Bunch

SHEFFIELD SINGING

Worrall Memorial Hall, Worrall, Sheffield, United Kingdom

Saturday, October 8, 2016

The annual Sheffield All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Vicki Elliott leading 88b. Joe Vickers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Joy Spreadborough 47b; Sarah West 75; Eimear O'Donovan 36b; Joe Vickers 215; David Moore 155; Barry Parsons 42; Tarik Wareh 34t; Helen Brown 187; Claire Welford 210; Emily Verrier 171; Faiz Wareh 32b; Ella Cumber 475; Cath Tyler 131b; Teresa Maguire 313t; Bob Butler 31t; Cora Wareh 481; Jo Ellis 315; Steve Brett 317; Phil Tyler 464; Pattie Wareh 99; Kate Kirwan 206; Tom Blake 277.

RECESS

Joy Spreadborough called the class to order leading 296. Leaders: Edwin Macadam 151; Lin James 369; Michael Walker 103; Julie Russell 49b; Benny Ross 501; Emily Verrier 122; Richard Mayers 504; Sheila Girling Macadam 534; Tarik Wareh 298. Steve Brett conducted the memorial lesson and read the names of the following recently deceased: Irene Smith, Eamon Smith, Gillian Woodward, Ruth Steggles, Charles Dodsworth, David Smith, and Wendy Ross—England; B.M. Smith and Earlis McGraw—Georgia, USA; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania, USA; Janelle Davis—Illinois, USA; Toney Smith and S.T. Reed—Alabama, USA; April Selley—New York, USA.

He also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Zdzeslaw Gryszko, Alan Bown, Sister Pippa, Kathryn Golding, Peter Golding, Nigel Cumber, Karen Turner, Alex Elliott, Sheila Dodsworth, Gill Cawley, and Lynn Carr. Steve Brett led 381. Ted Brown closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Matthew Parkinson 72b; Teresa Maguire 39t; David Moore 361; Ted Brown 426b; Ella Cumber 96; Vicki Elliott 327. Joe Vickers offered the blessing for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Eimear O'Donovan leading 101t.

Leaders: Matthew Parkinson 100; Ella Cumber 212; Lin James 225b; Edwin Macadam 528; Helen Brown 436; Benny Ross 53; Cora Wareh 127; Michael Walker 292; Sarah West 112; Sheila Girling Macadam 332; Tom Blake 282; Claire Welford 372; Faiz Wareh 110; Barry Parsons 548; Richard Mayers 183; Jo Ellis 479; Pattie Wareh 228; Joe Vickers 460; Kate Kirwan 192; Cath Tyler 278t; Ted Brown 176b; Julie Russell 178; Phil Tyler 157.

RECESS

Teresa Maguire called the class to order leading 111b. Leaders: David Moore 189; Emily Verrier 106; Colin Higgins 296; Cora Wareh 222; Benny Ross 441; Claire Welford 196; Steve Brett 397; Helen Brown 225t; Tom Blake 342; Pattie Wareh 547; Edwin Macadam 37b; Sarah West 564; Phil Tyler 477; Sheila Girling Macadam 227; Faiz Wareh 272; Michael Walker 426t; Lin James 425.

Vicki Elliott led 340 as the closing song. Helen Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Vicki Elliott; Secretary—Bob Butler

SHEFFIELD ALTERNATIVE SOURCES SINGING
Worrall Memorial Hall, Worrall, Sheffield, United Kingdom
Sunday, October 9, 2016

The annual Alternative Sources singing was called to order by Eimear O'Donovan leading 61t (CH). Ted Brown offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Vicki Elliott 113 (CH); Sarah West 548 (CH); Matthew Parkinson 541 (CH); Kate Kirwan 265 (CH); Faiz Wareh 507t (CH); Mark Wardlaw 66b (CH); Teresa Maguire 346 (CH); Tarik Wareh 203 (CH); Steve Brett 245 (CH); Pattie Wareh 109 (CH); Barry Parsons 316 (CH); Cora Wareh 248 (CH); Michael Walker 262 (CH); Helen Brown 123 (CH); Kate Kirwan 355 (CH); Mark Wardlaw 275 (CH); Sarah West 354 (CH).

RECESS

Vicki Elliott called the class to order leading 281b (CH). Leaders: Matthew Parkinson 77 (CH); Teresa Maguire 64 (CH); Faiz Wareh 172 (CH); Eimear O'Donovan 54 (CH); Barry Parsons 449 (CH); Amanda Elliott 49 (CH); Ella Cumber 318 (CH); Tarik Wareh 209 (CH); Steve Brett 198 (CH); Cora Wareh 296 (CH); Michael Walker 168b (CH), 455b (CH); Sam Carter 166 (CH); Helen Brown 184 (CH); Mark Wardlaw 53 (CH); Ella Cumber 42 (CH). Michael Walker offered the blessing for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Barry Parsons 11 (ShH). Leaders: Kate Kirwan 242 (ShH); Benny Ross 53 (ShH); Faiz Wareh 235 (ShH); Sarah West 254 (ShH); Mark Wardlaw 109 (ShH); Lin James 413b (ShH); Sam Carter 404t (ShH); Cora Wareh 66 (ShH); Matthew Parkinson 429 (ShH); Pattie Wareh 140b (ShH); Steve Brett 124 (ShH); Eimear O'Donovan 200 (ShH); Tarik Wareh 305 (ShH); Vicki Elliott 216 (ShH); Benny Ross 287 (ShH); Sam Carter 264b (ShH); Lin James 153 (ShH); Barry Parsons 121 (ShH); Mark Wardlaw 12b (ShH); Eimear O'Donovan 246b (ShH).

RECESS

Sarah West called the class to order leading 60b (ShH). Leaders: Kate Kirwan 422 (ShH); Faiz Wareh 266 (ShH); Matthew Parkinson 174 (ShH); Pattie Wareh 221 (ShH); Steve Brett "Forest Hill" (original composition); Cora Wareh 105 (ShH); Benny Ross 414 (ShH); Vicki Elliott 198 (ShH); Tarik Wareh 403 (ShH); Lin James 5t (ShH); Sam Carter 363 (ShH); Barry Parsons 368 (ShH).

Eimear O'Donovan led 22b (ShH) as the closing song. Pattie Wareh offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eimear O'Donovan; Secretary—Bob Butler

ALBRIGHT, CATES, BROWN, AND SHEPPARD MEMORIAL
Muscadine Church, Muscadine, Alabama
Sunday, October 9, 2016

The annual memorial Sacred Harp singing held at Muscadine Church was called to order by Rene Greene leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Hayden Arp. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 33b; Pam Nunn 186 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Samuel Williams 142, 543; Karen Rollins 540, 350; Tony Hammock 72b, 284; Lisa Bennett 546, 454; Fallon Cook 487, 504; Winfred Kerr 165, 318; David Brodeur 80b, 77b; Nathan Rees 91, 449; Buell Cobb 107; Burt Collins and Glenda Collins 566, 340.

A business session was held. Rene Greene called for the nomination of new officers. Hayden Arp made a motion that the same officers be retained, which was seconded by Virginia Albright, and unanimously approved. A motion was made by Richard DeLong to change the name of the singing to Albright, Cates, Brown, and Sheppard Memorial to honor the founders of the singing. The motion was passed unanimously. The business meeting was closed.

RECESS

Rene Greene and Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 137. Leaders: Jack Nelson 399b, 560; Alex Forsyth 296, 148; Chance Cook, Samantha Wilson, and Victoria Cofield 192; Sasha Hsuczyk 138b, 511; Isaac Green, Alex Forsyth, and Sasha Hsuczyk 411; Isaac Green, Fallon Cook, and Hayden Arp 426t; Darrell Swarens 36b, 208; Dalton Lewis 472, 354b; Albright family members 269 (in memory of Lessie Cates); Drew McGuire 37b, 512; Tim Williams 276, 73b; Chris Parris 358, 206; Virginia Albright 532 (in memory of Geneva Pritchard); Judy Chambless 549. The blessing before the noon meal was asked by Phillip Denny.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Cecil Roberts leading 312b. Leaders: Phillip Denney 55, 73t; Rebecca Over 319 (in memory of Earlis McGraw), 306; Andy Ditzler 245; Esther Williams 77t, 84; Hayden Arp 390, 283 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Charlene Wallace 155; Oscar McGuire 171, 485; Shelby Castillo and Rene Greene 349, 500; Ann Simpson 388, 445; Robert Chambless 70t, 225t (in memory of B.M. Smith and Earlis McGraw); Richard Mauldin 43, 446; Rene Greene and Pam Nunn 216 and 217 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard), 365 (in memory of Walker Cates).

Rene Greene and Fallon Cook led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by the pastor of the church, Donald Payne.

Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Pam Nunn

MURRELL HOUSE SINGING

Park Hill, Oklahoma

Saturday, October 9, 2016

The first Murrell House Singing was brought to order by Dan Brittain leading 34b. Andrew Albers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nancy Price 48t; Syd Caldwell 63; Andrew Albers 341; William Price 299; Darryl Criss 345b; Katy Black 350; Dan Brittain 49t, 72b; Syd Caldwell 45t; Andrew Albers 42; Nancy Price 344; Bill Caldwell 480; Katy Black 312b; Syd Caldwell 300 (for Norma Dickerson); Andrew Albers 191, 178; Darryl Criss 49b; Caye Mott 268; Dan Brittain 160 (MH), 113 (MH), 138 (MH); Katy Black 135 (MH); Bill Caldwell 180 (MH), 62 (MH); Andrew Albers 37b; Nancy Price 503; Syd Caldwell 475.

LUNCH

Dan Brittain brought the class to order leading 16 (MH). Leaders: Nancy Price 99; Katy Black 335; William Price 217; Syd Caldwell 36b; Anthony Hertzler 157, 277; Bill Caldwell 276, 504; Andrew Albers 547, 378b; Darryl Criss 59; Syd Caldwell 200 (for Rene Greene), 466; Nancy 532, 298; Dan Brittain 11 (MH), 34 (MH); Bill Caldwell 13 (MH), 89; Syd Caldwell 124; Dan Brittain 75; Andrew Albers 2 (MH); Syd Caldwell 183 (for Shannon Seyler), 171. Announcements were made, including plans for the second annual Murrell House Singing in October, 2017.

Dan Brittain led 267 as the closing hymn. Andrew Albers offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Secretary—Katy Black

TENNESSEE STATE SACRED HARP SINGING
Arlington United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee
Saturday, October 15, 2016

The Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Arlington United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Justin Bowen leading 37b. Ron Harper offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Justin Bowen; Vice Chairman—Barrett Patton; Arranging Committee—Nicolas Thompson and Cheyenne Ivey; Secretary—Janie Harper.

Leaders: Ron Harper and Jackson Patterson 447; Barrett Patton 534; Nicholas Thompson 112; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Eddie Mash 402; Sarah Trumbore 142; David Brodeur 573; Ann Jett 319; Stephen Huffman 39b; Jeff Adcock, Lia Holland, and Daniel Hook 34t; Rachel Rodgers 448b; Alex Forsyth 568; Jim Neal 270; Sandie Scott 317; Cassie Allen 123t; Rick Fretter 350; Hayden Arp 530.

RECESS

Justin Bowen led 89 to bring the class together. Leaders: Shane Wootten 306; Susan Cheronos 300; Darrell Swarens 49b; Johnathan Vest and Barrett Patton 392; Jamey Wootten 39t; John Huffman 29t; David Ivey 224; Caleb Dillehay 179; Jonathon Smith 228; Isaac Green 192; Richard Ivey 298; David Gooch 128; Cindy Tanner 198; David Carlton and Melissa Dupree 272; Judy Caudle 187 (in memory of Helen Beauchamp); Drew McGuire 422.

RECESS

Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 64; Chris Ballinger 84; Nathan Stewart 546; Gillian Inksetter 202; Peg Dunn and Andy Ditzler 336; Tom George 483; Larry Brown 495; Jackson Patterson and Ron Harper 354b; Lauren Bock 373; Rick Hoffman 135; Laurens Blankers 73b; Jesse Karlsberg 351.

Jeff Adcock and Shane Wootten conducted a memorial lesson, and led 68b in memory of the deceased and in honor of the sick and shut-ins. Ron Harper offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Lisa Geist 377; Marilyn Burchett 551; Mary Huffman 176b; Larry Ballinger 268. Barrett Patton asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Alex Forsyth leading 82t. Leaders: Elizabeth Gentry 76b; Levie Trumbore 87; Marissa Lingaitis and Cheyenne Ivey 282; Tim Reynolds 200; Justin Bowen, Barrett Patton, and Valerie McKnight 532, 436; Daniel Lee 566; Gail Doss 189; Judith Seitz 114; Byron Burchett 496; Brett DeBeard 146; Mary Huffman, John Huffman, and Stephen Huffman 186; Gillian Inksetter 572; Darrell Swarens 36b; Jonathon Smith 131b; Andy Ditzler 434; Jesse Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 227; David Ivey and Richard Ivey 90; Shane Wootten and Jamey Wootten 472; Alex Forsythe 432; Tom George 35; Drew McGuire and Shelby Castillo 396; Hayden Arp and Isaac Green 426b; Larry Ballinger, Chris Ballinger, and Lisa Geist 477; Ann Jett, Cindy Tanner, and Cassie Allen 384.

Following announcements, Justin Bowen led 521 as the closing song. Ron Harper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Justin Bowen; Vice Chairman—Barrett Patton; Secretary—Janie Harper

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST
SACRED HARP CONVENTION, OREGON
Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon
October 15-16, 2016**

Saturday, October 15

The 25th annual Oregon session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. Tom McTighe and Kate Fine called the class to order leading 448b. Julie Strayer-Thoma offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected:

Chairperson—Kate Fine; Treasurer—Linda Berkemeier; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen. Chris Brown was introduced as the singing school teacher. He stated that his interest was in the poetry of the songs of Sacred Harp, and that his topic for the day was the contributions of Isaac Watts to the beautiful words of Sacred Harp songs. Words matter was his theme. Isaac Watts, as a child, found the tunes that were sung in church dull and unsingable. His father challenged him to improve them. Watts wrote many, many tunes using more modern English. He wanted to make the psalms more singable, and introduced new meters and rhythms. He encouraged American composers, and altered lyrics to make them more appealing to Americans. The following songs were led to illustrate the lesson: Chris Brown 28b; Chris Noren 306; Cornelia Stanton 300; Clarissa Fetrow 500; Ruth Wampler 30b; David Wright 173; Kevin Beirne 447; Kate Coxon 120; Erik Schwab 216; Thom Fahrback 211; Tova Houpt 430; Steve Luttinen 275b; Judy Whiting 492.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Solomon Ossa and Jessica Hahl leading 81t. Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 534; Steve Helwig 462; Nancy Novotny 215; Ana Tighe 536; Steve Cackley 121; Linda Berkemeier 421; Jennifer Jones 196; Marla Elliott and Solomon Ossa 178; Lyle Lindsey 38t; Bob Schinske 392; Reed Schilbach 213t; Jack Lofton 182; Kate Coxon 432; Ruth Linehan 440; Dan Thoma 183; Jen Rymut 138b; Emma Swartz 57; Clarissa Fetrow 418; Ben Brown 142; Karen Willard 108b; Kevin Barrans 287; Kelly Kennedy 491; Tom McTighe 318; Carolyn Gilkey 501; Kathy Vlach 169. Julie Strayer-Thoma offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Daniel Hunter leading 128. Leaders: Leon Godfrey and Leigh Cooper 268; Steve Luttinen 286; Elaine Denny 48b; Judy Whiting 472; Chris Noren 326; Dick Patterson 538; Chris Brown 475; Ruth Wampler 394 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Cecil Godfrey and Leigh Cooper 40; Stephanie Fida 145t; David Wright 528; Paul Figura 274t; Marilyn Murata 195; Linda Booth 269; Sean MacPherson 55; Jessica Hahl 553; Karen Noren 510; Roberta Strauss 384; Mark Godfrey 428; Caroline Helmecci 567; Barb Patterson 332; Douglas Hill 34t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Bradley Knoke leading 68b. Leaders: Alberta Hardy 111t; Shirley Figura 499; Claire Hogan 131t; Kevin Beirne 411; John Wiens 137; Marie Brandis 328; Erika Wilson 349; Jeff Begley 485; Leigh Cooper 456; Tova Houpt 383; Steve Tarr 309; Dorothy Robinson 160b; Alexandra Maymi 495; Daniel Hunter 59; Linda Berkemeier 542; Greg Saue 163b; Laura McMurray 375; Ethan Hardy 545; Melissa Stephenson 179; Anne Huckins 313b; Lucinda Larsen Saue 168. Kate Fine led 36b as the closing song. Julie Strayer-Thoma offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, October 16

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Kate Fine and Linda Berkemeier leading 171. Julie Strayer-Thoma offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Karen Willard 568; Steve Helwig 201; Nancy Novotny 114; Pat Coghlan 351; Andrew Fowler 148; Martha Sherwood 53; Cathy Van Blerken 547; Evan Palmer 63; Shelby Sampson 209; Cornelia Stanton 466; Judy Whiting 354t; Tom McTighe 200; Tova Houpt 339; Laura McMurray 101b; Betsy Jeronen, Anna Berry, and Elliot Picciotto 422; Mark Miller and Hannah Field 299; Jeff Begley 278b; Reed Schilbach 318; Elaine Denny 106; Greg Saue 47b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Steve Cackley leading 354b. Leaders: Lyle Lindsey 178; Chris Brown 480; Marilyn Murata 423; Leon Godfrey 32t; Steve Luttinen 376; Clarissa Fetrow 442; Kathy Vlach 34b; Cecil Godfrey 37b; Ruth Wampler 279; Emma Swartz 177; Thom Fahrback 310; Jen Rymut 527; Dick Patterson 68t; Erika Wilson 505; Paul Figura 68b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ana Tighe leading 162. Leaders: Steve Tarr 102; Claire Hogan 385b; Roberta Strauss 203; Sean MacPherson 359. Charlie Tyndall led 34t for the following sick and shut-ins: Elaine Zidek, John Pharr, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Karen Turner, Don Grimshaw, Nate Green, Norma Green, David King, John Thomas Lee, Zdzislaw Gryzko, Joan Robert, Doreen Stewart-Cook, Bruce Rowland, Anne Missavage, Carla Smith, Susan Harcrow, Melanie Hauff, Raqui Thaman, Paul Wilson, and Amber Bell.

Eric Holt conducted the memorial lesson, and led 111b in memory of the following: Fran Ross and Stephen Voorhes—Oregon; Amy Suyama and Ron Huss—California; James Murrell and Teresa Niggemeyer—Washington; Gary Smith, Bernice Harvey, S.T. Reed, Toney Smith, Kermit Adams, and Steve Adams—Alabama; B.M. Smith and Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Ian Whiting and Ruth Stegges—United Kingdom; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Joe Nall—Florida; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Oliver Kindig-Stokes and Mary Mullen—Pennsylvania; Ken Henderson—Minnesota; Jim Gray—Michigan; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Eileen McDougall—France; Chris Holloway—Germany; George Hill and Leland Long.

David Wright led 49b. Julie Strayer-Thoma asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Tom McTighe leading 278t. Leaders: Bob Schinske 150; Daniel Hunter 334; Chris Noren 112; Erik Schwab 532; Barb Patterson 474; Shirley Figura 348b; Stephanie Fida 531; Leigh Cooper 215; Jack Lofton 362; Kevin Beirne 181; Karen Noren 410t; Jessica Hahl 335; Kate Coxon 564; Melissa Stephenson 89; Caroline Helmecki 38b; Kelly Kennedy 492; Carolyn Gilkey 344; Mark Godfrey 176t; Marla Elliott 254; Lucinda Larsen Saue 86.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Evan Palmer leading 29t. Leaders: Dorothy Robinson 506; Linda Berkemeier 528; Dan Thoma 35; John Wiens 273; Kevin Barrans 70b; Marie Brandis 212; Solomon Ossa 436; Jennifer Jones 163t; Anne Huckins 350; Alberta Hardy 67; Ruth Linehan 270; Steve Cackley 69b; Judy Whiting 208; Chris Brown 31t; Ruth Wampler and Steve Luttinen 549; Elaine Denny 348t; Carolyn Gilkey, Paul Figura, Shirley Figura, Roberta Strauss, and Anne Drexler 277; Andrew Fowler 455; Karl Oswald 551; Mark Miller 229; Katy Hunter 39b; Barb Patterson and Dick Patterson 399t.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. The Treasurer reported that

half of expenses were met. Registration and Arranging Committees announced 151 registered attendees from eleven states and three countries. The Resolutions Committee thanked everyone who helped organize and run the convention. Gifts were presented to Chris Brown for his singing school presentation. Announcements were made.

Kate Fine led 62 as the closing song. Julie Strayer-Thoma offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Kate Fine; Vice Chairperson—Linda Berkemeier; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen

NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Foundation of Light, Ithaca, New York

October 15-16, 2016

Saturday, October 15

The 28th meeting of the New York State Convention held annually on the weekend of the third Sunday in October was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ginny Huszagh leading 34b. Dennis Leipold offered the invocation.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 313t; Robert Wheeler 171; Keillor Mose 74b; Guy Bankes 28b; Chris Haller 267; Jean Seiler 273; Dan Hertzler 564; Alec Targett 187; Dennis Leipold 186; Scott Luscombe 28t; Pleasance Crawford 402; Julia Reischel 99; Joanna Wheeler 163b; Chuck Crawford 66; Kassie Urban-Mead 32t; Lucy Roberts 133; Barbara Swetman 196; Melody Johnson 335.

RECESS

Alec Targett called the class back together by leading 282. Leaders: Mary Skidmore 39t; Sarah Underhill 276; Joanne Fuller 134; Thom Metzger 179; Elizabeth Barlow 384; Lyn Caswell 344; Leon Pulsinelle 55; Eileen Metzger 201; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 290; Sue Hengelsberg 306; Dev Crasta 178; Paula Picton 390; Laura Densmore 311; Robert Wheeler 209; Keillor Mose 204; Guy Bankes 534.

RECESS

Kassie Urban-Mead called the class to order leading 105. Thom Metzger spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee, and led 274t. Leaders: Chris Haller 455; Jean Seiler 492; Dan Hertzler 176b; Alec Targett and Bryan Filette 63; Dennis Leipold 47t; Scott Luscombe 270; Pleasance Crawford 309; Julia Reischel 145t; Joanna Wheeler 86; Chuck Crawford 300; Kassie Urban-Mead 107; Lucy Roberts 448b; Barbara Swetman 448t. Robert Wheeler offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ginny Huszagh led 312b to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Jean Seiler 299; Thom Metzger 269; Laura Densmore 456; Dennis Leipold 189; Dan Hertzler 556; Scott Luscombe 506; Ginny Huszagh 228; Chris Haller 313b; Robert Wheeler 147t; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 38b; Eileen Metzger 522; Kerry Cullinan 486; Barbara Swetman 546; Mary Skidmore 250; Melody Johnson 474; Lucy Roberts 101t; Sarah Underhill 102; Guy Bankes 444; Joanne Fuller 432; Dev Crasta 148.

RECESS

Ginny Huszagh called the class to order leading 569b. Leaders: Elizabeth Barlow 503; Lyn Caswell 452; Keillor Mose 222; Leon Pulsinelle 496; Jean Seiler 72b; Jeff Francom, accompanied by his son, Jacob, and a group of students from Suny Potsdam 547; Shavon Lloyd 47b; Paula Picton 352; Sue Hengelsberg 504; Alec Targett 149; Pleasance Crawford 502; Julia Reischel 87; Joanna Wheeler 551; Chuck Crawford 314; Thom Metzger 423; Laura Densmore 540; Dennis Leipold 159 (in memory of Walter Hartley); Dan Hertzler 278t.

Announcements were made. The singing resumed with Scott Luscombe leading 353.

Leaders: Chris Haller 236; Robert Wheeler 350; Kerry Cullinan 68b; Barbara Swetman 146; Mary Skidmore 542; Joanne Fuller 121.

Ginny Huszagh led 62 as the closing song. Dennis Leipold offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, October 16

The Sunday session of the New York State Convention was called to order by Ginny Huszagh leading 566. Dennis Leipold offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Alec Targett 49b; Melody Johnson 33b; Dan Hertzler 61; Kassie Urban-Mead 159; Laura Densmore 228; Eric Bean 285t; Mary Skidmore 171; Dennis Leipold 31t; Candis Bailey 106; Jean Seiler 217; Chris Danilich 180; Barbara Swetman 284; Shavon Lloyd 457; Pleasance Crawford 403.

RECESS

The second session of the day was called to order by Eric Bean leading 47t. Leaders: Sue Hengelsberg 175; Jeff Francom 229; Lauren Henry 46; Paula Picton 150; Emary Jacobucci 68b; Melody Johnson 479; Chuck Crawford 475; Hannah Gaitner 457; Kathy Chillemi, David Deacon, and Caitlin McDonough 146; Scott Luscombe 376. Mary Skidmore spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins, and reminded the class that this also included those who were caregivers for the sick. She read the following list of names and led 330b: Claudene Townson, Edward Swetman, Mike Ramsey, Rick Johnson, Linda Huppe, Barbara Huszagh, Barbara Barry, Janet Moore, Ron Bornick, Margaret Bornick, John Mallory, and Jan May.

Jean Seiler conducted the memorial lesson, and spoke of the strength and support that singers find as part of a caring singing community. She also spoke feelingly of the comfort that her late husband found in his last months of life, knowing that after he had passed, his name would be remembered for a year in memorial lessons and that he would be held in the hearts of other singers. She mentioned the special loss of Oliver Kindig-Stokes, a young and enthusiastic singer, whose life was taken in a car accident in the past year. She noted that sometimes we sing for those who have lived a long and full life and that sometimes we sing for those taken from us while in their prime. She read the names of the following deceased and led 122 in their memory: Richard Bailey, Ann Henry, and Elspeth Rhodin—New York; Oliver Kindig-Stokes and Betty Hanf—Pennsylvania; Walter S. Hartley—North Carolina; Earlis McGraw and B.M. Smith—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Francis Bliss—Maine; Joseph Leonard Rowe—Rhode Island; Timothy Grannis, Abigail Haigh, and Bill Seaman—Vermont; Joanne Coburn and Carol Quimby Heath—New Hampshire; Leon J. Pulsinelle and Joe Neighmond—New Jersey; Gary Esolen—Louisiana; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Ryan Meagen—Connecticut; Jan Plecash and Tanis Fairley—Ontario, Canada. Dennis Leipold led the class in prayer to close the memorial lesson.

RECESS

Kassie Urban Mead called the class to order by leading 276. Leaders: Laura Densmore 528; Dan Hertzler 472; Joanne Fuller 460; Ginny Huszagh 195; Pleasance Crawford 301; Alec Targett 157; Chris Danilich 63; Kassie Urban-Mead 117; Scott Luscombe 315; Emary Jacobucci 59; Barbara Swetman 454; Lauren Henry 108t; Dennis Leipold 105; Shavon Lloyd 148; Chuck Crawford 84; Hannah Gaitner 126. Dennis Leipold closed the session by leading grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ginny Huszagh called the class to order by leading 300. She spoke briefly but warmly of the gentle tutelage and help that many singers in our community have received from Paula Picton, who has quietly encouraged and selflessly shared her singing and wisdom with so many. Leaders: Eric Bean 270; Mary Skidmore 114; Paula Picton 411; Jeffrey Francom 319; Jean Seiler 52t; Melody Johnson 340; David

Deacon 47b; Candis Bailey 27t; Kathy Chillemi and Rachel Fox von Swearingen 277; Sue Hengelsberg 523; Rachel Fox von Swearingen 155; Chuck Crawford 288; Lauren Henry 334; Pleasance Crawford 481; Dan Hertzler 480; Shavon Lloyd 178.
RECESS

Dennis Leipold led 145b. The various committees presented their reports, and announcements were made, including the locations and approximate dates for New York state singings for the coming year.

Leaders: Barb Swetman 135; Hannah Gaitner 326; Kathy Chillemi 268; David Deacon 38b; Sue Hengelsberg 127; Ginny Huszagh and previous chairmen of New York State conventions 40; Jeffrey Francom 504; Rachel Fox von Swearingen 107; Eric Bean 218; Mary Skidmore 56b; Dennis Leipold 112; Candis Bailey 547; Melody Johnson 48t; Pleasance Crawford 64; Chris Danilich 41; Jeffrey Francom, Chris Danilich, Shavon Lloyd, Lauren Henry, and Hannah Gaitner 35; Chuck Crawford 473; Dan Hertzler 445.

Ginny Huszagh thanked the class for their attendance and participation. She led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Dennis Leipold offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ginny Huszagh; Vice Chairman—Alec Targett; Secretaries—Dan Hertzler, Kassie Urban-Mead, and Mary Skidmore

REID MEMORIAL **County Line Church, Corner, Alabama** **Sunday, October 16, 2016**

The 97th session of the Reid Memorial Singing was called to order by Danny Creel leading 48t. He then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ken Tate 388; Lucy Heidorn and Keith Tolbert 143; Eugene Forbes 192; Betty Baccus 454; Michael Thompson 475; Karen Rollins 344; Richard Mauldin 40; Kathy Williams 176b; Hayden Arp 405; Nate Green and Norma Green 418; Carolyn Thompson and Bob Couch 455; Chris Ballinger 215; Brenda Chafin 187; Cheyenne Ivey 56t; Jerry Kitchens 33b; Yancey Jett 440; Joyce Walton 39b (in memory of Marie Ivey); Gary Glover 114; Isaac Green 73t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 82t. Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 138t; Jim Carnes 203; Hannah Tate 268; Linda Sides and Bob Couch 170; Judy Caudle 411; Gravis Ballinger 120; Reba Windom 480 (in memory of Pauline Childers); Emily Brown 456; Nathan Rees 103; Elene Stovall 142 (in memory of D.M. Aldridge); Larry Ballinger 528; Lauren Bock 292 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Gillian Inksetter 423; Darrell Swarens 208; Ann Jett 327.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 224. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 477; Lisa Geist 492; Rodney Ivey 498; Sharon DuPriest and Rodney Ivey 299; Alex Forsyth 181; Loretta Whitman 406; David Ivey 530 (for Ottis Sides); Ainslie Allen and Emma Calvert 196, 29t; Jesse Karlsberg 133; Justin Bowen 442; Jonathon Smith 296; fourth generation Reid cousins (Danny Creel, Cindy Tanner, Wanda Capps, Ann Jett, and Lucy Heidorn) 146; fifth and sixth generation Reid cousins (Cassie Allen, Emily Brown, Yancey Jett, Keith Tolbert, Ken Tate, Shelley Calvert, David Heidorn, Hannah Tate, Kelsie Sapp, Emma Calvert, Ainslie Allen, Reese Brown, and Raegan Brown 441 (in memory of Lucile Tolbert); Karen Ivey 391; Sarah Trumbore 274b; Jamey Wootten and Jarod Wootten 421; Marissa Linquitis 47t; Marty Wootten 472. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Danny Creel.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 318. Leaders: Cindy Tanner

436 (in memory of Marie Aldridge and for Kathleen Robbins); Buell Cobb 72b; Brett King and Ken Tate 162; Cassie Allen 434 (for Kathleen Robbins); SuNell Ellis and Ken Tate 532 (in memory of Edith Tate); Ken Tate and Julie Tate 167; Wanda Capps and Bill Cleghorne 546; Gillian Inksetter 447; Justin Bowen 217; Isaac Green, Hayden Arp, and Cassie Allen 269; Lauren Bock and Karen Ivey 182; Alex Forsyth 76b; Darrell Swarens and Richard Mauldin 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel); Karen Rollins and Rodney Ivey 225t (in memory of B.M. Smith); Sarah Trumbore 84; Nathan Rees and Jonathon Smith 380; Jesse Karlsberg 383; Marissa Linquitis 282; Michael Thompson and Danny Creel 512; Kathy Williams 222; Chris Ballinger and Lisa Geist 273; Jamey Wootten and Jarod Wootten 89; Cassie Allen and Lucy Heidorn 460 (in memory of Jim Reid).

After announcements, the chairman led 384 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ken Tate, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Honorary Vice Chairperson—Kathleen Robbins; Acting Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn

ANDREWS CHAPEL SCHOOL SINGING

Thomaston, Georgia

Sunday, October 16, 2016

The annual Andrews Chapel School singing was held on the third Sunday in October. John Plunkett brought the class together leading 59. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

The class entered into a business session and elected the following officers:

Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretaries—Mary Brownlee and Lisa Bennett.

Leaders: Bentley McGuire 47t; Robert Kelley 503; Samuel Williams 344; Judy Chambless 300; Wayne Watson 225t; Trent Peachey 66; Agnes Todd and Oscar McGuire 122; David Grant 153; Glenda Collins and Burt Collins 100; David Smead 56b; Winfred Kerr 36b; Lisa Bennett 36t; Mary Brownlee 556; Ellen Ray 106; Martha Harrell and Oscar McGuire 34b; Rosemund Watson 63; Rebecca Over 234; Charlene Wallace 155.

RECESS

Bentley McGuire brought the class back together by leading 76b. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 485; John Hollingsworth 37b; Bill Hollingsworth 350; Robert Chambless 72b; Virginia Dyer 273; Richard DeLong 70t; John Plunkett 330b (for Megan Friddle, on the death of her mother). Bill Hollingsworth asked a blessing at the table before lunch.

LUNCH

Bentley McGuire called the class to order by leading 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith). Leaders: Winfred Kerr 146; Robert Kelley 299; Samuel Williams 26; Judy Chambless 319; Wayne Watson 112; Trent Peachey and Kendra Weaver 318; Agnes Todd 354b; David Grant 569b; Richard DeLong and Glenda Collins 566; David Smead 83t; Lisa Bennett 224; Mary Brownlee 200; Richard DeLong 77t; Ellen Ray 328; Martha Harrell and Oscar McGuire 178; Rosemund Watson 149; Rebecca Over 466; Oscar McGuire 515; Bill Hollingsworth 365; Robert Chambless 84; Rebecca Over 354t; Robert Kelley 278b; Ellen Ray 542; Trent Peachey and Kendra Weaver 47b.

Announcements were made. Bentley McGuire and Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. Wayne Watson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretaries—Mary Brownlee and Lisa Bennett

ALASKA SACRED HARP CONVENTION
The See House, St. Peter's By The Sea Episcopal Church
Sitka, Alaska

October 21-22, 2016

Friday, October 21

The 9th annual Alaska Sacred Harp Convention was held at the See House of St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church in Sitka, Alaska, on Friday evening and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. Chris Brown of Elland, West Yorkshire, England, conducted a singing school Friday evening, focusing on the early texts contained in *The Sacred Harp*, and how they illustrate the beginnings and development of congregational singing in English.

Leaders: Chris Brown 28t; Steve Helwig 29i; Charley Basham 126; Kari Lundgren 49t; Judy Whiting 273; Chris Brown 447; Marie Brandis 222; Steve Helwig 95; Campbell Longworth 32b; Cornelia Stanton 475; Sylvia Friske 330b; Steve Helwig 113; Marie Brandis 287; Amy Liu 277.

Saturday, October 22

Steve Helwig called the class to order leading 171. Charley Basham offered the opening prayer. A business meeting was held, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Campbell Longworth; Secretary—Kari Lundgren; Treasurer—Denise Klingler; Arranging Committee—Joe Linden and Bob Hume.

Leaders: Campbell Longworth 87, 107; Kari Lundgren 99, 162; Cornelia Stanton 540, 466; Charley Basham 112, 38t; Robert Sullivan 66, 501; Tom Crane 159, 288; Lynn Basham 344, 196; Bob Hume 276, 268; Sylvia Friske 40, 31t; Pat Coghlan 142.
RECESS

Kari Lundgren called the class back to order leading 448b. Leaders: Chris Brown 42, 108b; Judy Gangle 81t, 47b; Julia Smith 63; Judy Whiting 354t, 472; Amy Liu 209, 117; Sara Beaber-Fujioka and Alexandra Fujioka 157, 474; Joe Linden 122, 457; Marie Brandis 328, 347; Steve Helwig 48b, 51; Campbell Longworth 198, 218; Cornelia Stanton 490; Charley Basham 203, 523.

The memorial lesson was held. Steve Helwig led 425 for the following sick and shut-ins: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Karen Turner, Cath Tyler, Don Grimshaw, Nate Green, Norma Green, Melanie Hauff, Marilyn Murata, and Bruce Rowland.

The following deceased were named and Steve Helwig led 339 in their memory: Ken Klopf, Noah Mayo, and Rev. Sandra Hammett—Alaska; Chris Holloway—Germany; Ruth Steggle, Ian Whiting, and Ian Tilling—UK; Eileen McDougall—France; Earlis McGraw and B.M. Smith—Georgia; Bernice Williams Harvey, Gary Smith, Toney Smith, and S.T. Reed—Alabama; Jimmie Foreman and Tom Robinson—Texas. Charley Basham closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Marie Brandis called the class back to order leading 72b. Leaders: Robert Sullivan 503, 312b; Tom Crane 86; 34b; Sara Beaber-Fujioka and Marifranis Fujioka 388, 82t; Campbell Longworth 410t, 373; Lynn Basham 479, 455; Sylvia Friske 350, 49b; Bob Hume 84, 38b; Marie Brandis 168, 212; Pat Coghlan 492.

RECESS

Steve Helwig and Sylvia Friske called the class back to order leading 178. Leaders: Julia Smith 277; Chris Brown 441; Chris Brown and Maria D'Agostino 102; Charley Basham 515, 454; Amy Liu 448t; 39t; Steve Helwig 135, 145b; Judy Whiting 150, 521; Joe Linden 282, 155; Cornelia Stanton 480, 318; Kari Lundgren and Bill Davis 236 (for Nick and Tom); Pat Coghlan 272.

The business meeting was reopened, and committee reports were heard. It was

resolved that the 10th annual Alaska Sacred Harp Convention will be held in Sitka, Alaska, on the same weekend in 2017.

Leaders: Chris Brown 229; Maries Brandis 89; Judy Whiting 208. Kari Lundgren led 122 as the closing song. Charley Basham offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Campbell Longworth; Secretary—Kari Lundgren

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING
Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia
Saturday, October 22, 2016

The 40th annual Seed and Feed Singing was called to order by Lisa Bennett leading 59. Debora Grosse offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Lisa Bennett 32t; David Brodeur 145t, 145b; Laura Akerman 278b, 452; Kelly Morris 49b; Debora Grosse 171; Andy Ditzler 332; Malinda Snow 28b; Winfred Kerr 36b; Rebecca Over 560; Andy Morse 183; Cary Cleaver 268; Richmond Stubbs 35.

A business session was held and the following officers elected: Chairman—David Brodeur; Vice Chairman—Jim Neal; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 47t; Tony Hammock 42; Skeet Surrency 209; Karen Morris 155; Eric Tweedy 182; Joan Durdin, Anton Ge, and Ivan Ge 114.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Jim Neal leading 113. Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 213t; Jerusha Wheeler 270; John Whittemore 273; Elizabeth Gentry 127; Isaac Green 436; Dalton Lewis 472; Virginia Dyer 217.

A memorial lesson was held. Lisa Bennett spoke for the sick and shut-ins including Ben Price, Melanie Hauff, Michael Appert, Terry Warley, Andy Anderson, and Donna Bell.

Rebecca Over spoke for the deceased including Earlis McGraw, B.M. Smith, Geneva Prichard, Curtis Hamrick, and Virginia “Ginny” Slack—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Tony Conrad—New York; Fred Ralph Kotter—Utah; Hester Edwards and Toney Smith—Alabama; David Hokanson—Florida and Georgia; Roz Graves—Florida; and Betty Jo Bennett—South Carolina. Lisa Bennett and Rebecca Over led 340 for all those remembered. The lesson was closed with prayer offered by Malinda Snow.

Kelly Morris made remarks on the 40th anniversary of this singing (the 41st singing, as research shows two singings in one year) from its origins at the Seed and Feed Theatre, with members introduced to Sacred Harp by Larry Gordon and the Word of Mouth Chorus, and a visit to the Georgia State convention, followed by a singing school taught by Hugh McGraw and a singing at the theatre’s Atlanta home, a former bottling plant. The first Chairman, Henry Slack, then led 300.

Leaders: Caran Bramlette 480; Daniel Williams 523; David Smead 405; Summer Gotschall and Lisa Bennett 503.

LUNCH

David Brodeur brought the class to order by leading 72t. Leaders: John Plunkett 144; Dan Hovsepian 535; Malinda Snow 191; Eric Tweedy 442; Caran Bramlette 40; Henry Slack 181; Mary Ann “Peaches” Dunlap Sansom 236; Sandra Wilkinson 311; Andy Ditzler 400; Jerusha Wheeler 290; George Burnette, III 101t; Laura Akerman 240; Jim Neal 389; Daniel Williams 74t; Karen Morris 430; John Whittemore 186; Rose Yntema 501; David Smead 378t; Elizabeth Gentry 361; Tony Hammock 70b; Lauren Bock 432; Lauren Bock and Isaac Green 434; Rebecca Over and Winfred Kerr 500; Skeet Surrency 176t; Summer Gotschall and Lisa Bennett 384; Cary Cleaver 65; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 88t; Andy Morse 542; Dan Hovsepian 385b;

Kelly Morris 47b.

David Brodeur led 347 as the closing song. Malinda Snow offered the closing prayer. Chairman—David Brodeur; Vice Chairman—Jim Neal; Secretary—Laura Akerman

SADSBURY COOPER BOOK SINGING

Sadsbury Friends Meeting House, Christiana, Pennsylvania

Saturday, October 22, 2016

The 7th session of the Sadsbury *Cooper Book* Singing was held at the Sadsbury Friends Meeting House in Christiana, Pennsylvania. Connie Webster brought the class to order leading 30t. Lamar Matthew offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Lamar Matthew 199; Doron Henkin 486; Laura Densmore 54t; Barb Hohenstein 42; Guy Banks and Anna Bowen 182; Erin Kelly 55; Joel Bassett 56; Roland Hutchinson 587; Carol Stevens 49t; Elizabeth Patton 560; Rachel Hall and Ed Welch 159; Terry Ryan 268b; Gina Balestracci 574.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Barb Hohenstein leading 505. Leaders: Ted Stokes 438t; Dann Pell 500; Ruth Wampler 242; Krista Guerrieri 504b; Julian Bender 49b; Connie Webster 392; Lamar Matthew 393; Doron Henkin 514; Laura Densmore 504t; Barb Hohenstein 98; Guy Banks 494; Erin Kelly 391; Joel Bassett 478; Evan Druce 511t; Roland Hutchinson 175; Carol Stevens 463; Elizabeth Patton 426t; Rachel Hall 378b; Terry Ryan 522; Gina Balestracci 38t; Ted Stokes 559.

Laura Densmore rose to welcome Ed Welch, grandson of a North Carolina circuit rider and shape-note singer, and also to describe Sadsbury's connection to our fellow singers in Hoboken, Georgia. Lamar Matthew offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Connie Webster called the afternoon session to order leading 106. Leaders: Dann Pell 107; Krista Guerrieri 384; Ruth Wampler 571; Julian Bender 48t; Evan Druce 63; Connie Webster 573; Lamar Matthew 485; Doron Henkin 386; Laura Densmore "Pennsylvania" (written by Stanley Smith); Barb Hohenstein 45b; Guy Banks 70b; Erin Kelly 411; Joel Bassett 137; Roland Hutchinson 451; Carol Stevens 72; Elizabeth Patton 589; Rachel Hall 73t; Terry Ryan 314.

RECESS

Terry Ryan called the class to order leading 422t. Leaders: Gina Balestracci 139; Susan Munch 50t; Ted Stokes 450; Dann Pell 133; Elsie Eberly and Laura Densmore 333; Krista Guerrieri 71; Ruth Wampler 552; Julian Bender 68t; Evan Druce 340; Erin Kelly 410; Roland Hutchinson 484; Terry Ryan 572; Gina Balestracci 408; Evan Druce 300; Connie Webster 36t; Doron Henkin 380t; Guy Banks 269; Lamar Matthew 96; Laura Densmore 336t; Barb Hohenstein and Carol Stevens 563. Connie Webster led 527 as the closing song. Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Connie Webster; Secretary—Barb Hohenstein

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SHILOH SINGING

FALL SESSION

Northwest Technical Institute, Springdale, Arkansas

Saturday, October 22, 2016

The Northwest Arkansas Shiloh Singing, Fall Session, was called to order by Syd Caldwell leading 34b. Bill Caldwell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 32t; Bill Caldwell 353, 212; Katy Black 335, 312b; Rene Greene 313b, 313t; Chris Nicholson 314, 473; Dan Brittain 385b, 385t; Cory

Winters 186, 344; Andrew Albers 477, 88t; Harry Scott 81t, 155.

RECESS

Syd Caldwell called the class back to order leading 460 and 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith). Leaders: Tim Von Engeln 503, 163b; Will Sims 277, 178; Alexis Walker 294, 282; Penny Kujawinski 147 (MH), 172 (MH); Gayle Von Engeln 457, 86.

RECESS

Bill Caldwell called the class back to order leading 62 (MH). Lou Kujawinski led 83t and 348b.

Rene Greene conducted the memorial service speaking on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and reading the following list of names: Beau Caldwell, Dave Clark, Gail Cowart, Nate Green, Norma Green, Susan Harcrow, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Bill Price, Mona Vice, and Reba Windom. Rene Greene and Mary Ellen Wilkinson led 59.

Rene Greene read the following list of names of the deceased: Loraine Bayer, Alfred Caldwell, Janelle Davis, Charles Derleth, Loyd Landrum, Earlis McGraw, Geneva Prichard, S.T. Reed, B.M. Smith, Toney Smith, and Oliver-Kindig Stokes. In memory of them, Dan Brittain led 16 (MH). Bill Caldwell offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell and B.R. Black 280. The class sang 164 (MH) as grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Syd Caldwell leading 230. Leaders: Glen Deckelm 354b; Darryl Criss 117, 49b; Anita Buswell 496, 323b; Andrew Albers and Rhoda Albers 288, 338; Derk Rushing and Rene Greene 40, 217; Harry Scott 209, 142; Chris Nicholson 45 (MH), 157 (MH); Syd Caldwell 113 (MH), 45t; Alexis Walker and Drew Eason 106; Holly Childs 268; Darryl Criss 138 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 135 (MH), 180 (MH); Tim Von Engeln 13 (MH), 89 (MH).

RECESS

Dan Brittain called the class back to order leading some of his earlier songs that were sung at Camp Fasola, 2016. Leaders: Anita Buswell 143; Cory Winters 112, 424; Lou Kujawinski 192, 300; Syd Caldwell and Rene Greene 327, 196 (for Reba Windom, Nate Green, and Norma Green), 318 (in memory of B.M. Smith and for Margie Smith); Andrew Albers 271t.

Announcements were made. Syd Caldwell led 146 (in honor of Bill and Nancy Price). Mary Ellen Wilkinson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Vice Chairman—Bill Caldwell; Secretary—Katy Black

BLOOMINGTON SINGING

Fairview United Methodist Church, Bloomington, Indiana

Saturday, October 22, 2016

The 13th annual Bloomington All-Day Singing was held at the Fairview United Methodist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October.

Aaron Jones brought the class together by leading 59. Brad Bahler offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Aaron Jones; Arranging Committee—William Shetter and Beth Garfinkel; Secretary—Darrell Swarens.

Leaders: Darrell Swarens 36b; Beth Garfinkel 284; Christopher Goodbeer 276; Karen Bahler 128; John Bealle 75; John Hoerr 29b; Ray Rechenberg 29t; Curtis Cook and Kimmy Curell 333; Eloise Clark 475; Shannon Tibbs 38b; Joan Aldridge 222; James Eldridge 99; Aaron Laws 86; Virginia Eldridge 499; Randy Webber “Cincinnati”; Brad Bahler 192; Katherine Eldridge 125; William Shetter 178; John

Hoerr 440.

RECESS

Janice Harrell called the class back together leading 89. Leaders: Linda Selph 348b; Lori Freye 421; Michele Cull and Darrell Swarens 236; Darrell Swarens 457; Christopher Goodbeer 344; Karen Bahler 40; John Bealle 299; Crystal Laws and Elizabeth Laws 504; Amanda Ewer and Curtis Cook 39t; John Hoerr 440; Beth Garfinkel 162; Ray Rechenberg 436; Curtis Cook 454; Eloise Clark 473; Shannon Tibbs 345b; James Eldridge 111b; Aaron Laws 110; Virginia Eldridge 211; Randy Webber “Harrod’s Creek” (by Timothy Morton); Brad Bahler 77t; William Shetter 546. Aaron Jones offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session with Randy West and Aaron Jones leading 49b. Leaders: Allison Quartz 95; Cindy Bealle 131t; Curtis Cook 146; Linda Selph 296; Janice Harrell 254; Lori Freye 277; Michele Cull and Annaliza Cull 300; Darrell Swarens 507; Ed Walton and Ray Rechenberg 34b; Brad Bahler and Karen Bahler 133; Kimmy Curell 163b; John Bealle 163t; John Hoerr 270; Beth Garfinkel 551; Ray Rechenberg 71.

RECESS

Aaron Jones called the class back together by leading 117. Leaders: Curtis Cook 304; Randy West and Darrell Swarens 535; Annaliza Cull 47b; William Shetter 547; Thea Smith and Aaron Jones 209; Eloise Clark 472; Shannon Tibbs 42; Aaron Laws 33t; Virginia Eldridge 83t; Randy Webber 87; Katherine Eldridge 268.

Announcements were made. Aaron Jones lead 63 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Aaron Laws.

Chairman—Aaron Jones; Secretary—Darrell Swarens

COWETA COUNTY COURTHOUSE SINGING

Newnan, Georgia

Sunday, October 23, 2016

The 3rd annual Coweta County Courthouse Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in October at the Coweta County Courthouse in Newnan, Georgia. Mark Puckett called the class to order leading 32t. Ken Ashley offered the morning prayer. Mark Puckett welcomed all of the singers, made several announcements, and led 75.

Leaders: John Plunkett 321, 39b; Lela Crowder 421, 475; Philip Denney 84, 300; Faye Hollis 299, 276; Sheri Taylor 39t, 146; Robert Chambless 225t, 163b; Jeannette DePoy 129, 201; Cecil Roberts 31t, 35; Charlene Wallace 63, 77t; Jack Nelson 157, 517.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class back together leading 77b. Leaders: Ryan Lewis 123t, 87; Lisa Bennett 158, 486; Oscar McGuire 441, 171; Virginia Dyer 546, 344; David Brodeur 98, 90; Rebecca Over 278b, 383; Winfred Kerr 388, 59; Helen Bryson 542, 313b.

The class entered into a business session, and elected the following officers to serve: Chairman—Mark Puckett; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Lela Crowder.

LUNCH

Mark Puckett, Leighanna Beatenbough, and Haley Beatenbough brought the class back to order leading 112 and 45t. Leaders: Karen Rollins 170, 168; Andy Ditzler 365, 105; Judy Chambless 153, 82t; Richard DeLong 121, 378t; John Plunkett 35 (for Ken Ashley); David Smead 398, 404; Lela Crowder 354t; Philip Denney 448t; Cecil Roberts 277; Sheri Taylor 358; Faye Hollis 283; Ryan Lewis 122; Helen Bryson 176t; Oscar McGuire 515; Rebecca Over 544; Jack Nelson 408; Winfred Kerr 282;

Karen Rollins 540; David Brodeur 83t; Lisa Bennett 399b; Andy Ditzler 385t; David Smead 417.

Announcements were made. Mark Puckett and Carolyn Turner led 46 as the closing song. Bill Loftin offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Mark Puckett; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Lela Crowder

KELLY DAY MEMORIAL COOPER BOOK SINGING
Carroll County 4-H Scout Building, Flora, Indiana
Saturday, October 29, 2016

The 9th annual session of the Kelly Day Memorial *Cooper Book* Singing was called to order by Brad Bahler leading 293b. Rob Root offered the opening prayer. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Brad Bahler; Vice Chairman—David Bahler; Secretary—Robert Bahler.

Leaders: David Bahler 293t; Samuel Sommers 54t; Ginny Landgraf 375; Erica Detemmerman 273; Will Fitzgerald 571; Jan May 575; Holly Austin 222; Naomi Frick and Shirley Frick 573; Jim Helke 367; Susan Holsinger 312; Aaron Jones 184b; Curtis Cook 333; John Hoerr 171; Karen Bahler 55; Mark Brown 572; Darrell Swarens 505; Linda Selph 411 (in memory of Janelle Davis); Rob Bahler 142.

RECESS

John Bahler called the class back together by leading 76b. Leaders: David Bahler 546; Brad Bahler 38t; Samuel Sommers 350; Ginny Landgraf 378t; Erica Detemmerman 38b; Karen Bahler 61; Will Fitzgerald 331b; Jan May 511t; Holly Austin 392; Naomi Frick and Shirley Frick 335; Syble Adams 63; Jim Helke 229; Susan Holsinger 541; Aaron Jones 449; John Hoerr 306; Mark Brown 574. Mark Brown asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rob Bahler called the class back to order leading 131t. Leaders: Darrell Swarens 96; Linda Selph 497; Amritpal Singh 587; Syble Adams 543; John Bahler 567; Samuel Sommers 450; Brad Bahler 95b (for Johnny Lee).

Johnny was hoping to come to this singing, but his health had deteriorated quickly. He went to be with the Lord four days later. It was Johnny's desire to start a *Cooper Book* Singing in Indiana, and with his help we were able to do so. Henceforth this singing will be known as the Johnny Lee-Kelly Day Memorial *Cooper Book* singing. Ginny Landgraf led 421 (in memory of Janelle Davis) and Will Fitzgerald led 39 (for Johnny Lee).

Leaders: David Bahler 163t; Erica Detemmerman 189; Jan May 344; Holly Austin 41; Curtis Cook 260.

RECESS

Karen Bahler led 563 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Naomi Frick and Shirley Frick 199; Jim Helke 503; Syble Adams 133; Aaron Jones 106; John Hoerr 47t; Amritpal Singh and Aaron Jones 239; Mark Brown and Syble Adams 559; Linda Selph 397; Robert Bahler 324; John Bahler 276.

Following announcements, Brad Bahler and Syble Adams led 527 as the closing song (also a favorite of Johnny Lee). The closing prayer was offered by Will Fitzgerald. Chairman—Brad Bahler; Vice Chairman—David Bahler; Secretary—Robert Bahler

LONDON SINGING
Highgate URC Chapel, London, United Kingdom
Saturday, October 29, 2016

The 8th annual London All-Day Singing was held at Highgate URC Chapel, Pond

Square, London, and was called to order by Francis Gaskin leading 60. Marjorie Brown offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ed Johnson-Williams 33b; Susannah Gill 37b; Marjorie Brown 171; Victoria Timberlake 102; Teresa Maguire 313t; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 84; Ella Cumber 212; Jan Lawrence 523; Barry Parsons 375; Toni Söderqvist 103; Andrew Clark 34b; Rachel Wemyss 80t; Emily Isaac 40; Nick Hall 515; Barton Creeth 274t; Leilai Immel 81b; Eli Petzold 306; Toby Goss 49b; Rachel Jordan 29t; Edwin Macadam 351; Ian Lamb 547; Steve Brett 439.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Francis Gaskin; Treasurer—Teresa Maguire; Chaplain—Andrew Clark; Arranging Officer—Susannah Gill; Secretary—Ed Johnson-Williams.

RECESS

Cora Wareh called the class to order leading 481. Leaders: Matthew Parkinson and Jamie Creeth 101b; Sarah West 26; Tarik Wareh 166; Hyke Sakaras 457; Sheila Girling Macadam 280; Diane Hayward and Calum Woods 162; Faiz Wareh 406; Crispin Walker 405; Oskar Kvasnes 63; Miranda Harrison-Quillin 154; Chris Cotter 57; Inga Hübner 193; Dominik Fraune 147b; Julie Russell 155; Stefan Seat 278t; Johannes Sauer 82t; Florent Decherf 506.

Barry Parson spoke and read the following list of names of the sick and housebound: Geoffrey Rendle; Helena Beddoe; Phoebe Davidson; Dona Reynolds; Helen Bushell; Nigel Cumber; Amanda Parkes; Sheila Dodsworth; Jackie Saunders; Paula Mogenson; Franz-Josef Fraune.

Andrew Clark conducted the memorial lesson, and led 122 in remembrance of the following people: Gillian Woodward, Irene Smith, Alma Saxby, Charles Dodsworth, Ruth Steggle, Fred Bennett, Bob King, Sue Wheeler, Gisela Sakaras, and Dee.

Leaders: Joe Vickers 499; Pattie Wareh 72b; Gideon Dresdner 208; Amelia Osborn 288; Nick Hall 215; Leila Immel 206; Toni Söderqvist 277; Ella Cumber 383; Rachel Wemyss 180. Amy Kutz gave thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Steve Brett called the class to order by leading 398. Leaders: Rachel Jordan 318; Eli Petzold 196; Calum Woods 542; Marjorie Brown 228; Edwin Macadam 236; Jacqui Knowles 117; Arthur Swindells 377; Sarah West 475; Tarik Wareh 217; Sheila Girling Macadam 203; Gideon Dresdner 131t; Crispin Walker 444; Pattie Wareh 276; Florent Decherf 440; Inga Hübner 94; Chris Cotter 213t; Rachel Adelstein 268; Matthew Parkinson 189; Julie Russell 107; Dominik Fraune 287; Oskar Kvasnes 66; Corah Wareh 68b; Stefan Svat 332; Barry Parsons 434.

RECESS

Faiz Wareh called the class to order leading 68t. Leaders: Amelia Osborn 178; Ed Johnson-Williams 201; Emily Isaac 282; Toby Goss 47b; Barton Creeth 38b; Arthur Swindells 362; Teresa Maguire 30b; Joe Vickers 324; Jan Lawrence 339; Ian Lamb 209; Rachel Adelstein 218; Andrew Clark 235; Jackie Knowles 65; Johannes Sauer 224; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 56b.

The Secretary reported that seventy-two singers had registered. There were fifty-two leaders and ninety-five songs were sung.

Francis Gaskin led 414 as the closing song. Joe Vickers offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Francis Gaskin; Secretary—Ed Johnson-Williams

NORUMBEGA HARMONY SINGING

Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Saturday, October 29, 2016

The 2nd all-day singing from The Norumbega Harmony (NbH) and *The Sacred Harp* was called to order by Sylvia Martin leading 140 (NbH), followed by welcome

and introduction. Robert Dove gave the invocation.

Leaders: Bill Holt 52t; John Travers 150; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 189; Robert Dove 473; Dennis O'Brien 250 (NbH); Michal Truelsen 217; Ron Trial 150 (NbH); Susan Mampre 54 (NbH); Chris Noren 16 (NbH); Fay Baird 203; Bruce Randall 2 (NbH); Joan Frankel 414; Paul Robinson 369; Lyra O'Brien 428; Anayis Mampre-Wright 222 (NbH); Susan Jaster 156 (NbH); Liz Patton 371; George Sigut 122; Steven Levine 350; June Matthews 154 (NbH).

RECESS

Singers reconvened with David Bliss leading 80 (NbH). Leaders: Glen Wright "Reunion"; Jim Greaney 159; Ed Smith 200; Richard Schmeidler 122 (NbH); George Pomfret 250 (NbH); Stephen Marini 69 (NbH); Sylvia Martin 242 (NbH); Bill Holt 112 (NbH); Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 83 (NbH); John Travers 90 (NbH); Robert Dove 474; Michal Truelsen 32b; Dennis O'Brien 239 (NbH); Susan Mampre 228; Chris Noren 244 (NbH); Nancy Reid 114 (NbH); Bruce Randall 497; Fay Baird 198; Dennis O'Brien 280.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Ron Trial leading 184 (NbH). Leaders: Lyra O'Brien 94; Neely Bruce 266 (NbH); Stephen Marini 250; Joan Frankel 204 (NbH); Steven Levine 89; Anne Kazlauskas 205 (NbH); Anayis Mampre-Wright 188 (NbH); David Bliss 190 (NbH); Susan Jaster 136 (NbH); Glen Wright 214 (NbH); Jim Greaney 160 (NbH); June Matthews 236 (NbH); Ed Smith 208 (NbH); Duncan Vinson 143 (NbH); Richard Schmeidler 82 (NbH); George Pomfret 108 (NbH); Karen McArthur 195 (NbH).

RECESS

Leaders: Paul Robinson 569b; Eric Hildebrandt 551; Glenn Parker and Faith Parker 254; Liz Patton 50 (NbH); Sylvia Martin 4 (NbH); George Sigut 86; Michal Truelsen 186 (NbH); Bruce Randall 268; Fay Baird 332; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 166 (NbH); Ron Trial 8 (NbH); Stephen Marini "Noanet"; Neely Bruce 265 (NbH); Steven Levine 532; Anne Kazlauskas 447.

Announcements were made. The officers and committee members led 134 (NbH) as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Karen McArthur.

Chairman—Sylvia Martin; Secretary—Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner

UNION MUSICAL SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Sweetwater Chapel, Lawrenceville, Georgia

October 29-30, 2016

Saturday, October 29

The 148th session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was hosted by Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in October. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by John Plunkett leading 52t. Bill Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer. Jeannette DePoy directed the introductory lesson leading songs on pages 418, 168, 73b, 378b, 119, 71, and 572.

Leaders: Helen Bryson 205, 328; Rachel Carlisle 318, 192; David Brodeur 85, 69b; Emmaleigh Calhoun 277, 47b; Bill Hollingsworth 180, 91; Eric Tweedy 68t, 276; Jerusha Wheeler 551; Nina Burris 335, 288; Jesse Karlsberg 289, 325; Rebecca Over 74t, 562.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 167.

A business session was held with the following officers and committee members elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Nathan Rees; Vice Chairman—Rachel

Carlisle; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson; Resolutions Committee—Lisa Bennett and Rebecca Over; Memorial Committee—David Brodeur and David Smead; Arranging Committee—Jeannette DePoy and Andy Ditzler. A motion was made and carried to add John Plunkett as a second on the convention checking account. Leaders: David Smead 296, 444; John Hollingsworth 236; Winfred Kerr 87, 500; Lisa Bennett 538, 186; Andy Ditzler 337, 407; Debora Grosse 114, 116; Nathan Rees 29b, 211; Michael Spencer 370, 393; Chris Tweedy 156, 70t; Tony Hammock 547, 275b; Chris Wilhelm 101b, 107.

LUNCH

Nathan Rees called the class to order leading 101t. Leaders: Susan Posey 312b, 228; Ann Riley Gray 439, 142; Sandra Wilkinson 40, 334; George Burnette 128, 129; David Brodeur 104; Rebecca Over 504; Nina Burris 198; Jesse Karlsberg 202; Andy Ditzler 416; Eric Tweedy 195; Emmaleigh Calhoun 146; Michael Spencer 191; Chris Wilhelm 494; Tony Hammock 112; Debora Grosse 460; David Smead 158; John Hollingsworth 240; Lisa Bennett 505 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Winfred Kerr 388; Alice West 408, 73t; Jerusha Wheeler 454; George Burnette 117; Ann Riley Gray 316; Sandra Wilkinson 300.

Announcements were made. Nathan Rees and the other officers led 323t as the closing song. Bill Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, October 30

Nathan Rees called the class to order leading 56t. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Rachel Carlisle 275b, 145t; Helen Bryson 312t, 546; Andy Ditzler 132, 375; Jeannette DePoy 55, 457; David Brodeur 83b, 93; David Smead 467, 138b; Rebecca Over 50b, 461; Lisa Bennett 387, 512; Eli Hinton 146, 65; Scott DePoy 114, 179; Sandra Wilkinson 405, 73b; Matt Hinton 275t, 280; Jesse Karlsberg 110, 440.

RECESS

Rachel Carlisle called the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: John Plunkett 85, 53; Trevor Goble 67, 86; Jim Neal 84, 496; Dan Edwards 47b, 448b; Isaac Green 24b, 73t.

David Smead and David Brodeur conducted the memorial lesson. David Brodeur read from Hebrews, chapter 12. The sick and shut-ins remembered were Susan Harcrow, Jack Paulk, Ben Price, Michael Appert, Donna Bell, Terry Wootten, Johnny Lee, and Tom Hanson. The deceased remembered were Earlis McGraw, B.M. Smith, Geneva Prichard, Loyd Landrum, Mary Lee Calhoun, John Thomas Lee, Sr.—Georgia; Hester Edwards, Toney Smith, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams—Alabama; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Tony Conrad—New York; and Thomas Z. Hart. They led 70t. Jim Neal closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Anna Hinton 209, 142; Samuel Williams 197, 163t; John Hollingsworth 354t, 415.

LUNCH

Helen Bryson called the class to order leading 81b. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 314, 354b; Erica Hinton and friend 228, 74b; Reba Windom 270; Julian Damashek 187, 131b; Shannon Primm 29b, 72t; Hayden Arp 408, 283; Lauren Bock 50t, 181; Amy Armstrong Wells 411, 278t; Oscar McGuire 163b, 229 (for Bentley McGuire); Malinda Snow 148, 107; Judy Mincey 465, 489; Anders Wells 89, 70b; Debora Grosse 333, 569b; Alice West 100, 119; Rebecca Over 516; Winfred Kerr 517.

The convention entered into a business session for the purpose of hearing reports. The Resolutions Committee reported the following: We, the singers and members of the 148th session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention, thank God for the many blessings he has given to us. We thank Him for Sacred Harp, for the joy of singing and for the opportunity for fellowship with friends from near and far. We

thank Him for the composers of the music and for the poets whose words we sing. We give thanks for all those who have gone before and have handed this very special tradition down to us. We thank all those whose hard work made this wonderful weekend of singing possible, especially all who prepared the delicious food that we have enjoyed both days. We thank all who came to sing and to participate on both days. We thank all associated with Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, the hosts of the convention this year, and whose hard work and dedication over the years has made it possible for us to enjoy the pleasure of singing here at Sweetwater Chapel. May God be with each and every one of us and allow us to meet again next year on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in October for the 149th session of this convention at Big Creek Primitive Church.

The Treasurer reported that convention expenses were met. The reports were approved, and the business session was closed.

Announcements were made. Nathan Rees and the other officers led 62 as the closing song. Jim Neal offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Nathan Rees; Vice Chairman—Rachel Carlisle; Secretary—Helen Bryson

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION, FALL SESSION, COOPER BOOK

Austin, Texas

October 29-30, 2016

Saturday, October 29

The fall session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Janie Short leading 59. Robert Vaughn offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Scott Curran 98; Sonny Huckaby 558; Beverly Coates 464; Scott McCown 99; Vivian Rogan 559; Abby Huckaby and Lauren Owen 159; Tom Owen 460; Kristie Powell, Angharad Wylie, and Laurel Dundee 239; Jackson Owen 53; Amy Peveto 38b; Silas Huckaby 215; Linda Booker 30t; Jeb Owen 31t; Catherine Rogan 36b; Riley Owen 155; Sarah Huckaby 217; Leon Ballinger 222; Vickie Cook 365; Gaylon Powell 543; Cheryl Foreman 66.

RECESS

Bruce Coates began the second morning session leading 63. Leaders: Diane Ross 442t (for Curtis Owen); Carter Cook 168; Addison Bowles and Greg Bowles 573; Stacy Berkheimer 72; Jesse Latimer 581; Nancy Price 106; Josh Rogan 203; Olivia Powell 274t; William Price 283; Liz Owen 220; Jeff Begley 276; Michele Curran and Kaylie Curran 392; Charles Whitmer 218; Ron Bernucho 463; Sonny Erwin 488; Amanda Bowles 553; Rick Foreman 107; Tammy Powell 142; Robert Vaughn 496b; Francesca Farrisi 543; Donald Ross 594; Greg Bowles 148; Bill Bailey 121; Gary Rogan 567; Kevin Powell 300; Mike Hinton 270; Sonny Huckaby 450. Prayer was offered by Ron Bernucho.

LUNCH

Janie Short opened the afternoon session leading 128. Leaders: Josh Rogan 411; Diane Ross 132; Jeff Begley 133; Becky Hendricks 564; Mike Hinton 478; Francesca Farrisi 171; Jesse Latimer 192; Nancy Price 129; Jeb Owen 514; Cheryl Foreman 269; Robert Vaughn 331b; Stacy Berkheimer 191; William Price 444t; Vickie Cook 162; Riley Owen 47b; Bill Bailey 416b; Liz Owen 186; Silas Huckaby 280; Charles Whitmer 410; Jackson Owen 40.

RECESS

Scott Curran began the session leading 422b. Leaders: Laurel Dundee, Kristie Powell, and Angharad Wylie 422t; Donald Ross 591; Carter Cook 183; Sonny Erwin

569 (for Johnny Lee); Sarah Huckaby 278b; Rick Foreman 140; Vivian Rogan 32t; Ron Bernucho 484; Michele Curran and Kaylie Curran 196; Gary Rogan 511b; Amanda Bowles 68t; Tom Owen 544; Catherine Rogan 182; Greg Bowles 95b; Amy Peveto 54t.

Janie Short led 264b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

Sunday, October 30

The class was called to order by Janie Short leading 575. The opening prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Scott Curran 64; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 489; Leon Ballinger 120; Linda Booker 38t; Gaylon Powell 524; Scott McCown 282; Tammy Powell 553; Silas Huckaby 216; Cheryl Foreman 86; Jackson Owen 132; Stacy Berkheimer 417; Jane Goforth 505; Addison Bowles and Tom Owen 159; Riley Owen 268t; Nancy Price 563; Lauren Owen 572; William Price 486; Abby Huckaby and Sarah Huckaby 277; Ben Copenhaver 562.

RECESS

Janie Short began the second session leading 135. Leaders: Josh Rogan 497; Carol Selleck 336t; Ron Bernucho 500; Stephanie Copenhaver 129; Carter Cook 110; Francesca Farrisi 239; Jeff Begley 150; Evelyn Lamb 269; Donald Ross 287; Vickie Cook 335; Rick Foreman 35; Diane Ross 300; Mike Hinton 288; Olivia Powell 36b; Sonny Erwin 430; Amanda Bowles 155; Kevin Powell 395t; Sonny Huckaby 49t; Michele Curran 67; Tom Owen 381t; Catherine Rogan 200; Greg Bowles 29b.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Donald Ross spoke in remembrance of those who are sick or home bound, and led 96 for the following: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Myrl Jones, Dale Redmon, Jr., Ray Cott-Meisel, Paul Wilson, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Virginia Glass, Terry Wootten, and Michael Appert.

Vivian Rogan read the list of the deceased, and led 285t in remembrance of the following: Ruth Redmon, Thomas Edward Robinson, and Jimmy Glen Foreman—Texas; Donald Klein—Colorado; Elsie Calvert Moon and Toney Smith—Alabama; Ruth Steggles—United Kingdom; Ron Huss—California; B.M. Smith—Georgia. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

Leaders: Sarah Huckaby 380t; Gary Rogan 48t. Prayer was offered in thanks for the noon meal by Josh Rogan.

LUNCH

Amy Peveto led 77t to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Kristie Powell 383; Jeff Begley 144; Francesca Farrisi 142; Ben Copenhaver 363; Evelyn Lamb 210; William Price 42; Stacy Berkheimer 171; Carol Selleck 450; Nancy Price 434; Carter Cook 384; Diane Ross 212; Ron Bernucho 63; Josh Rogan 122; Vickie Cook and Olivia Powell 235; Donald Ross 111b; Mike Hinton 461.

The officers led the closing song, and prayer was offered by Mike Hinton. Chairwoman—Janie Short; Vice Chairman—Scott Curran; Secretaries and Arranging Committee—Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates

HYDE PARK / UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SINGING

57th Street Meeting of Friends, Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois

Saturday, November 5, 2016

The 18th annual Hyde Park All-Day Singing was held at Quaker House, Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Jim Helke leading 13 (MH). Rochelle Lodder offered the opening prayer. This singing uses *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and the *Missouri Harmony* (MH).

Leaders: Mary Rogel 49t; Erica Detemmerman 267; Ginny Landgraf 88 (MH); Steve Warner 34b (in honor of Michael Appert); Amritpal Singh 122; Dave Barford 56b; Darrell Swarens 36b; Terry Cunningham 148; Michael Mosley 172; Doug Stapleton 217; Pleasance Crawford 403.

A business session was held to elect or appoint the following officers and committee members: Chairman—Mary Rogel; Vice Chairman—Amritpal Singh; Secretary—Erica Detemmerman; Arranging Committee—Jim Swanson and Ann Sleeva; Finance Officer—Jim Helke; Chaplain—Rochelle Lodder; Resolutions Committee—Mary Rogel and Ginny Landgraf.

RECESS

Leaders: Randy Neufeld 171; Nicholas Pasqual 173; Rochelle Lodder 313b; Anne Heider 192; Jo Dell Albi 180 (MH); Jacob Lee 138 (MH); Linda Heemskerk 324; Matthew Siefert 111b; Ted Mercer 80 (MH); Susan Geil 177 (MH); Jim Swanson 564 (in memory of Janelle Davis); Jerry Gripshover 89 (MH); Eileen Ferguson 112; Linda Selph 475; Lindsay Kruse 47t; Jim Helke 20 (MH) (in memory of Johnny Lee).

RECESS

Mary Rogel brought the class back together leading 99. Leaders: Erica Detemmerman 100; Cathryn Bearov 426b; Ginny Landgraf 6 (MH); Steve Warner 84; Amritpal Singh 186; Dave Barford 484; Darrell Swarens 507 (in memory of Janelle Davis); Terry Cunningham 142; Doug Stapleton 440; Pleasance Crawford 301; Lisa Grayson 411; Randy Neufeld 234; Nicholas Pasqual 114 (MH); Rochelle Lodder 135 (MH). Rochelle Lodder offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jim Swanson brought the class back together leading 114. Leaders: Ann Sleeva 108 (MH); Anne Heider 131 (MH); Jo Dell Albi 109 (MH); Jacob Lee 300; John Seaton 62 (MH); Susan Geil 81t; Linda Heemskerk 70b; Ted Mercer 75 (MH); Jerry Gripshover 178; Jim Helke 142 (MH); Eileen Ferguson 479; Linda Selph 430; Michael Mosley 208; Mary Rogel 129 (MH); Erica Detemmerman 144 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 7 (MH); Steve Warner 168; Amritpal Singh 344; Dave Barford 538.

RECESS

Ann Sleeva brought the class back together leading 49b. Leaders: Terry Cunningham 268; Darrell Swarens 198; Lisa Grayson 113 (MH); Pleasance Crawford 146 (MH); Linda Heemskerk 39t; Cathryn Bearov 127 (MH); John Seaton 169 (MH); Anne Heider 532; Randy Neufeld 29t; Jacob Lee 168 (MH); Susan Geil 565; Ted Mercer 299; Michael Mosley 303; Steve Warner 203; Nicholas Pasqual 116; Rochelle Lodder 481; Jerry Gripshover 46; Eileen Ferguson 503; Jim Swanson 546.

Mary Rogel thanked each of the organizers and all of the singers in attendance. Announcements were made. Jim Helke reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that eighty-one songs were led by thirty-one leaders from three states and one Canadian province.

Mary Rogel and Amritpal Singh led 347 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Rochelle Lodder offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Mary Rogel; Vice Chairman—Amritpal Singh; Secretary—Erica Detemmerman

VELTON CHAFIN BIRTHDAY SINGING
Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick)
Sumiton, Alabama

Saturday, November 5, 2016

The annual Velton Chafin Birthday Singing was held on Saturday before the first

Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 487. Hubert Nall offered the morning prayer.

Danny Creel welcomed everyone, and the class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Brenda Chafin.

Leaders: Hubert Nall 187, 145t; Eugene Forbes 505 (CB), 155 (CB); Richard Mauldin 168, 460; Bea Aaron 475, 568; Amber Davis 224 (for her mother), 500; Earl Ballinger 498, 431; Roma Rice 454 (for Willodean Barton), 229; Ann Jett 518 (CB), 580 (CB); Loretta Whitman 129, 343; Justin Bowen 556, 399b; Hubert Nall 84 (CB), 313 (CB); Betty Baccus 501 (CB), 571 (CB); Glenn Keeton 358, 124 (in memory of Teddy Creel); Nicholas Thompson 192, 200.

RECESS

Danny Creel led 294 (by request) to bring the class together. Leaders: Cassie Allen 514 (CB); Yancey Jett 89, 91, 440; Emily Brown 98 (CB), 86 (CB); Larry Ballinger 559 (CB), 522 (CB); Linda Booth 198, 489; Matthew Cook 398, 410t; Henry Guthery 588 (CB), 497 (CB); Danny Creel 355 (CB). Danny Creel asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Danny Creel brought the class back to order by leading 404 (CB). Leaders: Richard Mauldin 43; Bea Aaron 80b; Matthew Cook 145b, 457; Roma Rice 338; Justin Bowen 428; Linda Booth 350; Hubert Nall 176b; Ann Jett 503 (CB); Larry Ballinger 116 (in memory of Johnny Lee); Glenn Keeton 77t; Nicholas Thompson 216; Eugene Forbes 437 (CB); Emily Brown 51 (CB); Margaret Keeton 464 (CB); Brenda Chafin 478 (CB), 225t (CB); Wanda Capps 54t (CB). Velton Chafin thanked everyone for coming, and welcomed them back next year.

Danny Creel led 56t as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

DENNEY MEMORIAL

Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia

Saturday, November 5, 2016

The Denney Memorial was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Tony Hammock leading 59. Philip Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 60; Philip Denney 61; Judy Chambless 565; Cecil Roberts 168; Winfred Kerr 36b; Reba Windom 186; Isaac Green 421; Sherry Lovvorn 454; Robert Chambless 72b (in memory of B.M. Smith and Earlis McGraw); Leigh Cooper 177; Jeannette DePoy 387 (in memory of Felton Denney); Denney Rogers 345t (in memory of B.M. Smith and Earlis McGraw); Virginia Dyer 532 (in memory of Geneva Prichard and Jimmy Denney); Mark Godfrey 283; Mary Huffman 503; Dalton Dyer-Lewis 146; Jesse Karlsberg 326; Oscar McGuire 573; Karlene Williams and the Denney and Rogers families 45t; John Kelso, Jessica Kelso, and Harlan Kelso 564 (in memory of Johnny Lee).

RECESS

Tony Hammock brought the class back to order leading 321. Leaders: Scott DePoy 65 (in memory of his parents); Rene Greene 200; Faye Hollis 299.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Fred Eady 58; Paige Harrod 405; Daphne Causey and April Ondo 222; Michael Thompson 434; Karen Rollins 225t (in memory of B.M. Smith and Earlis McGraw); Rebecca Over 386; John Huffman 327; Alex Forsyth 298; Curtis Spivey

358; David Smead 217; Nate Green and Norma Green 314; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 411; Jack Nelson and Ray Rechenberg 518 (in honor of Sara Nelson and Wendy Anderson); Sharon DuPriest 546. Steve Riddle offered the blessing.

LUNCH

Philip Denney brought the class back to order leading 84. Leaders: Nathan Rees 353; Sasha Hsuczyk 511; Charles Woods 197 (in memory of Earlis McGraw and the McGraw family); Cheyenne Ivey 378b; John Plunkett 150; Jason Stanford 340; Lisa Bennett 472 (in honor of Ellen Johnson); Susan Cheronos 300; Charlene Wallace 155; Karis Askin 183; Lauren Bock 548; Ray Rechenberg 276; Daniel Williams 74t; Trent Peachy 218; Brian Harris 272; Chrissy Glenn 448t; Wyatt Denney 99; Erica Hinton 406; Eli Hinton 82t; Anna Hinton 142; Matt Hinton 365; Rebecca Over 388; John Huffman and Mary Huffman 198; Sasha Hsuczyk 355; Alex Forsyth 362; Trent Peachy 317; Brian Harris 399b.

After announcements, Tony Hammock and Philip Denney led 535 as the closing song. John Huffman offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Judy Chambless

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

South of Bremen, Georgia

Sunday, November 6, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in November. Phillip Langley brought the class to order by leading 59. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Judy Chambless 37b; Cecil Roberts 349; Winfred Kerr 314; Glenda Collins and Burt Collins 335; Robby Rivers 480; Donna Bell 569b (in memory of Johnny Lee); Dalton Dyer-Lewis 84; Karen Rollins 68b; Hayden Arp 321; Virginia Dyer 193; Ray Rechenberg 40; Louis Hughes 138b; Lisa Bennett and Debra Ward 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Reba Windom 542 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Robert Chambless 225t (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Eli Hinton 146; Loyd Ivey 426b (in honor of Eloise Wootten); Cassie Allen 373; David Killingsworth 290; Rodney Ivey 283; Isaac Green 215; Richard DeLong 224.

RECESS

Charlene Wallace, Hayden Arp, and Isaac Green brought the class back to order leading 171. Leaders: Michael Spencer 289; Jesse Karlsberg and students from the University of West Georgia 159; Shannon Primm 106; Samuel Williams 102; Rebecca Over 521; Celeste Silva 99; Danny Creel 383; Sasha Hsuczyk 564; Caleb Silva 44; John Plunkett 153; Molly Silva 103; Michael Thompson 328; Haddassah Silva and Noelle Silva 496; Lauren Bock 522.

RECESS

Charlene Wallace brought the class back to order leading 97. Leaders: Scott DePoy 448t; Jack Nelson 560; Daniel Edwards 547; Brian Harris 182; Alex Forsyth 272; David Smead 416; Matt Hinton 291; Lela Crowder 157; Daniel Williams 332; Elene Stovall 189; Oscar McGuire 485; Buell Cobb 138t; Drew McGuire 422; Daphene Causey 225b.

LUNCH

Phillip Langley brought the class back to order leading 111t. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 460; Erica Hinton 284 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Susan Cheronos 56b; Joyce Walton 432 (in honor of Levon and Patricia Wootten); Karen Edwards and Greta Edwards 77t; Tim Williams and Daniel Williams 276; Rene Greene 280; Kelly Morris 49b; Nathan Rees 348b; John Kelso 397.

John Plunkett presented Charlene Wallace a plaque and a clock from the Sacred

Harp Publishing Company honoring her for the many years of service and the work she has done for the publishing company.

Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 309; Pam Nunn and Reba Windom 528; Fallon Cook 112; Sharon DuPriest and Cassie Allen 242; Jason Stanford 544 (in honor of Margaret Cole and Charles Woods); Malinda Snow 468; Sheri Taylor 380; Gary Glover and Rebecca Over 348t; Rebecca Over 105; Ray Rechenberg 203; Alex Forsyth 386; David Killingsworth 347; Sasha Hsuczuk 381; Daniel Edwards, Karen Edwards, and Greta Edwards 442; Brian Harris 123b; Rob Dunn 117; Loyd Ivey 454; Michael Spencer 382; Rodney Ivey 294; Elene Stovall and Cheyenne Ivey 384.

After announcements, Charlene Wallace and Judy Henry led 155 as the closing song. Matt Hinton offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Secretary—Judy Chambless

MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING

Near Double Springs, Alabama

Sunday, November 6, 2016

The 110th session of the Mt. Ebron Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Don Keeton leading 145b. He then offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman-Nicholas Thompson; Vice Chairman-Glenn Keeton; Arranging Officer- Amber Davis; Secretary-Jayne Fulmer.

Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 123t, 277; Jerry Kitchens 340, 32t; Amber Davis 391, 150; Faye Donaldson 430, 270; Richard Mauldin 36b, 35; Julie Poston 172, 290; Earl Ballinger 179, 172; Lena Keeton and Glenn Keeton 480, 88t; Mike Hankins 389, 460; Roma Rice 63, 64; Larry Ballinger 133, 207.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Glenn Keeton leading 104. Leaders: Patsy Wakefield, Betty Baccus, and Shirley Watwood 45t; Kris Gray, Nick Balkas, and Betty Baccus 59; Glenn Keeton 294 (for Ester White); Lisa Geist 472, 273; Jayne Fulmer 454, 159 (for Bernice Wakefield); Margaret Keeton 429, 422; Bernice Wakefield 79; Richard Mauldin 43 (for Bernice Wakefield); Don Keeton 491, 373. Earl Ballinger asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Nicholas Thompson leading 170. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 225t, 168; Jerry Kitchens 33b; Betty Baccus 417; Earl Ballinger 403; Roma Rice 97; Glenn Keeton 507 (in memory of John and Josie Hyde); Julie Poston 275b, 410t; Lisa Geist 120 (for Gravis Ballinger); Don Keeton 278t; Margaret Keeton 365; Larry Ballinger 163b; Nellie Alexander 101t, 108b, 81t; Bernice Wakefield 337; Mike Hankins 527; Amber Davis 300 (for Gravis Ballinger); Nicholas Thompson 187 (in memory of Elsie Moon).

Nicholas Thompson led 521 as the closing song. Don Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION

Historic St. John's Church, Richmond, Virginia

Saturday, November 12, 2016

The 25th annual James River Convention was held on Saturday before the second

Sunday in November in the parish hall of St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia. The class was welcomed by Emily Owens Altman leading 102. The opening prayer was offered by Jim Glaser.

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

Chairman—Matt Ference; Vice Chairman—Adrienne Robertson;

Treasurer—Bridget Camden; Secretary—Adrienne Robertson; Arranging

Committee—Jane Ferguson and Ben Shirley.

Leaders: Matt Ference 59; Miranda Elliott Rader 300; Jim Glaser 68b; Kathy Kaiser 171; John Feddersen 477; Mary Helen Dupree 70b; Adrienne Robertson 143; Sharon Strong 178; John delRe 70t; Mary Wright 480; Tristan Cleveland 282; Tom Ivey 146; Lydia Lewallen 165.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with John Alexander leading 515. Leaders: Bev Yaeger 192; Derek Lane 38b; Bridget Camden 133; Kyle Johnston 410t; Emily Owens Altman 183; Pat Temple 373; Matt Ference 288; Elizabeth Betz 354b; Kelly Macklin 126.

The memorial lesson was conducted by John delRe and Kelly Macklin, who led 354t for Johnny Alexander, and the following deceased were remembered: Robert DuPree, Toney Smith, and Lavoy Smith—Alabama; Johnny Lee, B.M. Smith, and Lucille Gunnels—Georgia; Paul Kaiser—Illinois; Samuel Morneone—Virginia; and Scott Morgan—Maryland.

Leaders: Richard Green 163t; Martha Burns 191; Ben Shirley 535; Brenda Dunlap 568; Kathy Manning 454; John Alexander 378b; Sharon Strong 227.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Lydia Lewallen leading 81t. Leaders: Elizabeth Betz 25; Tom Ivey 340; Adrienne Robertson 455; Tristan Cleveland 274t; Derek Lane 313b; Kathy Kaiser 332; Jeremy Donaldson 53; Mary Wright 312t; Jim Glaser 438; Lydia Lewallen 475; John delRe 430; Mary Helen Dupree 71; Pat Temple 33t; Richard Green 99. Jim Glaser gave thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Kelly Macklin leading 348t (ShH). Leaders: Atevan Snderson 202 (ShH); Martha Burns 65t (ShH); Emily Owens Altman 80 (ShH); Kyle Johnston 404 (ShH); Bridget Camden 45b (ShH); Jeremy Donaldson 414 (ShH); Brenda Dunlap 266 (ShH); John Alexander 22b (ShH); Kathy Manning 457 (ShH); Matt Ference 242 (ShH); Nadia Abdelaziz 407 (ShH); John Feddersen 438b (ShH); Kelly Macklin 358 (ShH); Ben Shirley 44 (ShH); John delRe 12b (ShH); Mary Wright 81 (ShH); Kathy Kaiser 48 (ShH); Tom Ivey 285 (ShH); Pat Temple 27 (ShH).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Atevan Snderson leading 18b (ShH). Leaders: Lydia Lewallen 243 (ShH); Robin Betz 287 (ShH); Sharon Strong 217 (ShH); Adrienne Robertson 119b (ShH); Derek Lane 264 (ShH); Jim Glaser 293b (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 143 (ShH); Richard Greene 364 (ShH); Bev Yaeger 431 (ShH); Martha Burns 129b (ShH); Nadia Abdelaziz 221 (ShH); John Feddersen 86 (ShH); Kyle Johnston 3b (ShH); Brenda Dunlap 260 (ShH); Kathy Manning 422 (ShH); Ben Shirley 170 (ShH); John Alexander 1b (ShH); Matt Ference 305 (ShH); Bridget Camden 310 (ShH); Kelly Macklin 380 (ShH); Emily Owens Altman 416 (ShH). Matt Ference thanked all who had a part in putting on the convention, and all those who participated. The James River Convention will meet next year on Saturday before the second Sunday in November (November 11, 2017).

Matt Ference led 2 (ShH) as the closing song. A prayer of dismissal was offered by Jim Glaser.

Chairman—Matt Ference; Vice Chairman—Adrienne Robertson;
Secretary—Adrienne Robertson

DALLAS COUNTY SINGING

Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Saturday, November 12, 2016

The annual Dallas Sacred Harp Singing held at the Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday before the second Sunday in November was called to order by Diane Ross leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

Leaders: Diane Ross 354t; Sonny Erwin 480; Cheryl Foreman 492; Donald Ross 532; Michele Curran 504; Jerry Ryan 318; Tammy Powell 454; Rick Foreman 475; Donna McKay 225t; Silas Huckaby 168; Chris Nicholson 34b; Janie Short 350; Bruce Coates 566; Ethan Hardy 296; Rick Cunningham 42; Kristie Powell 110; Tom Owen 512; Nancy Price 178; Owen Ross 377; Mike Hinton 418; Sarah Huckaby 31t; Scott Curran 500.

RECESS

Diane Ross led 40 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Beverly Coates 472; William Price 53; Barbara Smith 455.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Cheryl Foreman and Owen Ross. Cheryl Foreman led 129 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Edith Owen, Curtis Owen, Esther Huckaby, Don Huckaby, Myrl Jones, and Terry Wootten.

Owen Ross spoke and led 66 in honor of the following deceased: Ruth Redmon, Thomas Edward Robinson, and Jimmy Glenn Foreman—Texas; Lavoy Smith and Toney Smith—Alabama; Janelle Davis—Illinois; B.M. Smith and Johnny Lee—Georgia. Owen Ross then read a piece of scripture, and offered a prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Hoss 35; Josh Rogan 434; Gaylon Powell 236; Michael McBright 155; Donald Ross 567; Tammy Powell 542; Jerry Ryan 145t; Silas Huckaby 189; Gypsy Youngraven 159; Chris Nicholson 32t; Chelsea Miller 277; Ethan Hardy 77t; Donna McKay 282; Rick Cunningham 47t; Bruce Coates 49b. Owen Ross offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Diane Ross brought the session to order by leading 112. Leaders: Sonny Erwin 489; Cheryl Foreman 534; Tom Owen 70b; Nancy Price 192; Owen Ross 193; Avon Miller 558; Janie Short 344; Michael McBright 547; Abby Huckaby 216; Rick Foreman 448t; Kristie Powell 379; Scott Curran 460; Barbara Smith 479; William Price 324; Beverly Coates 313b; Albano Tayengo and Owen Ross 63; Mike Hinton 373; Michele Curran 269; Josh Rogan 212; Sarah Huckaby 299; Gaylon Powell 487.

Announcements were made. Leaders: Diane Ross 128; Avon Miller 562; Gypsy Youngraven 117; Silas Huckaby 528; Chelsea Miller 503; Ethan Hardy 351; Janie Short 551; Owen Ross 535; Chris Nicolson and Rick Foreman 473; Nancy Price 498; Mike Hinton 154; Tammy Powell 209; Josh Rogan 383; Barbara Smith 183; William Price 24b; Donna McKay 163b; Jerry Ryan 274t; Tom Owen 347; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 176b; Michele Curran and Scott Curran 196; Don Ross 499.

Diane Ross led 267 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Mike Hinton, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Diane Ross; Secretary—Liz Wolff

STAPLEFORD SINGING

St. Luke's Church, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom Saturday, November 12, 2016

The Stapleford All-Day Singing was called to order by Helen Brown leading 52t. Ted Brown offered the opening prayer.

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

Helen spoke about Ruth Steggles (co-founder of this singing), who died in August, and dedicated the singing to her memory. Helen led 33b in Ruth's honour.

Leaders: Vicki Elliott 163b (CB); Margaret Gillanders 36b; Joe Vickers 265b (CB); Sarah West 268b (CB); Ted Brown 303; Rosalind Oldham 66; Ian West 268t (CB); Judy Whiting 72b; Faiz Wareh 180; Michael Walker 30t; (CB); Cath Saunt 34b; Cora Wareh 587 (CB); Calum Woods 411 (CB); Teresa Maguire 506; Sam Carter 54t (CB); Eimear O'Donovan 73t (CB).

RECESS

Hannah Land reconvened the class leading 82t. Leaders: Chris Brown 514 (CB); Dianne Chittock 37b; Rebecca Over 273 (CB); Tarik Wareh 372; Ella Cumber 344 (CB); Scott Lewin 199 (CB); Steve Brett 271t (CB).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ian West and Michael Walker. Ian spoke on behalf of the sick and household and led 68b for the following: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Delorese Lee, Karen Turner, Cath Tyler, Don Grimshaw, Nate Green, Norma Green, Melanie Hauff, Nigel Cumber, Peter Golding, and Sister Pippa.

Michael spoke in remembrance of the deceased and read the following list of names: John Pinnick, Ian Whiting, Ruth Steggles, David Smith, Alex Elliott, Dorothy Allen, Chris Burch, Phyllis Sharpe—United Kingdom; Chris Holloway—Germany; Eileen McDougall—France; Earlis McGraw, Geneva Prichard, Johnny Lee, B.M. Smith—Georgia, USA; Hester Edwards, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Gary Smith, Bernice Harvey, S.T. Reed—Alabama, USA; Charlie Derleth—Missouri, USA; Tom Robinson and Jimmie Forman—Texas, USA; Janelle Davis—Illinois, USA. Michael led 380t (CB) in their memory, and closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 173; Pattie Wareh 486 (CB); Mark Wardlaw 292b (CB); Ted Brown 81t; Joe Vickers 475. Grace for the midday meal was offered by Hannah Land.

LUNCH

Immediately after lunch the class gathered outside the church to celebrate the life of Ruth Steggles. Hannah Land (daughter) spoke and David Steggles (husband) gave a Bible reading, followed by the scattering of Ruth's ashes. The following songs were led by Hannah: 30b; 454.

The singing was reconvened by Steve Brett leading 482 (CB). Leaders: Rebecca Over 504b (CB); Calum Woods 572 (CB); Cora Wareh 154; Sam Carter 300; Aldo Ceresa 411; Cath Saunt 556; Tarik Wareh 465 (CB); Eimear O'Donovan 384; Sarah West 382; Michael Walker 306; Helen Brown 273; Ian West 98 (CB); Pattie Wareh 99 (CB); Judy Whiting 590 (CB); Ella Cumber 406; Mark Wardlaw 133 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 505 (CB); Faiz Wareh 174 (CB); Hannah Land 392 (CB); Teresa Maguire 83t; Chris Brown 164; Scott Lewin 408 (CB); Helen Brown 503.

RECESS

The class was reconvened by Joe Vickers leading 324 (CB). Leaders: Vicki Elliott 212; Aldo Ceresa 565; Rebecca Over 77t; Chris Brown 28b; Steve Brett 465; Michael Walker 497 (CB); Sarah West 269 (CB); Eimear O'Donovan 165; Mark Wardlaw 55 (CB).

Helen Brown led 573 (CB) as the closing song. Joe Vickers dismissed the class with prayer.

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

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Nashville, Tennessee

Saturday, November 12, 2016

The 32th annual Sacred Harp singing at Immanuel Baptist Church was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading 59. Justin Bowen offered the morning prayer. Tim Reynolds led 312b.

The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Tim Reynolds;

Secretary—Sandie Scott; Arranging Officer—David Carlton.

Leaders: Justin Bowen 55, 354b; Sandie Scott 176t, 282; Caleb Dillehay 48t, 77t; Gail Doss 567, 137; Rick Fretter 171, 163b; Marilyn Burchett 176b, 49t; Dan Hood 72b, 34t; Lewis Frost 34b, 178.

RECESS

David Carlton brought the class back together leading 501 and 421. Leaders: Jonathan Wood 95, 73t; Spencer Arrowood 481, 146; Larry Brown 63, 99; Byron Burchett 274t, 504; Tim Reynolds 492, 448t; Fay Thompson 53, 128; Gail Doss 222, 224.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds called the class back together leading 64. Leaders: Sandie Scott 336, 472; Caleb Dillehay 89, 155; Jonathan Wood 56b, 47t; Justin Bowen and Darith DeLisle 448b, 107.

LUNCH

David Carlton brought the class back together leading 56t. Leaders: Dan Hood 566, 569b; Rick Fretter 530, 294; Marilyn Burchett 225t, 551; Byron Burchett 168, 358; Spencer Arrowood 85, 117; Fay Thompson 159, 39b; Larry Brown 127, 78; Lewis Frost 494, 535; David Carlton 198, 496.

After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 452 as the closing song. Larry Brown closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Sandie Scott

BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama

Saturday, November 12, 2016

The 150th session of the Boiling Springs Sacred Harp Convention was held at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church near Ashland, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Jack Nelson.

The officers for the day were as follows: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Officer—Edna Ruth Phillips.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 328; Hubert Nall 119, 129; Robert Chambless 547, 56t; Nathan Rees 44, 187; Wanda Capps 146, 546; Danny Creel 385t, 385b; Brenda Chafin 430, 142; Judy Chambless 186, 222; Winfred Kerr 144, 225t; David Brodeur 207, 183; David Brodeur and J.C. Harris 45t.

RECESS

Jack Nelson led 399b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jenny Acton 340; Brandon Acton 168; Billy See and Vickie See 480, 33t; Philip Denney 99; Karen

Rollins 540; Shirley Berrey 373; Dalton Lewis 454; Virginia Dyer 212; Glenda Collins 105; Donna Bell 455; John Plunkett 446; Cecil Roberts 312b (in memory of Stanly Edwards); Oscar McGuire 336; Beth Branscome 217; Edna Ruth Phillips 236.
RECESS

Eugene Forbes brought the class back together by leading 318.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard Mauldin. He read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Floy Wilder, Lynn S. Poole, Lois Bowman, Wendy Futral Anderson, Myrline Redmon, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Mary Frances Forbes, Ottis Sides, Anne Mauldin Chalker, and Pearl Green.

Richard spoke and then read the following list of names of the deceased: B. M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Joe Nall, Johnny Lee, James Hughes, S.T. Reed, Azilee Adams, Elsie Calvert Moon, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Janelle Davis, and Geneva Prichard. Richard led 148. The memorial was closed with prayer offered by Danny Creel.

Leaders: Susan Cheronos 300; Theresa Westmoreland 434; Daniel Williams 74t; Richard Mauldin 388; Hubert Nall 313t.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson led 309 (in memory of all service personnel). Leaders: Esther Williams 178; Roy Nelson 569b; Jenny Acton 112; Brandon Acton 36b; Billy See and Vickie See 503; Philip Denney 84; Shirley Berrey 189; Karen Rollins and Philip Denney 97; Glenda Collins and William Holley 101t; John Plunkett 88b; Oscar McGuire 229; Beth Branscome 228; Cecil Roberts 285t; Susan Cheronos 564; Richard Mauldin 100; Roy Nelson 30b; Esther Williams 63.

Announcements were made. Eugene Forbes and Jack Nelson led 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Roy Nelson.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Jenny Acton

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SINGING

Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin Saturday, November 12, 2016

The 30th annual Southern Wisconsin All-Day Singing was held at Plum Grove Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. Peter Bradley called the class to order leading 59. Carole Briggs offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Thad Walker 150; Carl Houtman 171; David Hoffelt 169; Marjorie Matthews 455; Peggy Brayfield 547; Paul Wyatt 476; John Seaton 99; Eleanor Haase 270; Jeff Bell 540; Penny Kujawinski 372; Martha Henderson 183; Paula Picton 182; Steven Schmidgall 147t; Elise delMas 466; Matt Wells 203; Ted Mercer 376; Gillian Inksetter 202; Alec Jenkins-White 481; Jacob Kiakahi 77t.

The following officers and committee members were elected to serve:

Chairman—Nancy Parsons; Arranging Officer—James Page; Finance Committee—Marjorie Matthews and Charles Morgan; Memorial Committee—Sarah Reed, David Hoffelt, and Terese Hoffelt; Chaplains—Carl Houtman and Carole Briggs; Secretary—Carole Briggs.

RECESS

Steven Schmidgall called the class to order leading 146. Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 385t; Jan May 532; Sam Singleton-Freeman 504; Joel Menk 131t; Micah Sommersmith “Woolman”; Helen Tester 72b; Ben Copenhaver 572; AnnaLeigh Smith 185.

Sarah Reed, David Hoffelt, and Terese Hoffelt conducted the memorial lesson. Sarah led 84 for the following sick and shut-ins: Buz Coker, Raymond Cott-Meisell, James Parsons, Hanora Parsons, Bob Casper, Michael Appert, Julie Thompson, Paul Wilson, and Melanie Hauff.

Sarah led 122 for the deceased. David and Terese read the lesson in memory of the following deceased: Jim Magnuson—Missouri; Johnny Lee—Georgia; John Kenna Henderson, Eleanor Zelliott, and Bob Crow—Minnesota; Nancy Becknell—Wisconsin; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; B.M. Smith—Georgia; Janelle Davis and Edgar Houston Martin—Illinois; Max Stackhouse—Massachusetts. Carl Houtman closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Noelle Copeland 425; Karen Swenson 549; Steven Levine 473; Stephanie Copenhaver 228; Lori Graber 39b. Carl Houtman offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Steven Levine called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Anna Pfau 426b; Jim Page 272; Hans Guttman 480; Colette Miller 436; Midge Olsen 362; Michael Moore “Sardis”; Francis Gurtz 128; Jan Ketelle 368; Marjorie Matthews 369; Jim Pfau and Steven Schmidgall 496; Christine Stevens 340; Claudia Egelhoff 571; Gordon Olsen 497; Jeanette Nelson 472; Lisa Grayson 288; Denise Kania 564; Lou Kujawinski 212.

RECESS

David Hoffelt called the class to order leading 164. Leaders: Linda Selph 456; Jim Crawford 546; David Barford 274t; Jonathon Smith 298; Nancy Parsons 178; Debbie Barford 163b; Julie Vea 392; Carl Houtman 148; Jan May 454; Paula Picton 384; Penny Kujawinski 474; Gillian Inksetter 269; Lou Kujawinski 475; Anna Pfau 302; Steven Levine 192; Midge Olsen 344; Ginny Landgraf 442; Matt Wells 176b.

The Chairman thanked everyone who made the singing a success. Announcements were made.

Nancy Parsons led 267 as the closing song. Carole Briggs dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Nancy Parsons; Secretary—Carole Briggs

BERKSHIRE FOOTHILLS SINGING **Old Meeting House, Granville, Massachusetts** **Saturday, November 12, 2016**

The 10th annual Berkshire Foothills All-Day Singing was brought to order by Sally Langendorf leading 52t. The opening prayer was offered by Dan Hertzler.

A business session was called to order in which the following officers were elected to serve: Chairlady—Joanne Fuller; Vice Chairlady—Becky Wright; Secretary—Mary Andrews; Arranging Committee—Philippa Stoddard and Anya Skibbie.

Leaders: Joanne Fuller 32t; Becky Wright 73t; Mary Andrews 47t; Philippa Stoddard 313t; Anya Skibbie 29t; John Holbrook 477; Porter James 457; Tatiana Hargreaves and Molly Merrett 455; Keiller Mose 204; Rebecca Hawkins 269; John Hughes 466; Liz Patton 569t; Nathan Aldrich 227; George Sigut 178; Lilly Israel 129; Nicholas Tuff 49b; Kelly Taylor 146.

RECESS

Mary Skidmore and Barbara Swetman called the class back to order leading 111b. Leaders: Leland Kusmer 123b; Brian Harris 328; Ivy Hauser 127; Richard Schmeidler 543; Jesse Flynn 454; Tristan Gordon 482; Peggy Kadina-Mazela and Anya Skibbie 106; Andal Sundaramurthy 500; Christine Andrews 89; David Rosenberg 547; Claire Moore-Cantwell 481; Alvaro Witt Duarte 442; Anna Kellar 42; Bill Holt 550; Brian Collett 551; Laura Hodges 406; Maggie Shar 348b.

RECESS

Micah Walter and Liz Cantrell called the class back to order leading 82t. Leaders: Jesse Vear 273; Scott Luscombe 548; Molly Merrett 187; Peter Irvine 59; Alice Maggio and Jesse Polhemus 448t; Dean Jens 291; Devereaux Fuller 196; Barbara

Swetman 312t; Robert Stoddard 278b; Laura Timmerman 564; Ines Lüttgen 100; Mike Richards 534; Gracie Schell 107; Jeremy Galvagni 53; Joan Frankel 414; Gedney Barclay 351; Linda Shea 400; Patrick Friesen 285t; Kathy Collett 245; Jennie Brown 411. A blessing for the noon meal was offered by Christine Andrews.

LUNCH

Brian Harris called the class back to order leading 203. Leaders: Emma Swartz 88t; Micah Walter 179; Cheri Hardy 371; Rachel Speer 372; Jean Seiler 472; Dan Hertzler 567; Emma Rose Brown 419; Ruth Wampler 279; Liz Cantrell 142; Elizabeth Stoddard 102; Corrine Ducey 216; Mary Gowins 536; Jesse Polhemus 383; Allison Blake Steel 384; Stina Soderling 277; Zoë Madonna 306; Kerry Culling 63; Mary Skidmore 282; Emily Hancock 335; Donna and Leslie 163b.

RECESS

Laura Timmerman and Emma Rose Brown called the class back to order leading 111t. Leaders: Wendy Sibbison 30t; Sheila Kelley 344; Gerald Clark and Ruth Wampler 268; Ron Trial 276; Cat Walsh 105; Rachel Speer and Dean Jens 532; Liz Cantrell and Jean Seiler 217; Patrick Friesen and Mike Richards 222; Andral Sundaramurthy and Ines Lüttgen 208; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 423; Emma Swartz and Cheri Hardy 183; Dan Hertzler and Scott Luscombe 506; Mary Skidmore and Emily Hancock 270; Jesse Polhemus and Jesse Vear 314; Brian Collett and Kathy Collett 474; Laura Hodges and Corrine Ducey 542; Jesse Flynn and Anna Keller 148.

Joanne Fuller, Becky Wright, and Mary Andrews led 62 as the closing song. Dan Hertzler offered the closing prayer.

Chairlady—Joanne Fuller; Vice Chairlady—Becky Wright; Secretary—Mary Andrews

HARVEST FESTIVAL SINGING

Agricultural and Forestry Museum, Jackson, Mississippi

Saturday, November 12, 2016

The Harvest Festival singing was held in the former Episcopal Church of the Epiphany on the campus of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum. Drew McGuire called the class to order leading 318. Mark Davis offered the morning prayer, and led 319 and 297.

Leaders: Amber Davis 440, 142; Anne Steel 47t; Todd Derstine and Regina Derstine 81t, 375; Earl Ballinger 97, 80b; Larry Ballinger 79, 78; Lisa Geist 228, 528; Arlon Gardner 455; 278t; Warren Steel 278b, 224; Shelby Castillo 217, 186.

RECESS

Drew McGuire called the class together leading 138t. Leaders: Mike McNeil 282, 51 (CH); Henry McGuire 442; Mark Davis 220, 340; Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 385b, 65; Amber Davis 436, 192; Julia Heeren, Olivia Heeren, and Ashlyn Heeren 354b, 63; Anne Steel 384, 268; Arlon Gardner 76b, 277.

LUNCH

Drew McGuire reassembled the class leading 37b. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 141, 139; Natalie Davis 112, 64; Lisa Davis 99, 182; Susan Karina Dickey 59, 274t; Larry Ballinger 291, 183; Warren Steel 240; Mike McNeil 222, 155; Jamira Jackson 45t, 345t, 345b; Henry McGuire 448t, 500; Julie Heeren 485, 163b; Todd Derstine and Regina Derstine 198; Amber Davis 475; Lisa Geist 472, 273; Shelby Castillo 208, 411.

Following announcements, Drew McGuire led the class in “The Drone”, and offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Drew McGuire; Secretary—Regina Derstine

OAK HILL SINGING AND CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION
Oak Hill Baptist Church, Oxford, Alabama
Sunday, November 13, 2016

The annual Sacred Harp singing and the Calhoun County Convention was held at Oak Hill Baptist Church on the second Sunday in November. Cecil Roberts brought the class to order leading 33b. Judy Chambless offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 47b; Judy Chambless 340, 294 (in honor of Glenda and Burt Collins); Jack Nelson 524, 400; Esther Williams 350, 326; Winfred Kerr 527, 36b; Dalton Dyer-Lewis 40, 354b; Donna Bell 47t (in memory of Evelyn Harris); 208 (in honor of Ruth Daniel); Victoria Cofield and Donna Bell 46; Robert Chambless 66, 163b; Hayden Arp 204 (in memory of B.M. Smith), 225t (in memory of Earlis McGraw).

RECESS

David Brodeur brought the class back to order leading 88t. The following officers were elected: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—David Brodeur; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 446, 43; Virginia Dyer 549, 37b; Samuel Williams 321, 201; Andy Ditzler 72t, 213t; Vickie See and Billy See 30b, 176b; Oscar McGuire 171, 155; Daniel Williams 456, 102; David Brodeur 78, 92; Ann Simpson 79, 388; Ruth Daniel 378t, 335; Isaac Green 37t, 85.

Richard Mauldin conducted the memorial lesson, leading 61 for the following sick and shut-ins: Pearl Guier, Ann Chalker, Rene Greene, Lois Bowman, Ottis Sides, Wendy Anderson, Virginia Futral, William Futral, and Ben Price.

He spoke and led 403 for the following deceased: Hester Edwards, B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, S.T. Reed, Geneva Prichard, Glenda Collins's daughter, Samford Chalker, Janelle Davis, James Hughes, Azilee Adams, Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Elsie Moon, Joe Nall, Johnny Lee, Neal Prichard, and Loraine Bayer. Jack Nelson closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Hayden Arp brought the class back to order leading 345t. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 515; Isaac Green and Dalton Dyer-Lewis 192; Daniel Williams 74t; Billy See and Vickie See 480; Ester Williams 75; David Brodeur 96; Winfred Kerr 516; Samuel Williams 230; Jack Nelson 512; Robert Chambless 143; Richard Mauldin 358; Ann Simpson 445; Victoria Cofield 401; Andy Ditzler 126; Esther Williams, Samuel Williams, and Daniel Williams 123b.

After announcements, Cecil Roberts, David Brodeur, and Judy Chambless led 62 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—David Brodeur; Secretary—Judy Chambless

CROSSROADS CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING

North of Tallapoosa, Georgia
Saturday night, November 19, 2016

The 49th session of the Crossroads Church Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. Hayden Arp brought the class to order by leading 32t. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer. After welcoming everyone, Hayden Arp led 82t.

Leaders: David Brodeur 87, 89; Daniel Williams 400; Isaac Green 421; Isaac Green and Fallon Cook 215; Cecil Roberts 30b, 35; Dalton Lewis 472, 354b; Winfred Kerr 388; Karen Rollins 373 (in memory of Glenda Collins's daughter, Gail Jackson, and Charlene Wallace's sister, Margaret Cole), 371 (for Lynn Swafford Poole); Fallon

Cook 37b, 146; Donna Bell 284 (in memory of B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, James Hughes, and her daddy, George Garner), 142; Virginia Dyer 63 (for the Margaret Cole family), 112 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Glenda Collins 101t; Chance Cook 192.

RECESS

Isaac Green and Hayden Arp brought the class back to order by leading 282. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 425 (in memory of Robert Peel), 175; Eschol Hughes 100 (for the sick and shut-ins and in memory of all deceased Crossroads Church members), 45t; Esther Williams 159, 278b; Rene Greene 358 (by request), 294 (by request); Richard DeLong 109 (in memory of his great-grandmother Corley, and for his daddy, Harold DeLong); Daniel Williams 34t; Fallon Cook 340 (by request); David Brodeur 97; Andy Ditzler 60.

Announcements were made. A business session was held with the following officers retained: Chairman—Hayden Arp; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell.

Hayden Arp, Miranel Swafford, Cecil Roberts, and Sarah Roberts led 108t as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Hayden Arp; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell

GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING **Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia** **Saturday, November 19, 2016**

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 254. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer. All song selections were from the Georgian Harmony by Raymond Hamrick.

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 1; Oscar McGuire 9; John Hollingsworth 227, 144; Rosemund Watson 25; Martha Harrell 109; Mary Brownlee 94, 95; John Plunkett 216, 128; Daniel Williams 176; Harry Eskew 2, 3.

RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 4 and 204. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 49, 11; John Hollingsworth 148; Rosemund Watson 16; Martha Harrell 54, 107; Mary Brownlee 179; John Plunkett 80; Daniel Williams 43; Judy Mincey 26.

LUNCH

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 152 and 198. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 59; Rosemund Watson 33b; Martha Harrell 249; Judy Mincey 177, 122, 142; John Plunkett 171; Daniel Williams 143; David Grant 105; Bill Hollingsworth 22; Mary Brownlee 87.

Announcements were made. The class will plan to meet again next year on Saturday before the third Sunday in November.

Rosemund Watson led 255 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—Elsie Hollingsworth

WEST YORKSHIRE SACRED HARP DAY **Haworth Methodist Church** **Haworth, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom** **Saturday, November 19, 2016**

The 14th annual West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day was held at Haworth Methodist Church, in the United Kingdom, on Saturday before the third Sunday in November. Chris Brown began the day by leading 28t. John Hopkinson offered the opening

prayer.

Leaders: Vicki Elliot 163t; Judy Whiting 171; Mark Wardlaw 287; Eimear O'Donovan 396; Joel Wallenberg 27; Faiz Wareh 185; Nigel Bowley 38t; Emily Verrier 36b; Pattie Wareh 183; Ted Brown 105; Margaret Gillanders 556; John Davis 448t; Joanne Fuller 341.

RECESS

Richard Mayers called the class to order leading 504. Leaders: Cath Ingham 30t; Michael Walker 144; Jan Geerts 480; Aldo Ceresa 425 (in memory of Rob Peel); Cora Wareh 349; Camilla Widholm 328; Helen Brown 422; Jean Seiler 299; Phil Tyler 451; Tarik Wareh 50b; Richard Mayers 106; Claire Welford 212; Colin Monson 133; Hannah Land 298; Liz Lawson 503; Sarah Hill 76b; Helen Barber 223; Teresa Maguire 69b; Chris Brown 294; Mark Wardlaw 159; John Davis 282; Eimear O'Donovan 124. Jean Seiler gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Claire Welford called the class back to order by leading 384. Leaders: Michael Walker 227; Hannah Land 234; Martyn Boddy 40; Calum Woods 36t; Amy 117; Joanne Fuller 460; Jan Geerts 351; Sarah Hill 548; Joel Wallenberg 486; Colin Higgins 296; Aldo Ceresa 500.

Michael Walker conducted the memorial lesson, and read the following list of names of the deceased: Eileen McDougall—France; Chris Holloway—Germany; Ruth Steggles—Nottingham; Sylvia Small—Edinburgh; Alex Elliot—Sheffield; Rob Peel—Ireland; Tim Moscovitch—Huddersfield; David Smith—Derby; Johnny Lee, Earlis McGraw, and B. M. Smith—Georgia, USA; Gary Smith, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Bernice Harvey, S. T. Reed, and Jimmy Bailey—Alabama, USA; Tom Robinson and Jimmie Foreman—Texas, USA; Charlie Derleth—Missouri, USA; Janelle Davis—Illinois, USA; Joseph Leonard Rowe—Rhode Island, USA.

Michael also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Delorese Lee, Don Grimshaw, Nate Green, Norma Green, Cath Tyler, Melanie Hauff, Benny Ross, Joyce Farrell, Sister Pippa, and Jeff Heffner. For them he led 235, and then closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Vicki Elliot 127 (for Ros and Daniel); Tarik Wareh 390; Jean Seiler 168; Colin Monson 191; Helen Brown 192; Pattie Wareh 373; Nigel Bowley 431.

RECESS

Chris Brown called the class to order leading 28b. Leaders: Teresa Maguire 506; Sarah Hill 439; Camilla Widholm 377; Phil Tyler 311; Margaret Gillanders 564; Jean Seiler 273; Aldo Ceresa 456; Helen Barber 196; Joanne Fuller 532; Michael Walker 378t.

Chris Brown and Judy Whiting led 330b as the closing song. John Hopkinson offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed early because of a snow storm. Chairman—Chris Brown; Vice Chairman—Judy Whiting; Secretary—Claire Welford

TRI-COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING **Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama** **Saturday, November 19, 2016**

The 9th annual Tri-County Sacred Harp Singing was held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Bill Hogan leading 59 and 36b. Bill welcomed the class, and Adam Brasich offered the morning prayer. Note: lessons followed by (CB) were sung from *The Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. Unmarked lessons were sung from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Nancy Hogan 392 (CB), 520 (CB); Judy Chambless 318, 475; Jack Nelson 491, 560; Victoria Aplin 421 (CB); Larry Shaw 479, 505 (CB); Ann Jett 54t (CB), 515

(CB); Stanley Smith and Reba Windom 559 (CB); Stanley Smith 373.

RECESS

Bill Hogan called the class back together by leading 101t (CB). Leaders: Tim Taylor 416 (CB), 504 (CB); Jillian Parris 159; Cathy Maddox 358, 573 (CB); Robert Chambless 494, 75; Alice Sundberg 367 (CB); Adam Brasich 70b, 399b.

RECESS

Barry Pounders brought the class together leading 155 (CB). Leaders: Cassie Allen 514 (CB), 242 (CB); Joey Brackner and Thao Hoang 135, 37b; Ann Riley Gray 142, 178; Taylor Kennedy offered a prayer for his grandfather, Milner; Taylor Kennedy and Jack Nelson 45t, 571 (CB); Tommie Spurlock 183 (CB), 112 (CB); Eugene Forbes 522 (CB), 137 (CB); Jim Carnes 39b, 432; Wanda Capps 542, 546; Ken Sundberg 377t (CB), 176t (CB); Adrian Nall 393 (CB), 540 (CB); Hubert Nall 186 (CB), 168 (CB); Mary Amelia Taylor 98 (CB), 140 (CB); Reba Windom 478 (CB). The class sang 369, and Adam Brasich asked God's blessings for our noon meal.

LUNCH

Adrian Nall brought the class together for the afternoon session leading 96 (CB). Leaders: Chris Parris 206; Chris Parris and Jillian Parris 455; Richard Mauldin 446, 133; Shirley Berry 480, 189; Karen Clark 380t (CB) (in memory of Johnny Lee), 269 (CB); Deborah Boykin 81 (CB), 463 (CB); Janet King 148 (CB); Chip Westbrook 451 (CB); Katlin Bailey 405 (CB), 516 (CB); Marion Patrick 424 (CB), 580 (CB); Ken Milner 27 (CB), 500 (CB) (for Wendy Futral Anderson); Steve Grauberger 410 (CB), 411 (CB); Adam Brasich 380b (CB); Eugene Forbes 203.

Announcements were made. Judy Chambless, Adam Brasich, Bill Hogan, and Nancy Hogan led 330b as the closing song. Adam Brasich offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Stanley Smith; Secretary—Nancy Hogan

NORTHEAST KANSAS SINGING **White Schoolhouse, Lawrence, Kansas** **Saturday, November 19, 2016**

The 2nd annual all-day Sacred Harp singing at the White Schoolhouse in Lawrence, Kansas, was held on the third Saturday in November. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Joe Casad leading 63. The opening prayer was offered by Rhonda Machlan.

Leaders: John Markovitz 178; Lou Kujawinski 38t; Penny Kujawinski 228; Rhonda Machlan 180 (MH); Joe Douglas 324; Stephen Huffman 29t; Dayle Dryer 127 (MH); John Huffman 515; Joe Casad 123t; Mary Huffman 163b; Wendy Hofmann 56b; Evan Jorn 282; John Markovitz 278t; Lou Kujawinski 300; Penny Kujawinski 138 (MH).

RECESS

Rhonda Machlan brought the class back to order leading 475. Leaders: Rex Armstrong 370; Joe Douglas 497; Stephen Huffman 49b; Dayle Dryer 362; John Huffman 198; Joe Casad 551; Mary Huffman 448b; Wendy Hofmann 109 (MH); Evan Jorn 47b; John Markovitz 159 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 162; Penny Kujawinski 349; Evan Jorn 164 (MH). Rex Armstrong offered a prayer.

LUNCH

Joe Casad brought the class back to order leading 155. Leaders: Rhonda Machlan 547; Rex Armstrong 19 (MH); Joe Douglas 86; Stephen Huffman 131t; Dayle Dryer 369; John Huffman 365; Joe Casad 299; Mary Huffman 528; Wendy Hofmann 172 (MH); Evan Jorn 148; John Markovitz 503; Lou Kujawinski 421; Penny Kujawinski 135 (MH); Rhonda Machlan 59; Rex Armstrong 385t; Joe Douglas 277; Stephen Huffman 283; Dayle Dryer 269; John Huffman 48t; Joe Casad 477.

RECESS

Leaders: Mary Huffman 297; Wendy Hofmann 481; Evan Jorn 145b; John Markovitz 268; Lou Kujawinski 354t; David Yoe 81t; Penny Kujawinski 102; Rhonda Machlan 344; Rex Armstrong 504; Joe Douglas 31t; Stephen Huffman 350; Dayle Dryer 146; John Huffman 147b; Joe Casad 377; Mary Huffman 569b.

After announcements, John Huffman offered the closing prayer. Evan Jorn led 62 as the closing song.

Chairman—Evan Jorn; Secretary—Dayle Dryer

SILVERTON SINGING

Silverton, Oregon

Saturday, November 19, 2016

The Silverton Grange All-Day Singing was brought to order by Melissa Stephenson leading 448b. Steve Helwig offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairperson—Melissa Stephenson; Treasurer—Linda Berkemeier; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen.

A brief singing school was held to teach the basics of Sacred Harp singing for newcomers. Leaders: Melissa Stephenson 68b; Betsy Jeronen 33b; Linda Berkemeier 63; Lyle Lindsey 178; Kate Fine 171; Steve Tarr 39t; Carolyn Gilkey 163b; Dorothy Robinson 203; Rogan Campbell 86; Nancy Novotny 351.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Linda Berkemeier leading 73b. Leaders: Jean Murphy 186; Yosef Trachtenberg and Kevin Barrans 47b; Vicki Morgan 472; Kate Fine 324; Jaison Ashbaugh 180; Steve Helwig 38t; Cornelia Stanton 441; Laura McMurray 207; Rodman Campbell 38b; Pat Coghlan 142; Karen Stingle 273; Kevin Barrans 270; Mark Miller 327; Clarissa Fetrow 84; Nancy Novotny 71; Rogan Campbell 148; Jean Murphy 117; Steve Tarr 297; Kate Fine 145b; Dorothy Robinson 510; Lyle Lindsey 384; Carolyn Gilkey 504.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Clarissa Fetrow leading 179. Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 564; Rodman Campbell 70b; Karen Stingle 318; Melissa Stephenson 369; Yosef Trachtenberg and Kevin Barrans 82t; Vicki Morgan 455; Mark Miller 284; Pat Coghlan 497; Laura McMurray 89; Kevin Barrans 123t; Steve Helwig 37b; Cornelia Stanton 335; Mark Miller, Meg Krawchuk, Annabelle Krawchuk-Miller, and Benjamin Krawchuk-Miller 294; Jaison Ashbaugh 278t; Kate Fortin 346; Kate Fine 34b; Melissa Stephenson 551. Steve Helwig offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Steve Helwig leading 350. Leaders: Linda Berkemeier 146; Steve Tarr 189; Jean Murphy 106; Nancy Novotny 383; Lyle Lindsey 27; Karen Stingle 183; Karl Oswald 168; Carolyn Gilkey 547; Dorothy Robinson 370; Jaison Ashbaugh 29t; Kelly Kennedy 434; Cornelia Stanton 66; Pat Coghlan 187; Kevin Barrans 111b; Vicki Morgan 474; Clarissa Fetrow 475; Betsy Jeronen 440; Laura McMurray 30b; Yosef Trachtenberg and Kevin Barrans 162; Kate Fortin 61; Rodman Campbell 354b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Steve Helwig leading 223. Leaders: Laura McMurray 100; Karl Oswald 250; Karen Stingle 198; Carolyn Gilkey 344; Yosef Trachtenberg and Kevin Barrans 268; Kelly Kennedy 201; Jean Murphy 209; Melissa Stephenson 410t; Kevin Barrans 411; Jaison Ashbaugh 312b; Rodman Campbell 277; Betsy Jeronen 499; Cornelia Stanton 276.

The business meeting was reopened and the Treasurer reported that expenses were met. The Arranging Committee reported forty-one attendees with eighty-nine tunes sung.

Melissa Stephenson led 347 as the closing song. Steve Helwig offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Melissa Stephenson; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen

ELDER AND MRS. JASON DAVIS MEMORIAL
Historic Sugar Valley Baptist Church, Sugar Valley, Georgia
Sunday, November 20, 2016

The annual Elder and Mrs. Jason Davis Memorial singing was held at the Historic Sugar Valley Baptist Church on the third Sunday in November. Judy Mincey called the class to order leading 59. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer. Joyce Walton suggested we remember Levon Wootten.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 225t (in memory of B.M. Smith), 278t; Michael Thompson 47t (in memory of B.M. Smith), 32t; Isaac Green 24b, 85; David Brodeur 88b, 94; Joyce Walton 348b (for Levon Wootten); Andy Ditzler 123t, 413; John Plunkett 33b, 77b; Hayden Arp 65, 138t; Oscar McGuire 452, 129; Coy Coggins 354b, 100.

RECESS

Judy Mincey called the class back to order leading 474 (in memory of Lee Rogers) and 434. Leaders: Michael Thompson 392, 207; Isaac Green 346, 160t; Andy Ditzler 410b, 50b; David Brodeur 95, 562; Joyce Walton 49b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Coy Coggins leading 300 and 108t. Leaders: Wilma Sexton 290; Linda Fletcher 127; Susan Stanley 117, 146; Linda Fletcher 45t; Paul Stanley 282; Ralph Haney 159; John Plunkett 50t, 313t; Oscar McGuire 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith), 556 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Hayden Arp 336, 216; Judy Mincey 301 (in memory of Kenneth DeLong); Michael Thompson 309 (in memory of Danny Arms); Isaac Green 186; Andy Ditzler 41, 113; David Brodeur 485; Joyce Walton and Hayden Arp 149; Coy Coggins 457; John Plunkett 271t (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Oscar McGuire 229; Hayden Arp 416. After announcements, the class sang 62 as the closing song, and took the parting hand. John Plunkett offered a benediction.

Chairman—Judy Mincey

WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL
King Schoolhouse, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
Natural Bridge, Alabama
Sunday, November 20, 2016

The 46th session of the annual Sacred Harp singing in memory of Ganus Wakefield, Wilford Wakefield, Clifford Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Cecil Wakefield, and Wendell Wakefield was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 144. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer. Glenn Keeton led 349.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman—Wayne Horton; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson;

Secretary—Debbie Hall; Arranging Committee—Betty Baccus and Faye Donaldson.

Leaders: Wayne Horton 388, 339; Nicholas Thompson 186, 528; Debbie Hall 546, 391; Mike Hankins 389, 460; Richard Mauldin 64, 373; Amber Davis 192, 454; Jerry Kitchens 31b; Linda Sides 282, 215; Roma Rice 142, 31t; Ann Jett 47t, 77t; Seth Poston 108b, 358; Gravis Ballinger 120; Danny Creel 428, 384.

RECESS

Nicholas Thompson led 89 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 112, 268; Henry Steele 196, 240; Don Keeton 515, 499; Logan Donaldson and Elle Donaldson 274b, 59; Chris Ballinger 84, 344; Ken Tate 148, 166; Wanda Capps 167,

187; Loretta Whitman 399b, 406; Marlin Beasley 512, 33b; Debbie Hall, Sharon Spangler, Lisa Ingle, Kathy Buchanan, Lynn Donaldson, Jeff Baccus, and Junior Poston (grandchildren of Sim and Catherine Wakefield) 480; Wayne Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Clara Stults, Julia Poston, Faye Donaldson, and Betty Baccus (children of Sim and Catherine Wakefield) 571 (WB), 333 (in memory of deceased family).

LUNCH

Wayne Horton called the class to order by leading 294. Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 327; Jack Pate 152, 569b; Lisa Geist 377, 492; Steve Miles 163t, 234; Ernestine Parker 171; Earl Ballinger 162, 439; Margaret Keeton 73b; Jeanette Tidwell 290, 99; Bernice Wakefield 511; Sarah Berry 325, 146; Danny Creel, Ann Jett, and Wanda Capps 475; Louise Gray 143, 72b; Shirley Watwood and Betty Baccus 45t.

Wayne Horton led 73t as the closing song. Don Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Wayne Horton; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson;
Secretary—Debbie Hall

CORNUCOPIA SINGING

Residence of Rowan Lupton, Princeton, New Jersey November 23-24, 2016

Wednesday night, November 23

The 5th annual Cornucopia All-Night Singing began on Wednesday night before the Sunday after the fourth Thursday in November at the residence of Rowan Lupton in Princeton, New Jersey. Jeff Gauthier called the class to order by leading 354b, followed by opening remarks.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeff Gauthier; Vice Chairman—Julia Seidenstein; Treasurer—Nathalie Levine; Secretary—Jade Levine.

Leaders: Julia Seidenstein 179; Nathalie Levine 284; Rachel Speer 318; Krista Guerrieri 384; Leon Pulsinelle 82t; Dean Jens 475; Elise Cavicchi 142; Greg Vallette 503; Jade Levine 47t; Nathalie Levine 35; Zoë Madonna 56t; Clarissa Fetrow 52t.

RECESS

Leon Pulsinelle called the class back together by leading 335. Leaders: Elise Cavicchi 99; Julia Seidenstein 59; Greg Vallette 260; Jade Levine 268; Nathalie Levine 63; Krista Guerrieri 297; Jeff Gauthier “Heaven’s Liquor”; Greg Vallette 178; Leon Pulsinelle 168; Clarissa Fetrow 300; Angharad Davis 474; Elise Cavicchi 111b; Krista Guerrieri 146; Octavian Davis 191; Jeff Gauthier and Jade Levine “Heaven’s Liquor.” Julia Seidenstein offered a prayer before the meal.

MIDNIGHT SNACK

Thursday morning, November 24

Rowan Lupton and Jade Levine brought the class together by leading 236. Leaders: Julia Seidenstein 201; Jade Levine 209; Jeff Gauthier 319; Greg Vallette 313b; Leon Pulsinelle 55; Nathalie Levine 148; Krista Guerrieri 117; Jeff Gauthier 276; Jade Levine 186; Julia Seidenstein 112; Rowan Lupton 149; Greg Vallette 277; Leon Pulsinelle 214; Jeff Gauthier and Nathalie Levine 250; Joel Menk 472; Krista Guerrieri 396; Miriam Delirium 505; Clarissa Fetrow 183; Jeff Gauthier 528.

Announcements were made. The Secretary reported that forty-nine songs had been led by leaders from nine states, some of whom led via internet web-stream. The Treasurer announced that expenses had been met. The Resolutions Committee thanked Rowan Lupton, Lynda Lee, and Robert Lupton for once again providing their house, and all who offered food and support. We resolved to meet again and sing together on Wednesday night before the Sunday after the fourth Thursday in November, 2017.

Chairman—Jeff Gauthier; Vice Chairman—Julia Seidenstein; Secretary—Jade Levine

SEATTLE THANKSGIVING SINGING **Home of Clarissa Fetrow, Seattle, Washington** **Saturday, November 26, 2016**

The 4th annual Seattle Thanksgiving Singing was called to order by Clarissa Fetrow leading 47t.

Leaders: Lu Zeng 96; John Wiens 120; Clarissa Fetrow 312b; Rodman Campbell 277; Lu Zeng 348b; John Wiens 282; Laura McMurray 89; Clarissa Fetrow 46.

RECESS

Wanda Juul led 354b to bring the class to order. Leaders: Anne Huckins 186; John Wiens 102; Lu Zeng 267; Laura McMurray 354t; Clarissa Fetrow 215; John Wiens 105; Anne Huckins 318; Wanda Juul 106; Rodman Campbell 86; Clarissa Fetrow 74t; Laura McMurray 283; Lu Zeng 223; John Wiens 114; Anne Huckins 162; Rodman Campbell 38b; Clarissa Fetrow 475 (for Cherie Welch).

RECESS

Laura McMurray brought the class back together by leading 30t. Leaders: Rodman Campbell 70b; John Wiens 472; Anne Huckins 84; Wanda Juul 430; Clarissa Fetrow 542; Lu Zeng 453; Laura McMurray 569b; Rodman Campbell 455; John Wiens 95; Anne Huckins 107; Wanda Juul 128; Clarissa Fetrow 224; Lu Zeng 147t.

For the last song of the evening, Rodman Campbell led 146.

Secretaries—Lu Zeng and Clarissa Fetrow

THANKSGIVING SACRED HARP SINGING **Jordans Village Hall, Jordans, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom** **Saturday, November 26, 2016**

The 8th Thanksgiving Singing Day was held in the Village Hall of Jordans, the Quaker Village, and burial place of William Penn. The class was called to order by Sheila Girling Macadam leading 34b, and offering the opening prayer.

Leaders: Werner Ullah 49t; Elijah Petzold 68b; Rachel Jordan 63; Rebecca Over 186; Jan Lawrence 535; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 47t; Ellyn Ross 45t; Sofi Mogensen 52t; Edwin Macadam 287; Nick Hall 200; Steve Welch 147b; Victoria Timberlake 48t; Aldo Ceresa 112; Toby Goss 300; Ella Cumber 318; Matthew Parkinson 225t.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman and Treasurer—Edwin Macadam; Secretaries—Sofi Mogensen and Rebecca Over; Arranging Committee—Nick Hall and Werner Ullah; Chaplains—Elijah Petzold and Victoria Timberlake.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Leilai Immel leading 144. Leaders: Werner Ullah 37b; Tracy McElligott and Maxine Madderson 34b; Judith Silver 267; Sheila Girling Macadam 298; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 117; Nick Hall 452; Edwin Macadam 192. Elijah Petzold conducted a combined memorial and sick and housebound lesson,

with a story from the Icelandic Sagas. He led 34t for the following sick and housebound: Jackie Saunders, Rose Green, Geoffrey Rendle, Phoebe Davidson, Helena Beddoe, Paula Mogensen, Nigel Cumber, and Vonnie Chantler. Elijah led 565 in memory of the following deceased: Gillian Woodwood, Isabel Smith, Cath Itzcovitz and Anthony Bentley—London; Earlis McGraw, Geneva Prichard, Johnny Lee, Margaret Wallace, and B.M. Smith—Georgia, USA; Hester Edwards, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, and Gary Smith—Alabama, USA; Janelle Davis—Illinois, USA; Bob King and Fred Bennett—Eynsham; Myfanwy Thomas—Wales; Mrs. Evans—Guildford; Malcolm Walker—High Wycombe; Ross Chernin and Bruce Robinson—Norwich; Mary Payne—Wisbech; and Ruth Steggle—Nottingham. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 512; Rachel Jordan 564; Toby Goss 47b; Sofi Mogensen 65; Matthew Parkinson 67; Rebecca Over 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Steve Welch 489; Jan Lawrence 496; Leilai Immel 153; Ella Cumber 189; Ellyn Ross 276; Pete Eiseman—Renyard 84; Toby Goss 497; Sofi Mogensen 148; Rebecca Over 306 (for Michael Walker); Jan Lawrence 339. Victoria Timberlake offered thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session commenced with Aldo Ceresa leading 106. Leaders: Elijah Petzold 217; Rachel Wemyss 224; Sue Lanfear 40; Rachel Jordan 436; Sheila Girling Macadam 377; Victoria Timberlake 275t; Steve Welch 467; Nick Hall 212; Edwin Macadam 534; Ellyn Ross 268; Leilai Immel 345b; Matthew Parkinson 100; Ella Cumber 131b; Werner Ullah 312b; Toby Goss 178; Rebecca Over 309; Aldo Ceresa 506; Rachel Jordan 353; Leilai Immel 33b; Rachel Wemyss 296; Sue Lanfear 299; Nick Hall 231; Victoria Timberlake 102; Werner Ullah 278t; Sheila Girling Macadam 168; Elijah Petzold 77t; Sofi Mogensen 440.

RECESS

The class reconvened for the final session with Rachel Jordan leading 350. Leaders: Steve Welch 569t; Edwin Macadam 444; Matthew Parkinson 332; Nick Hall 474; Rebecca Over 461; Leilai Immel 175; Rachel Wemyss 348b; Sue Lanfear 334; Teresa Maguire 285t; Elijah Petzold 297; Werner Ullah 317; Steve Welch 473; Edwin Macadam 466; Rachel Jordan 441; Sheila Girling Macadam 472; Aldo Ceresa 315. Thanks were given to all those who had helped in any way to make the day's singing a success. Announcements were made. The Secretary reported twenty-four leaders had led eighty-nine songs. After expenses had been met, the surplus from the day's donations would again be passed to the Quakers for their use.

Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam led 347. Edwin Macadam offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Secretaries—Sofi Mogensen and Rebecca Over

ALABAMA SACRED HARP MUSICAL CONVENTION

Jefferson State College, Birmingham, Alabama

November 26-27, 2016

Saturday, November 26

The 117th session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Musical Convention met at Jefferson State College on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November. The class was called to order by Ken Tate leading 85. Eddie Mash offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 129 (for the Wootten family); Eddie Mash 30t; Mary Amelia Taylor 36b; Henry Johnson 337; Linda Thomas 32t; David Ivey 316 (in memory of

Toney and Lavoy Smith); Sharon DuPriest 40; Cheyenne Ivey 186; Elene Stovall 411; Cindy Tanner 498; Charles McCravy 428; Adrian Eldridge 472; Sarah Beasley 340; Larry Ballinger 217; Tim Taylor 228; Karis Askin 192; Daniel Lee 566; Linda Sides 82b; Darrell Swarens 335; Jim Aaron 47b; Philip Denney 73t; Nikos Pappas 195; Nate Green and Norma Green 287.

RECESS

Ken Tate led 56t to bring the class together. Leaders: Daniel Williams 400; Richard Ivey 556; Judy Caudle 134; James Eldridge 220; Eugene Forbes 299.

A business session was held at this time, and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Judy Caudle; Secretaries—Elene Stovall, Linda Thomas, and Cheyenne Ivey; Chaplain—Barrett Patton; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner and Sharon DuPriest; Finance Committee—Alex Forsyth, Nicholas Thompson, and Tom George; Memorial Committee—Shane Wootten and Danny Creel; Resolutions Committee—Kelsey Ivey and Cassie Allen. The business meeting was closed. Leaders: Rick Cunningham 276; Gavin Blakeley 196; Buell Cobb 81b; Jerusha Wheeler 208; Nathan Rees 374; Ann Riley Gray 142; Alex Forsyth 182; Larry Brasher 385b; Sasha Hsuczyk 286; Marlin Beasley 455; Roberta Strauss 209; Dennis George 573; Karen Rollins 328; Gedney Barclay 378t; Danny Creel 112.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Rodney Ivey leading 389. Leaders: Justin Bowen 406; Becky Strickland 68b; Louis Hughes 448b (in memory of B.M. Smith); Cassie Allen 273; Tom George 370; Barrett Patton 456; Daphne Causey 269; Keillor Mose 200; Ruth Wampler 158 (in memory of children killed in Chattanooga bus wreck); Ines Luttgen 506; Matt Hinton 436; Nicholas Thompson 392; Brian Harris 500; Kelsey Ivey 421; David Brodeur 545; Judy Chambless 527; Kathy Williams 419; Scott DePoy 448t; Carolyn Thompson 53; Susan Allred 183; Susan Cheronos 564; Ethan Hardy 133; Robert Chambless 560; Sandie Scott 408; Hubert Nall 168. Barrett Patton asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Rodney Ivey and Keillor Mose leading 309. Leaders: Bea Aaron 475; Jeannette DePoy and Lynn Allen 89; Andy Ditzler 380; Wanda Capps 546; David Carlton 424; Jonathon Smith 422; Judy Mincey 116; Richard Mauldin 99; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Ann Jett 327; Reba Windom 216 (in memory of Shelby Sheppard); Gary Glover and Elene Stovall 548 (in memory of Levon Wootten); Pam Nunn 362; Lynn deBenedette 383 (in memory of Jerry Enright); Karen Ivey 440; Karen Freund 95 (for Laura Clawson); Anne Drexler 277. Rodney Ivey and Alex Forsyth led 521 as the closing song. Barrett Patton dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, November 27

The Sunday session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Musical Convention was called to order by Rodney Ivey leading 82t. Barrett Patton offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 138t; Barrett Patton 177; Linda Thomas and Buell Cobb 81b, 131b; Elene Stovall 172; Nicholas Thompson 171; Cheyenne Ivey 432; Tom George 466; Cassie Allen 218 (for Eugene Forbes); Shane Wootten 222 (for Eloise Wootten); Alex Forsyth 329; Danny Creel 215; Cindy Tanner and Sharon DuPriest 327; Linton Ballinger 306; Jenny Acton 112; John Plunkett 495; Louis Hughes 512; Daniel Lee 542; Jacob Acton 168; Justin Bowen 80b; Ellen Ray 76b; Roberta Strauss 441; Hayden Arp 204; Winfred Kerr 388; Donna Wootten 314; Gavin Blakeley 145t.

RECESS

Judy Caudle led 57 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Brandon Acton 373; Karen

Rollins 213b; Stanley Smith 442; Matt Hinton 503; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 31t; Anslie Allen 29t; Gedney Barclay 568; Jack Nelson 180; Brian Harris 280; Gail Doss 86; Isaac Green 411; Kathy Williams 151; Henry Johnson 55; Loyd Ivey 34b; Sasha Hsuczuk 426t; Ines Lutgen 416; Richard Ivey, Grace Whitener, and Karen Ivey 354b; Richard Ivey 227; Judy Mincey 169; Ethan Hardy 179; Gary Glover and Justin Bowen 480; Jeannette DePoy and Bridgett Hill Kennedy 276; Richard Mauldin 446; Judy Chambless 501; Allison Whitener 430; Keillor Mose 293; Yancey Jett 440; Chita Blakeley 396; Kelsey Ivey 214; Dennis George 110; Lynn deBenedette and Reba Windom 30b; Andy Ditzler 359; Ruth Wampler 207; Marilyn Burchett 551. Barrett Patton asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey and Barrett Patton began the afternoon session by leading 111t. Leaders: Ken Tate 300; Linda Sides 170; Nate Green and Norma Green 438; Daphene Causey 434; Eddie Mash and Barrett Patton 365.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Shane Wootten and Danny Creel. Danny Creel spoke on behalf of the following sick and shut-ins: Ann Chalker, Bill Horvitz, Chuck Beasley, Holly Mixon, Douglas Conn, Jewel Wootten, Eugene Forbes, William Futral, Virginia Futral, Wendy Anderson, Jim Cheek, Rachel Rogers, Betty Shepherd, Ben Price, Ottis Sides, Velton Chafin, and Johnnie Chafin. He led 490 in their honor.

Shane Wootten spoke about anchors. He mentioned the many anchors that have passed away, and the future anchors that are coming along to carry on the tradition of Sacred Harp singing. He read the following list of names of the deceased: Tony Smith, Lavoy Smith, S.T. Reed, Sam Chalker, Levon Wootten, Garlan McCarn, Gary Smith, Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Azilee Adams, Kathleen Traywick, Elsie Moon, Sandra Spradlin, Hester Edwards, Bernice Williams Harvey, and Kenneth Fannin—Alabama; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Pauline Oliveros and Mildred Bouwman—California; Earlis McGraw, B.M. Smith, Johnny Lee, and Geneva Prichard—Georgia; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Ruth Steggle—United Kingdom; Helen Beauchamp—Tennessee; Tony Conrad—New York. He led 176t in memory of the deceased. Barrett Patton offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Reba Windom 436; David Ivey 292; Wanda Capps 298; Pam Nunn 454; David Brodeur 377; Scott DePoy 106; Ann Jett 319; Sandie Scott and Eddie Mash 268 (in memory of Bob Meek); Nathan Rees 371; Susan Cherones 460; Hubert Nall 176b; Bea Aaron 426b; Jonathon Smith 382; Allison Davis, Gresham Davis, and Cheyenne Ivey 217; Dan McSavage, Alex Forsyth, and Rodney Ivey 270; Coy Ivey 384.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports. The Resolutions Committee (Cassie Allen and Kelsey Ivey) presented the following report: We, the Resolutions Committee for the 117th session of the Alabama State Convention, resolve to thank God for allowing us to come together in this season of Thanksgiving to sing praises to God. We would like to thank Jefferson State College for the use of the facilities, along with those who helped prepare our meals. Thanks to the officers of the convention, and to all of you for making the convention a success. We cherish the memories of the singers who have come before us, and we are grateful for the opportunity to share these songs and this community with future generations. Finally, we resolve to meet again next year on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November for the 118th session of the Alabama State Convention.

The Finance Committee reported that expenses were met. The Secretary reported that during the two-day convention, 177 songs were led by 175 leaders representing

thirteen states. The reports were accepted, and the business meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Rodney Ivey and Judy Caudle led 62 as the closing song. Barrett Patton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Judy Caudle; Secretaries—Elene Stovall, Linda Thomas, and Cheyenne Ivey

SACRED HARP MUSICAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION **Annual Meeting**

Saturday, November 26, 2016

The annual meeting of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) was held at Jefferson State Community College on Saturday, November 26, 2016. Approximately 32 association members were present. David Ivey, President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. David welcomed the assembly and introduced the other Board members present: Judy Caudle—Minutes Secretary; Henry Johnson—Vice President; Pam Nunn—Treasurer; Jeannette DePoy—Secretary. The Board members not present were Lauren Bock, Samuel Sommers, and Terry Wootten. David thanked them for their service this year.

David presented a general overview of SHMHA and its purpose. He provided and reviewed an information sheet that summarized 2016 activities and the 2015 financial summary. He stated that SHMHA, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, files an IRS Form 990 report annually. David reported that SHMHA received grant funding for Camp Fasola in 2016 from the Alabama State Council on the Arts for the thirteenth year. He expressed gratitude to the Sacred Harp Publishing Company for its continued financial support in the amount of \$6,500 for Camp Fasola in 2016, and recognized the Publishing Company board members who were present. David stated that SHMHA now supports financial management for the National Convention, United Convention, State Line singing, Alabama State Convention, and Young People's Convention.

Judy Caudle provided a report for the "*Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings*" (Minutes Book) project. The estimated expenses for the project, including printing and shipping in 2016, were \$8,459.00. Judy stated that 284 singing events had submitted minutes as of November 23, 2016. This includes 238 one-day singings, 41 two-day conventions, three sessions of Camp Fasola, one three-day convention, and one Alaskan Cruise. There have been 103 singings requesting not to receive Minutes Books next year. The cost of the books will remain the same at \$30 per singing day for 2017. There was discussion and input from the members regarding possible future options for the printed Minutes Book. David reminded those present that anyone who is housebound can receive a free copy of the Minutes Book by mail by sending the request to Judy Caudle. Judy praised her team who assists her with the Minutes Book publication: Joan Aldridge, Angela Myers, Chris Thorman, and Carolyn Deacy. David thanked Judy and the entire Minutes Book team for the contribution of many hours of work to produce a high quality publication that is greatly valued by the Sacred Harp community.

David reported that SHMHA completed its fourteenth year of Camp Fasola operation in 2016. Twenty-six camps have been held since 2003. SHMHA has offered both Youth and Adult Camps for the past nine years. Three sessions of Camp Fasola Europe have been held: 2012, 2014, and 2016. Adult Camp 2016 enrollment was 61, a slight decrease from 2015. Youth Camp 2016 enrollment was the largest ever at 154 and is approximately the largest capacity that can be accommodated at Camp Lee. David mentioned that more adults will be encouraged to attend Adult Camp to better balance attendance of the two camps. A member asked if

consideration had been given not to allow adults to attend Youth Camp to be sure there is enough space for all youth who wish to attend. Jeannette stated that this year's age 19-39 focus group indicated that a strength of Youth Camp is that there are participants of all ages. Camp Europe enrollment was 46 with 13 of those from North America. David discussed the plan for more recruiting by the European singers for participants for future sessions of Camp Europe. A member asked if a country other than Poland had been considered for Camp Europe. This has been explored, but the costs are not as favorable as the Poland venue. Several members provided positive comments on the Camp Fasola project. The camp dates for 2017 were announced: Adult Camp—June 11-15, and Youth Camp—July 3-7.

Jeannette DePoy, Scholarship Committee member, stated that a total of 45 scholarships totaling \$9,650 were awarded in 2016 (up from 36 scholarships in 2015): 40 for Youth Camp (\$8,400), one for Adult Camp (\$250), and four for Camp Europe (\$1,000). Again this year, scholarship campers wrote brief narratives about their camp experiences. Jeannette shared a few of these testimonials with the members.

Jeannette, as Camp Registrar, reported that 89% of the campers rated camp classes as "Excellent", 91% rated the teachers as "Excellent", and 94% rated their overall camp experience as "Excellent". Members were encouraged to contribute to the Camp Fasola scholarship fund. It was also explained how members can encourage prospective campers to apply for scholarship support.

The members were given additional opportunity to provide input on SHMHA's programs and operations.

There being no further business brought before the members, David Ivey adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Henry Johnson. SHMHA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, incorporated in Alabama, whose purpose is the perpetuation and preservation of Sacred Harp singing and its traditions. SHMHA publishes the Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singing, operates Camp Fasola, sponsors the fasola.org website, and supports Sacred Harp conventions and singings and other activities related to Sacred Harp music. President—David Ivey; Vice President—Henry Johnson; Secretary—Jeannette DePoy

LEHIGH VALLEY SINGING (SHENANDOAH HARMONY)

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Saturday, December 3, 2016

The fourth annual Lehigh Valley All-Day Singing was held on the first Saturday in December at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley. All song selections were from the Shenandoah Harmony.

Rachel Hall called the class to order leading 1b. Don Jantzi offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Daniel Hunter 19; Theresa Rodriguez 28t; Nancy Tkacs 12b; Dann Pell 22b; Katy Hunter 63; Linda Baysore 161; Greg Vallette 162; Miriam Delerium and Ina Shea 381; Doron Henkin 420t; Krista Guerrieri 113; Bethany Towne 152; Ruth Wampler 364t; Leon Pulsinelle 306; Joel Bassett 81.

RECESS

Nathan Berry called the class to order leading 131. Leaders: Ben Cocchiaro 89b; Sam Kleinman 241t; Ina Shea 278; Francesca Farrisì 200; Ted Stokes 78; Dean Jens 186; Julia Seidenstein 320; Guy Bankes 76t; Chris Cotter 86; Abigail Beavin 284; Jim Strube 430; Solon Gordon 373; Carol Huang 96t; Jason Steidl 408t; Rachel Speer 143; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 408b.

RECESS

Leaders: Kelly Macklin 378t; Sasha Hsuczyk 264t; Corinne Ducey 321t; Thomas Ward 5t; Robin Betz 287; Mary Helen Dupree 191; Patrick Friesen 96b; Thom Metzger 180; Joanne Fuller 146; Graham DeZarn 137; Nora Miller 220; Ben Shirley 411; Ben Hartland 422; Kathy Manning 242; Myles Louis Dakan 399; Leyland delRe 402; Eileen Metzger 57; John delRe 178; Nathan Berry 452; Nancy Mandel 103. Dann Pell offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Joel Bassett called the class to order leading 112. Leaders: Kelly Macklin 294; Jan Ketelle 382; Ted Mercer 364b; Barb Patterson 426; Jerry Gripshover 140b; Dick Patterson 282; Erica Detemmerman 132; John Seaton 335; Graham DeZarn 83t; Sonia Chin 292; Thom Metzger 79; Nathan Berry 2; Joanne Fuller 116; Patrick Friesen 53; Eileen Metzger 232; Sam Kleinman 254; Chris Cotter 136; Rachel Hall 326t; Mary Skidmore 297; Clare Chapin 80; Gerald Clark 114.

RECESS

Katy Hunter called the class to order leading 348t. Leaders: John delRe 432t; Ted Mercer 236t; Jesse Krikorian 416; Barb Patterson 245; Jan Ketelle 168; Leyland delRe 169; Jerry Gripshover 140t; Carol Huang 15; Julia Seidenstein 363; John Seaton 236b; Abigail Beavin 182; Dick Patterson 222; Erica Detemmerman 246b; Ben Hartland 187.

Announcements were made. Rachel Hall, Jesse Krikorian, Joel Bassett, and Daniel Hunter led 404t as the closing song. Ruth Wampler dismissed the class with a prayer. Chairperson—Rachel Hall; Secretaries—Theresa Rodriguez and Joel Bassett

GEORGIA STATE CHRISTIAN HARMONY CONVENTION

Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, Tallapoosa, Georgia

December 3-4, 2016

Saturday, December 3

The 7th annual Georgia State *Christian Harmony* Convention was held at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday and Saturday before in December. All song selections were from the 2010 Edition of the *Christian Harmony*, unless otherwise noted.

The class was called to order by John Plunkett leading 67t. Bill Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer. Leaders: John Plunkett 359; Chris Wilhelm 319, 61t; Mike Spencer 310t, 493b; Hayden Arp 4, 316; Leslie Booher 542, 54; Bill Hollingsworth 90, 26t.

RECESS

Mike Spencer reconvened the class by leading 163t. Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg 544, 74; Shannon Primm 36t, 15; David Smead 237, 346; Rob Dunn 117, 109; Cindy Tanner 322, 168b; Henry Johnson 27t, 80; Ann Jett 149, 170; Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 189, 372; Danny Creel 43, 354; Mary Ellen Schrock 179, 51; Lisa Bennett 515, 462t; Ken Tate 534, 490. Danny Creel offered grace before the bountiful meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by John Plunkett leading 510t. Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 195; Hayden Arp 172; Leslie Booher 436b; Nathan Rees 150; Jane Cannon 312; Rob Dunn 226t; Lauren Bock and Ken Tate 176; David Smead 332; Mary Ellen Schrock 180; Jesse P. Karlsberg 182; Ann Jett 338b; Jared Mooney 64; Cindy Tanner 85; Bill Hollingsworth 318; Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 42; Lisa Bennett 16; Robert Kelley 448t; Ken Tate 67b; Shannon Primm 339; Mike Spencer 410b; Henry Johnson 5t; Daniel Williams 152t, 216t; Michael Walker 26b.

John Plunkett and Mike Spencer led 111b as a parting song. Michael Walker closed

the day with prayer.

Sunday, December 4

The Sunday session of the Georgia State *Christian Harmony* Convention began with John Plunkett leading 356. Nathan Rees offered the morning prayer. John welcomed the class, and led 527.

Leaders: Mike Spencer 404b, 397b; Chris Wilhelm 325t, 329; Jane Cannon 465t, 71; Nathan Rees 231, 492t; Shannon Primm 103, 404t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 365, 143 (by request); Henry Johnson 326, 281t; Mary Ellen Schrock 432b, 284 (in honor of Mako Cook); Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 133, 85; John Plunkett 294 (SH) (at the request of Mildred Patterson).

RECESS

Mike Spencer called the class back to order leading 235. Leaders: Robert Kelley 497b, 449; John Hollingsworth 130t, 136; Lauren Bock 198, 3.

A business meeting was held. John Hollingsworth moved to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Mike Spencer; Secretary—Judy Mincey. The motion was seconded and approved. The business session was closed. The memorial lesson was conducted by Lauren Bock and Leslie Booher. Leslie spoke of the power of prayer, and of the bonds that join this community. The class sang 359 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Cassie Allen, Karen Matthews, Gillian Inksetter, and Betty Allgood.

The class sang 393b in memory of the following deceased: Elsie Moon, Garland McCarn, Gary Smith, and Matthew Beasley—Alabama; Walter Hartley—North Carolina; B.M. Smith and Earlis McGraw—Georgia; and Ruth Steggles—United Kingdom. Henry Johnson closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 428, 369; Judy Mincey 546t, 547; Michael Walker 538, 350. Bill Hollingsworth offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the lunch provided.

LUNCH

The class was called back together for the afternoon session by John Plunkett leading 282. Leaders: Mike Spencer 495; Jane Cannon 123; Nathan Rees 364; Shannon Primm 203; Jesse P. Karlsberg 289; Henry Johnson 287; Mary Ellen Schrock 355; Henry Schuman 184; Robert Kelley 508; Bill Hollingsworth 436t; Judy Mincey 50, 51; Michael Walker 519, 419t.

A business session was held. Michael Walker offered the Resolutions report. Shannon Primm made a report on the treasury. The Locating Committee reported that the 2017 Convention will return to Shiloh pending approval by the church. Announcements were made.

John Plunkett led 290, and the class took the parting hand. John Hollingsworth offered the benediction.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Mike Spencer; Secretaries—Judy Mincey and Chris Wilhelm

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida

December 3-4, 2016

Saturday, December 3

The 49th session of the Florida State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in December. The class was called to order by Chris Noren leading 30t and 591. The opening prayer was offered by Eddie Mash. Leaders: Wynette Smith 49b; Ryan Bowman 186; Victoria Aplin 516; Aubrey Barfield 497; Richard Mauldin 36b; Anne Blake 508; Eddie Mash 464; Edith Eddins 223; David Brodeur 182; Michele Cull 408; Ethan Eddins 118; Gary Rogan 384;

Mary Whitehurst 46. Kevin Eddins and Dana Eddins were appointed as the Memorial Committee.

RECESS

The singing continued with Ryan Bowman leading 559. Leaders: Gary Padgett 412; Ellen Fournier 208; Bill Hogan 306; Elizabeth Stoddard 482; Elam Eddins 406; Nancy Van Den Akker 453t; Ewan Eddins 98; Adam Brasich 68t; Geraldine Sharpton 393; Chris Nicolson 293b.

RECESS

Wynette Smith led 146. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 357; Evie Eddins 217; Russ Scholz 128; Vivian Rogan 343; Hubert Nall 287; Oscar McGuire 276; Karen Noren 263; Darrell Swarens 505; Sue Bunch 585; Hans Guttman 511t; Tammy Heinsohn 155; Robert Stoddard 478; Nate Green and Norma Green 380t. Chris Noren led 369, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Chris Noren leading 336t. Leaders: Robert Chambless 77t; Beverly Dayton 486; Eric Eddins 340; Pat Morse 268t; Nicole Bowman 28t; Ezra Eddins 277; Ellen Gwynn 76b; Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 45t; Morgan Bunch 514; Sonya Tice and Wynette Smith 518; Jonathan Surrency 176t; Alice Sundberg 380b; Ken Kelley 404; Dana Eddins 47t.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Chris Nicholson leading 558. Leaders: Chip Westbrook 59; Jewell Rowland 143; Eli Eddins 175; Ken Sundberg 311; Shannan McKenzie 454; Wayne Jones 395b; Kevin Eddins 356; Tommie Spurlock 264b; Barbara Jones 54t; Stanley Smith 235.

Announcements were made. The class sang 229 as the closing song. Adam Brasich offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, December 4

The Sunday session of the Florida State Convention was called to order by Chris Noren leading 32t and 392. The opening prayer was offered by Andy Ditzler. Leaders: Wynette Smith 282; Ryan Bowman 411; Victoria Aplin 421; Aubrey Barfield 365; Tim Jones 553; Mary Whitehurst 216; Gary Rogan 300; Dana Eddins 99; Gary Padgett 532; Elizabeth Stoddard 204; Ethan Eddins 206; Chris Nicholson 264t; Nancy Van Den Akker 422b; Andy Ditzler 220; Emily Eddins 313; Darrell Swarens 72; Elam Eddins 304; Michele Cull 571; Eddie Mash 140.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Nicole Bowman leading 580. Leaders: Hans Guttman 559; Geraldine Sharpton 372; Robert Stoddard 203.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Evie Eddins read the names of the sick and shut-ins, and then led "Social" (by Stanley Smith).

Kevin Eddins read the following list of names of the deceased: Ercyl Vidrine, Charles Vidrine, Elsie Calvert Moon, Bernice Williams Harvey, S.T. Reed, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, and Azilee Adams—Alabama;

Joe Nall, Inez Hilton, and Augusta Reeves—Florida; Johnny Lee, B.M. Smith, and Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Francis Bliss—Massachusetts; Wolfgang Millbrandt—New Hampshire; Pauline Oliveros—California; Tony Conrad—New York; Ruth Redman—Texas. He led 30b. Stanley Smith led 224 for Hubert Barfield. Kevin Eddins closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Ewan Eddins 53; Pat Morse 38t; Oscar McGuire 444t; Edith Eddins 133; Robert Chambless 508; Tammy Heinsohn 31b; Richard Mauldin 196; Vivian Rogan 463; David Brodeur 172; Karen Noren 108t; Adam Brasich 106; Evie Eddins 378t; Jonathan Surrency 132; Sue Bunch 504t; Hubert Nall 572. Chris Noren led 369, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ryan Bowman and Aubrey Barfield leading 96. Leaders: Ezra Eddins 77t; Nate Green and Norma Green 443; Bill Hogan 494; Morgan Bunch 520; Eric Eddins 184t; Nicole Bowman 451; Eli Eddins 159; Jewell Rowland 358; Patrick McKenzie 587; Kevin Eddins 210; Louise Roberson 120; Shannan McKenzie 163t; Tommie Spurlock 63; Aubrey Barfield and visitors 594.

RECESS

Wynette Smith led 36b to bring the class together. Leaders: Bill Hogan 569; Robert Stoddard 269; Gary Rogan 397; Michele Cull 500; Darrell Swarens and Brenda 49b; Nancy Van Den Akker 145t; Eddie Mash 450; Vivian Rogan 331t; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 222; Tammy Heinsohn 497; Chris Nicholson 290; Elizabeth Stoddard 150; Hans Guttman 563; Nate Green and Norma Green 418; the Eddins family 122.

Tommie Spurlock gave the financial report, and announced that sufficient funds were collected to cover expenses. The officers for next year were announced as follows: Chairman—Wynette Smith; 1st Vice Chairman—Ryan Bowman; 2nd Vice Chairman—Kevin Eddins. An expression of thanks was given to everyone for their contribution to help make this singing a success.

Wynette Smith, Ryan Bowman, and Kevin Eddins led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Stanley Smith, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Noren; Vice Chairman—Wynette Smith; Secretary—Aubrey Barfield

HOUSTON SACRED HARP SINGING

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas

Saturday, December 3, 2016

The 13th annual session of the Houston Sacred Harp Singing was held at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas, on Saturday before the first Sunday in December. Donna Bing called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. by leading 49t.

Pastor Stephen Kelly offered the opening prayer. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and B.F. White, *Cooper Edition*, 2012.

Leaders: Lee Williams 178, 48t; Fred Todt 278t, 146; Howard O'Maley 312b, 313t; Ray Rechenberg 40, 277; Charles Whitmer 147t, 320; Larry Hall 171, 38b; Conner Wilburn 335; Lee Williams 479, 334; Mel Rosenbaum 155, 268.

RECESS

Leaders: Donna Bing 571 (CB), 463 (CB); Karen Bealmear 457; Laura Pederson 505 (CB); Lee Williams 587 (CB); Ray Rechenberg 133 (CB), 273 (CB); Fred Todt 32t, 547; Howard O'Maley 276, 148; Charles Whitmer 556, 218; Larry Hall 209, 78.

LUNCH

Donna Bing called the class back to order by leading 63 and 452. Leaders: Conner Wilburn 504, 189; Mel Rosenbaum 49b; Laura Pederson 159; Lindsay Wait 82t, 68b; Michael Ruppert 313b (CB), 101t (CB); Crystal Meadows 29b (CB), 36b; Fred Todt 480, 142; Howard O'Maley 288, 289; Ray Rechenberg 300, 107; Charles Whitmer 410 (CB), 547 (CB); Larry Hall 168 (CB), 336t (CB).

RECESS

Donna Bing brought class back to order. Announcements were made. Leaders: Donna Bing 486 (CB); Becca Pederson 59, 522; Mel Rosenbaum 566; Laura Pederson 242 (CB); Lindsay Wait 559 (CB); Michael Ruppert 111t, 119; Crystal Meadows 81b, 273; Fred Todt 186, 137 (CB); Howard O'Maley 40 (CB), 553 (CB); Ray Rechenberg 546, 434; Charles Whitmer 71, 524.

Donna Bing made announcements, thanked the church for the use of the facilities,

and the singers for the food that was graciously provided for lunch. The 14th annual singing will be held again at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in December, 2017.

Donna Bing led 518 (CB) as the closing song. The class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Donna Bing; Vice Chairman—Linda Siemers; Secretary—Suzan Bernucho

JOE BEASLEY MEMORIAL SINGING
Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama
December 10-11, 2016

Saturday, December 10

The 22nd annual Joe Beasley Memorial Singing was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 31b. Hubert Nall offered the morning prayer. Marlin Beasley led 82t. In a business meeting, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Honorary Chairman—John Beasley; Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Henry Schuman. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 84, 474, 475; Juanita Beasley 61, 32t; Hubert Nall 81t, 81b; Betty Baccus 100, 129, 145b; Becky Briggs 144, 108t; Nikos Pappas 122, 33b, 34t.

RECESS

Marlin Beasley brought the class back together by leading 270. Leaders: Matthew Cook 571 (CB), 277, 275t; Brenda Pena 393 (CB), 505 (CB), 222 (CB). The class sang the following songs from the *Lloyd's Hymnal*: 333 (LD), 5 (LD), 275 (LD), 339 (LD), 204 (LD), 492 (LD), 687 (LD), 330 (LD), and 148 (LD).

LUNCH

Marlin Beasley brought the class back to order by leading 166. Leaders: Ricky Beasley 77t, 111b, 425 (LD); Linda Booth 186, 489, 273; Buell Cobb 111t, 135, 152; Sarah Beasley 117 (CH), 9 (CH), 572 (CB), 518 (CB); Freddy Briggs 388, 45t; Henry Schuman 318, 184 (CH); Nikos Pappas 212; Brenda Pena 77b, 344; Linda Booth 350; Richard Schmeidler 268; Marlin Beasley 317.

Announcements were made. Marlin Beasley led 323t as the closing song. Tom Booth dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, December 11

The Sunday session was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 32t. Glenn Keeton offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 40, 498; Richard Schmeidler 66, 155; Henry Schuman 426b, 480; Becky Briggs 460, 336; Will McGuire 111b, 196; Brenda Pena 229, 490; Gravis Ballinger 273, 182; Mike Hankins 84, 527; Betty Baccus and Glenn Keeton 284, 59.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Marlin Beasley leading 144. Leaders: Don Keeton and Frieda Chambless 384, 270, 112; Sarah Beasley 340, 129; David Carlton 134, 183; Jack Pate 503, 152; Cora Sweatt 49b, 312b; Henry McGuire 107, 60.

Lisa Geist conducted the memorial lesson. She read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Caleb Adams, Chug Beasley, John Beasley, Velton Chafin, Casey Tidwell, and Ricky Gene Wakefield. Lisa led 472.

She spoke and read the following list of names of the deceased: Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Matthew Beasley, S.T. Reed, and Gary Smith—Alabama; Joe Nall—Florida; B.M. Smith—Georgia; John Bayer, Jr.—Ohio; John Phillips—Mississippi. Lisa led 549 in memory of the deceased. Lisa Geist led 306 and 38b.

LUNCH

Marlin Beasley brought the class to order leading 99. Leaders: Linda Booth 223, 186;

Larry Ballinger 119, 56t; Ricky Beasley 274t, 445; Juanita Beasley 61, 39b; Amber Davis 283, 192; John Beasley 335, 290; Glenn Keeton 349, 475; Corissa Sweatt 409, 145b; Earl Ballinger 97, 120; Bunk Beasley and Linda Beasley 45t, 72b; Sarah Beasley, Marlin Beasley, Bunk Beasley, Cora Sweatt, and Becky Briggs 159, 146; Glenn Keeton 507; Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 532; Henry McGuire 102; Richard Schmeidler 46; Brenda Pena 341; David Carlton 421.

Announcements were made. Marlin Beasley led 323t as the closing song. Ricky Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler;

Secretary—Henry Schuman



SACRED HARP SINGERS HISTORICAL MEMORIAL PROJECT

This is an ongoing project to document the names of prominent, lifelong Sacred Harp singers and supporters with their dates of birth and death and location of burial. Please send your contributions to minutes@fasola.org. Please note that this historical project is not extended to family members and friends who are not Sacred Harp singers and supporters. Also note that all entries in this year's book are new. Please see the earlier books for all names submitted prior to this year.

Kermit Clinton Adams
b. March 12, 1920
d. June 21, 2016
New Oak Grove Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Willie Steve Adams
b. April 9, 1949
d. June 8, 2016
Shady Grove Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Burnease Hamrick Alred
b. August 24, 1926
d. October 6, 2013
Mars Hill Cemetery
Cleburne County, Alabama

**Merlie Webb (wife of
Thomas E) Barker**
1897-1984
Lower Cane Creek PBC
near Heflin, Alabama

Thomas Edward Barker
1892-1976
Lower Cane Creek PBC
near Heflin, Alabama

Myrtle Ann Beasley
b. November 5, 1944
d. January 25, 2013
Winfield City Cemetery
Winfield, Alabama

Robert Tobias Blackmon
b. October 18, 1877
d. January 25, 1961
Hollywood Cemetery
Tallapoosa, Georgia

Willie Morgan Broxton
b. October 6, 1896
d. February 6, 1960
Piney Grove PBC
Headland, Alabama

Arlin J. Buttram
b. February 19, 1920
d. January 14, 2005
Hollywood Cemetery
Tallapoosa, Georgia

Roy T. Clackum
b. November 15, 1892
d. August 30, 1960
Hollywood Cemetery
Tallapoosa, Georgia

Lou Warren Cotney
b. December 8, 1920
d. November 14, 2013
Forest Lawn Gardens
Anniston, Alabama

Kenneth Fannin
b. February 23, 1931
d. July 18, 2016
Providence Cemetery
Cullman County, Alabama

Benjamin Uriah Futral
b. January 21, 1897
d. February 21, 1979
Smyrna PBC
Goodwater, Alabama

J. Tom Gable
b. 1875
d. April 17, 1952
Carrollton City Cemetery
Carroll County, Georgia

Cecil H Gilliland
b. December 2, 1920
d. March 26, 1999
Old Clear Creek Cemetery
near Boaz, Alabama

Cellie H Gilliland
b. November 17, 1898
d. October 28, 1968
Old Clear Creek Cemetery
near Boaz, Alabama

Luther Olen Gilliland
b. May 10, 1891
d. February 6, 1979
Old Clear Creek Cemetery
near Boaz, Alabama

**Marie S (wife of Cecil H)
Gilliland**
b. March 4, 1924
d. February 16, 2008
Old Clear Creek Cemetery
near Boaz, Alabama

**Ozetta Teal (wife of Cellie)
Gilliland**
b. November 30, 1897
d. April 20, 1998
Old Clear Creek Cemetery
near Boaz, Alabama

**Rose Mae (wife of Luther)
Gilliland**
b. May 7, 1895
d. April 24, 1973
Old Clear Creek Cemetery
near Boaz, Alabama

James W. Grady
b. May 25, 1866
d. August 8, 1928
Mount Pisgah PBC Cemetery
Chambers County, Alabama

Aaron R. Harper
b. June 4, 1867
d. August 13, 1954
Little Vine PBC
Bremen, Georgia

W. Jasper Harper
b. May 15, 1891
d. February 5, 1979
Harper Family Cemetery
Zion Hill MBC
White Plains, Alabama

Vena Webb Holley
1906-1996
Rabbittown Baptist Church
near Piedmont, Alabama

Bertha (wife of Doc) Kilgore
b. July 4, 1898
d. February 23, 1989
Riverside Baptist Church
near Tallapoosa, Georgia

Doc Kilgore
b. June 25, 1890
d. September 20, 1973
Riverside Baptist Church
near Tallapoosa, Georgia

David J. "Johnny" Lee
b. July 20, 1934
d. November 1, 2016
High Bluff Cemetery
Hoboken, Georgia

A. Jesse Liner
b. February 19, 1907
d. May 31, 1983
Providence Baptist Church
near Tallapoosa, Georgia

Junior J.C. Liner
b. April 25, 1947
d. April 1, 1985
Pleasant View Baptist Church
Carroll County, Georgia

Margaret S (wife of Jesse) Liner
b. January 30, 1919
d. March 26, 1995
Providence Baptist Church
near Tallapoosa, Georgia

Lydia Viola (wife of Wiley N) McGraw
b. April 22, 1911
d. March 1, 1972
Bethlehem Methodist
Cemetery
near Dodge City, Alabama

Wiley N McGraw
b. March 9, 1895
d. February 12, 1974
Bethlehem Methodist
Cemetery
near Dodge City, Alabama

Elsie Calvert Moon
b. October 19, 1936
d. June 2, 2016
Dorsey Creek Cemetery
near Bremen, Alabama

Joseph S (Uncle Joe) Moore
b. December 3, 1839
d. November 26, 1926
Macedonia Baptist Church
near Sargent, Coweta County,
Georgia

Mary E Morgan (wife of Joseph) Moore
b. August 17, 1837
d. September 8, 1908
Macedonia Baptist Church
near Sargent, Coweta County,
Georgia

William J (son of Joseph) Moore
b. August 2, 1864
d. January 27, 1945
Macedonia Baptist Church
near Sargent, Coweta County,
Georgia

Elder Lewis J. Norton
1916-2014
Lower Cane Creek PBC
near Heflin, Alabama

Gertrude Idella (wife of Lewis) Norton
1918-2007
Lower Cane Creek PBC
near Heflin, Alabama

Jerry Walker Pearson
b. 1861
d. May 2, 1931
Bethel Baptist Church
Cemetery
Chambers County, Alabama

J. Anthony Prichard
1956-1980
Meadow Brook Memory
Gardens
Villa Rica, Georgia

Coy Putman
b. July 25, 1915
d. April 23, 1981
Antioch Methodist Church
near Oneonta, Alabama

J.D. Ray
b. October 29, 1874
d. July 3, 1949
Providence Baptist Church
near Tallapoosa, Georgia

Mrs. C.D. (wife of J.D.) Ray
b. June 18, 1881
d. April 5, 1947
Providence Baptist Church
near Tallapoosa, Georgia

Rev. Millard (son of J.D.) Ray
b. May 28, 1914
d. March 14, 1987
Providence Baptist Church
near Tallapoosa, Georgia

Sherman Thomas (S.T.) Reed
b. August 9, 1920
d. June 16, 2016
Mt. Pleasant Cemetery
DeKalb County, Alabama

Benjamin Marion (B.M.) Smith
b. March 4, 1940
d. September 1, 2016
Rome Memorial Park
Rome, Georgia

Lavoy S. (wife of Toney) Smith
b. August 30, 1924
d. October 30, 2016
Tuscaloosa Memorial Park
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Mozelle Lambert Smith
1924-2004
Forest Lawn Gardens Park
Bremen, Georgia

Toney E. Smith
b. September 21, 1927
d. July 19, 2016
Tuscaloosa Memorial Park
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

William Wyatt Smith
b. May 4, 1866
d. December 9, 1957
Mount Pisgah PBC Cemetery
Chambers County, Alabama

J. Caswell Thompson
b. August 28, 1882
d. December 29, 1948
Poplar Springs PBC
Carroll County, Georgia

James R. Thurman
b. December 2, 1849
d. May 26, 1917
Macedonia Baptist Church
near Sargent, Coweta County,
Georgia

Zera Webb Tolleson

b. February 20, 1902
d. December 20, 1992
Edgemont Cemetery
Anniston, Alabama

Henry Stephen Wilson

b. October 22, 1910
d. November 11, 1984
Cross Plains Baptist Church
Carroll County, Georgia

William Arthur Windom

b. April 29, 1980
d. July 23, 1966
Hollywood Cemetery
Tallapoosa, Georgia

Lee Roy, M.D. Wright

b. August 28, 1873
d. March 30, 1962
Heflin City Cemetery
Heflin, Alabama



2016 DEATHS

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2016 minutes.

Listed by Date

12-30-15	Curtis Bryant	Mississippi
01-08-16	Sandra Spradlin	Alabama
02-05-16	Azilee Adams	Alabama
05-02-16	Hester Edwards	Alabama
05-11-16	Kathleen Doss Traywick	Alabama
05-27-16	Charlie Derleth	Missouri
06-02-16	Elsie Calvert Moon	Alabama
06-04-16	Bernice Williams Harvey	Alabama
06-08-16	Steve Adams	Alabama
06-08-16	Earlis McGraw	Georgia
06-16-16	S.T. Reed	Alabama
06-21-16	Kermit Adams	Alabama
06-24-16	Joe Harrell Nall	Florida
07-18-16	Kenneth Fannin	Alabama
07-19-16	Toney E. Smith	Alabama
07-29-16	Geneva Prichard	Georgia
07-30-16	Gary Smith	Alabama
08-08-16	Ruth Steggles	United Kingdom
09-01-16	Benjamin M. Smith	Georgia
09-14-16	Helen D. Beauchamp	Tennessee
10-30-16	Lavoy S. Smith	Alabama
11-01-16	David J. "Johnny" Lee	Georgia
11-23-16	Levon Wootten	Alabama
12-07-16	Edna Ruth Phillips	Alabama
12-08-16	John Bayer	Ohio

Listed by Location (* — see above list for date)

Alabama	Estelle Gilmore	Nellie Mae White
*Azilee Adams	Morris Edward Godsey	*Levon Wootten
*Kermit Adams	*Bernice Williams Harvey	Alaska
*Steve Adams	Neil Hyche	Rev. Sandra Hammett
Willis Adams	Nancy Cassandra Kenfield	Ken Klopf
Wayne Allcorn	Fred Killingsworth	Noah Mayo
Gib Amason	Garlan McCarn	Scott Willis
Vernelle Amason	Wade Mitchell	Arizona
Jimmy Bailey	Bruce Moody	Jose Aguirre
Matthew Beasley	*Elsie Calvert Moon	Arkansas
Carolyn Beverly	Sharon Moody Noojin	Lea Caudle
Irene Byrum	*Edna Ruth Phillips	California
Donald Carroll	Elder Neal Prichard	Tom Ambrogi
Naomi Carroll	*S.T. Reed	Sam Andrew
Samford Chalker	Loretta Rigdon	Elle Ard
Ronald Chambless	*Gary Smith	Sami Balas
Joe Corbin	*Lavoy S. Smith	Alvin Beunaventura
*Hester Edwards	*Toney E. Smith	Jack Bluestein
*Kenneth Fannin	*Sandra Spradlin	
Carl Frame	*Kathleen Doss Traywick	

Mildred Bouwman
Rev David Bringman
Marian Bush
Marge Christiansen
Jody Cifra
Donald Clark
Lois Clark
Burdie Cortes
Rick DeHorney
Flara Doreene Foster
Matthew Foster
Ron Hess
Ron Huss
Jim Kyne
Tison Lacey
Annie Lundahl
Chris Mercier
Eva Miller
Marilyn Morales
Fr Greg Nolta
Pauline Oliveros
Nicholas Radelmiller
Ransom Rideout
Neva Rubenstein
Amy Suyama
Joseph Trotter
Hilde Ward

Colorado

Donald Klein
Donald Kleinman
Donna Jean McGinnis
John Schaffer
Edward Twining

Connecticut

Alice Blanchard
Mary Goulding
Bethany Gray
Quimby Heath
John Irvine
Brian Love
Ryan Meagen
Patrick Murray
Beverly Porter
Irene Trembly

District of Columbia

Charles Reischel
Jemera Rone

Florida

Douglas Casement

Margaret Fitzgerald
Roz Graves
Kimberly Morris
*Joe Harrell Nall
Donnie Raburn
Tommy Soper
Donald Stingle

Georgia

Mary Lee Calhoun
Jimmy Cole
Margaret Cole
James Harold DeLong
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Thomas Z. Hart
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Hazard
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*Earlis McGraw
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Mattie Lou Pope
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Rev Gerald Rogers
Sarah Womack Samples
Pete Shinn
Virginia Slack
*Benjamin M. Smith
John Thomas Lee, Sr.
Bernice Steadman
Thompson
Harlin Williamson

Hawaii

Hugh Clark

Illinois

James Alexander
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Paul Kaiser
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Quentin Young

Indiana

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Mike Schmucker

Kansas

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Kentucky

Bill Futrell
Horace Hall
Phyllis Niemi
Kathryn Peery
Martha Stroud

Louisiana

Janice Echols
Gary Esolen
Fred Hornberger
Lou Anne Smith

Maine

Roy Dow
Robert Hanson
Rev Robert Howes
Roger Johnson
John Vear

Maryland

Jim Fagan
Scott Morgan

Massachusetts

John Beckoff
Dave Brown
Patricia Corrigan
Annie Dawson
Anne Gallagher
George Kelly
Joan Lovell
Sandi Peaslee
Max Stackhouse

Michigan

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Francesca Costantino
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Alice Rainaldi
Toney Rainaldi

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Reiter

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Bob Crow
Paula Danks
John Kenna Henderson
Ken Henderson
Elizabeth Lofgren
Patty Neir
Bea Reischel
David Skeie
Louisa Kajmowicz Tapu
Wayne Wagstrom
Eleanor Zelliot

Mississippi

*Curtis Bryant
Margie Bryant
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Becky Moreton
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Gwen Williams

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Rhode Island

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South Carolina

Betty Jo Bennett
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Tennessee

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James Allison Ridley
Paula Urteaga

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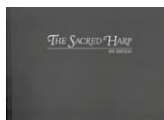
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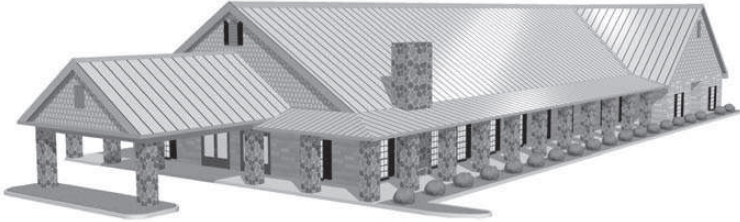
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