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***151st year Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, July 19, 1998***

From the Editor

Our plans are to publish another newsletter in May, 1998. If you know someone that did not receive this issue, but has an interest in Trinity United Methodist Church or the cemetery, please contact W.M. Tramel at (601) 956-3135 or at 1060 Briarfield Rd., Jackson, MS 39211.

Homecoming Celebration – Sunday, July 19, 1998

Our annual Homecoming in 1998 will be at the usual time - the 3rd Sunday in July. There will be a special treat for all of us. In addition to the expected large attendance, **Dr. Robert (Bob) Bowling** from Decatur, GA. will bring the message. He is the pastor of Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Decatur, GA. Bob's father, Selby Bowling, accepted God's Grace in Trinity Methodist Church many years ago. He is a descendant of one of the earlier families who settled in the Trinity Church area: the great-grandson of William Fletcher Bowling and Ascenith VanZant Bowling.

Sunday, July 19, 1998 Tentative Agenda	
9:45am	Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery Association Meeting
10:15am	Singing – The T's. Also singing will be other groups, individuals, and the audience. The audience may request special songs.
11:15am	Church service – Dr. Robert "Bob" Bowling will bring the message.
11:50am	Dinner on the ground (bring food for your family and a little extra)
1:30pm	To be determined. The Board is open to suggestions. Please send them in.

Highlights of the 150th Anniversary Celebration (Homecoming) on Sunday, July 20, 1997

It was a great day and enjoyed by all with at least 200 folks attending. People came from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, North Carolina, Mississippi, Illinois, Louisiana, and Texas.



The "T"s (Billy, Olen, Tinnie Tadlock, Mike, and Michelle Thompson). With Betty Tadlock playing the piano for more than 200 people.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Bowling singing *How Great Thou Art*. Betty Tadlock at the piano. Bob will be bringing the message at the next Homecoming - Sunday, July 19, 1998.



A.D. Boykin of Forest and Helen Rogers Smith of Roseville, IL tracing their heritage to past generations.



Some of the Bowlings get together for a picture. The next Homecoming on Sunday, July 19, 1998 is a good time to have a family reunion. Let the Editor know and the reunion will be publicized in the May, 1998 issue.

Improvements to the Cemetery

Many thanks go to those who helped on the fence with their time and donations. The out-of-pocket cost was \$7,551.68. Even though there is still a lot of other work to be done we are very proud of the improvements made so far. We have received many favorable comments.

Ms. Maude Davis made the first donation. We want to give a "special thanks" to **Julian W. Henderson**, of Route 2, Raleigh (Mr. Jack Boykin's grandson) for volunteering his time to building the brick column. Also to **Nathan Dale Thornton** of Route 2, Raleigh (Mr. Seve Thornton's son) for volunteering his time and bulldozer.

Bowling Family Corrections

Yvette Bowling Kelly Carter tells me I made an error in the last newsletter and the correction follows.

William Roberts descendants were John Fletcher (Johnnie), Francis (Fannie), Wallace, Lelia Belle, and Elizabeth (Lizzie). Fannie married V.V. Frye and they had two children, Valrena and Lynwood. Lelia Belle married Daniel (Dan) Kelly. They had seven children, Irene, Myrtis, Robert, Lucille, Bernard, Mavis, and Yvette. William Roberts other three children did not marry.

Thanks Yvette!

Tramel Family Reunion

The next Tramel family reunion will be at the same time and place as the Trinity United Methodist Church Homecoming on Sunday, July 19, 1998.

Broken Tombstones

We are pleased to report three more broken tombstones have been replaced by their descendants. Francis "Frank" Boykin (1804-1862) and Jane Royals Boykin. A.D. Boykin of Forest and other descendants have replaced markers. Also, Margaret E. Bowling (1843-1902) was replaced by **Yvette Bowling Kelly Carter** of Jackson and other descendants.

A \$25 check was sent to me by **Helen Rogers Smith** of Roseville, IL, through John L. Bowling, Huntsville, AL to replace the Eli C. Bowling (1858-1894) marker. Will some Bowling come forward for

the other \$65.95? The picture below is one of the replaced markers at a cost of \$90.95.

Isn't this an excellent way to honor our ancestors?



Area Obituaries

S.L. Stewart of Route 1, Box 43, Pulaski, MS 39153 died of heart failure in September, 1997. Burial was in Trinity United Methodist Church Cemetery, Raleigh, MS. Mr. Stewart was a poultry and cattle farmer and a supporter of the Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery Association.

Wydell Boykin Webb, 72, of Raleigh died October 13, 1997. Mrs. Webb was a resident of Smith County. Burial was at Leaf River Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Bill Hegwood officiated at the funeral service. Wydell was born and reared in the Trinity Community. Her father was Roady Boykin.

Ronnie Middleton, 69, of Raleigh, MS died October 6, 1997. Mr. Middleton was a resident of Smith County. Ronnie has been a supporter of Trinity Methodist Cemetery Association from the beginning which he served on the Board for several terms and President for one term. Burial was at North Raleigh Cemetery. Ronnie will be greatly missed.

Cemetery Association Improvement

When sending donations for upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery and church please do not send cash. Make the check payable to "Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery, Inc." and send it to the Secretary-Treasurer of the cemetery association, W.M. Tramel at 1060 Briarfield Rd. Jackson, MS 39211. You will receive an acknowledgement and the receipt can be used for tax purposes. Please also provide the following information. Thanks.

1. Sender Name _____

2. Address _____

3. Amount \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____

4. In Honor of _____
(Name **and** address)*

5. In Memory of _____
(Name *only*)*

* This is necessary so that the honoree or memorial relative can be notified of your thoughtful gift.





The new fence around Trinity Cemetery – completed in July 1997

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