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150th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, July 20, 1997

From the Editor

This is our first attempt at a newsletter related to the Trinity Methodist Church. We hope you like it. The intent is to inform friends, relatives, and people that have ancestors buried in The Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery about the annual homecoming and other activities concerning the church. In addition, we plan to publish information about the church history, as well as the families associated with the church. Our current plan is to publish this newsletter twice a year; once during the winter, and again during the late summer.

If you know of someone that should be on the mailing list for this newsletter, but did not receive this issue, please contact **W.M. Tramel** at **956-3135** (or at 1060 Briarfield Rd., Jackson, MS 39211).

Sesquicentennial Celebration!

Our annual homecoming this year will be the sesquicentennial (150 years!) celebration of the Trinity Methodist Church and is set for **Sunday, July 20, 1997**.

Bring your entire family – children, grandchildren, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, and anybody else you can think of. There will be something for all ages. We will be able to hear good Christian singing, hear the word of God preached, visit the cemetery and old spring, renew acquaintances, and develop new friendships. There will also be plenty to eat. Bring enough food for your family and a little extra.

Sunday, July 20, 1997 - Tentative Agenda

10:00am	Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery Association Meeting
10:45am	Singing
11:15am	Church service
11:50am	Dinner on the ground (bring food for your family and a little extra)
1:30pm	Assemble in church. Get to know each other better and talk, talk, talk.

Fill Out the Form

Please complete the form on the last page of the newsletter regarding your intentions about coming to the homecoming this summer and mail it in. It will give us an idea of how many to plan for. Thanks!

Family Histories and Church Memories

We plan on publishing family history information and even have a couple in this newsletter. Please send W.M. Tramel information about the history of your family and how it settled in the area. It will be published in a future newsletter. Let everyone know about the history of your family; we are all interested.

We would also like to publish early memories of involvement in the church (comments and activities). So please send me anything you have, such as travel to church services, profession of faith, visits to the spring for water, and so on.

History of Trinity Methodist Church

Historical records located at Millsaps College in Jackson show that William Price was the church pastor in charge (PC) from 1847-48. At that time, the church may have only been a mission since others understand that Trinity Church was established in 1850. Either way, the church was established about 150 years ago.

Pastors in the early part of the church were F.W. Sarbourg (1854), J.M. Turner (1856), James Y. Griffing (1857), Wallean Graves (1862), John Evans (1872), and Robert A. Sibley (1873). Robert A. Sibley was appointed to the Raleigh Circuit for four separate terms as pastor and three different terms to the Trenton Circuit. Trinity was part of these circuits. On October 31, 1915 in his home in Trenton, MS, Rev. Sibley passed on at the age of almost 93. He is buried in the Zion Cemetery near Trenton. Some of the other pastors were O.H. Scott (1935-37), S.W. Granberry (1938-1940), John F. Carter (1950-1952), and Roy T. Scott (1969-1970).

The Millsaps historical records also show early church members to be J.H. House, A.D. Auston, N.B. Boykin, W.R. Bowling, W.T. Tramel, Jane Middleton, T.T. Clark, John Rogers, Sarah Clark, and many others.

Although the church is still in a good state of repair, it is believed that church service ceased about 1972.

More historical information will be included in future newsletters. If you have any church facts that you can share with the rest of us, please send them to W.M. Tramel.

Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery, Inc.

In the early 1970's people associated with the Trinity Methodist Church, descendants of those buried in the cemetery, and others in the community obtained a charter of incorporation for Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery. The Corporation was setup as a non-profit charitable organization (no shares of stock were issued) for the purpose of administering and maintaining the Trinity Cemetery.

According to the charter: "The purpose for which the corporation was created was to maintain and operate a park for the use and benefit of the members of Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery Association and for those with friends, relatives, and ancestors buried in the cemetery. It will be a fraternal organization for a meeting place and for the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery and to perpetuate its continuance and to perpetuate the Trinity Methodist Church name in the area."

The first people elected to the Board and authorized by the Association to file for the charter were Alva B. Boykin, Mrs. H.M. (Jack) Boykin, Mrs. Prentiss Bruce, Maude Davis, W.T. Tramel, and James Welburn. After these, other Association members have taken the lead; such as Iva Nell Welburn Middleton and Prentiss Bruce. Iva Nell has unselfishly spent much time and money to see that the church is properly maintained. Prentiss has devoted many hours to maintain the cemetery.

Due to age, our membership is getting smaller each year. Won't you become a member in 1997?

Jesse Lee Rogers
President of the Board

Tramel Family

One of the earlier families in the Trinity Methodist church area (Sandpoint) was Albert G. Tramel and his wife, Carolyn L. Spaulding Tramel. Due to Caroline's failing health, they moved from Mobile, Alabama, to Raleigh, along with their two children. She had a lung disease and the doctor had advised them to move to a drier climate. They moved to Raleigh in 1855 and opened a grocery store. Albert became a postmaster serving from June 10, 1856 to January 30, 1866. After the Civil War, they moved to the Sandpoint area (Lamar Moss presently owns this land) of Smith County. Elias D. Brown, John M. Rogers, Ivey McCraw, John A. Warmach, and Henry Warner owned land near Albert's farm.

Rodney C. Tramel, their one-year old son, is the first recorded person buried in the cemetery (1867).

There may have been others buried earlier, but there were no headstones to check. They eventually had five children, two girls and three boys. They now have around 300 descendants.

Boykin Family

Delilah Boykin, second wife of Solomon Boykin, Jr. and 5 sons moved to Smith County in 1823. The boys were Abraham, John, James, Alexander, and Francis. Only John and Francis will be covered in this issue.

John Boykin had 15 children, 5 boys and 10 girls. He remained in Smith County and has many descendants in the county today. John is buried at the old Boykin Church Cemetery with some of his early descendants.

Francis had 13 children, 3 girls and 10 boys. Francis remained in Smith County and also has many descendants in the county today. Eight of Francis' sons served in the Confederate Army with two being killed. Francis is buried at an old cemetery about 7 miles northeast of Raleigh on the place owned by the Glenn Boykin family (the Jim Boykin place). Descendants of both John and Francis Boykin were active in the life of Trinity Methodist Church. These families include: James O. (Jim) Boykin, Thomas Jefferson (Jeff) Boykin, Jullian Monroe (Rhody) Boykin, Jessey Bailey (Mrs. Sallie was a Boykin), descendants of John Alva Boykin and Henry M. (Jack) Boykin are descendants of Francis.

Six generations of the Francis Boykin family are buried at the Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery: Jane Royals Boykin (wife of Francis), Nathaniel Brance Boykin, James Franklin Boykin, Alvan Breland Boykin, Herbert Glenn Boykin, and Frank Breland Boykin.

Nathaniel Brance Boykin was the chairman of the Board of Supervisors when the Smith County courthouse at Raleigh was built. For additional information about the Smith County Boykins you can contact Dariel Boykin at 5254 Hwy 501, Forest, MS 39074.

Tramel Family Reunion

The Tramel family reunion which, in the past, has been scheduled in September has been changed for this year. This year the reunion will coincide with the Trinity Homecoming on July 20th. Make your plans to be there.

Please let us know if you will be able to come to the homecoming on Sunday, July 20, 1997 (150th anniversary of Trinity Methodist Church). Complete the following, clip along the dotted lines, and send to:

W. M. Tramel, 1060 Briarfield Rd., Jackson MS, 39211

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

- Plan to come. Number in party _____
- Want to come, but will not be able to in 1997.
- Plan to come in 1998.

Remarks (tell us something about yourself): _____

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