

Trinity Methodist News

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From the Editor

Another year has come and gone and it is time for our annual Homecoming celebration. This year celebrates the 159th year (by our records) of Trinity Methodist Church. I certainly hope that many of you will be able to make it.

Please note that my address has now changed. I have now officially relocated to my place on Smith County Road 117. My mailing address is now:

**P.O. Box 35
Raleigh, MS 39153**

Please send any donations or other written communication to this address.

My wife and I are waiting until we complete the sale of our Brandon/Jackson-area house before starting the construction of the house on 117. Until then I will be staying at the renovated house where my grandmother used to live (Lois Tramel who died in 1992).

I will close this newsletter introduction on a somber note. Since the last newsletter in the fall we have lost quite a few people with ties to Trinity which I have noted in the Obituary section. Please say a prayer for each of these people and their families.

Bill

2006 Homecoming Celebration

The Homecoming celebration on Sunday, July 16th is less than a month away now, so make sure you plan to attend; I am expecting to see many of you there; we always have a good time singing, eating, and socializing.

This year, **Mike** and **Michelle Thompson** will be out of town and will not be able to lead the singing; are there any volunteers? I am hoping that **Olen** and **Tinie Tadlock**, **Billy Tadlock**, **Gary King**, **Nelda Jean Bailey**, and **Billy Odom** will be able to make it to provide their singing talents. There will also be time for others to provide solos and group sings.

After the singing, we will be sharing dinner so bring enough for your family and a little extra.

Sunday, July 16, 2006 Agenda	
10:00 am	Cemetery Association meeting
10:30 am	Singing
12:00 noon	Dinner

2006 Cemetery Association Meeting

Before the Homecoming celebration on July 16th we will have our annual Cemetery Association meeting. We will go over the association's financial matters, elect officers whose terms expire (Bill Tramel and Rob Webb), and discuss anything else that comes up. The meeting will start at 10:00am. I hope that many of you will be able to make it.

The current Board of Directors is:

Name	Office	Term Expires
Mickey Thompson	Director, President	2010
Dairel Boykin	Director, Vice-President	2008
Bill Tramel	Secretary-Treasurer	2006
Lee Middleton	Director	2009
Robert Webb	Director	2006
Doris Bailey	Director	2007

Fence Damage Repair

It took longer than expected, but the damage to the fence caused by Hurricane Katrina in late August has now been repaired; it ended to costing over \$500. We have not yet cut up and removed the stem of the offending tree so it is still lying between the church and the fence. Hopefully, we'll get time to dispose of it prior to the Homecoming on July 16th.

Memoriums / Honoriums

The following have had donations to the Cemetery Fund made in their name:

- Caley Bailey
- Allie Mae Bounds
- Allen Boykin
- Margie Bruce
- Davis Hegwood
- Kermit Hester
- S.L. Stewart
- Catherine Thornton
- Kenny Thornton
- Willie Tramel
- the Hesters and the Bruces
- Davis & Bailey families

Missing Persons

Of the 213 October 2005 newsletters I mailed, two were returned to me as undeliverable. If any of you know their new addresses please let me know so I can continue sending them the newsletter: **David Bailey** and **Kennon R. Bailey**.

Obituaries

Caley R. Bailey passed away on November 27, 2005; he was 77 years old. He is survived by his wife Pat Bailey and his daughter, Sue Rogers. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mable Dee Bailey. He was buried at High Hill Baptist Cemetery.

Allie Mae Vinzant Bounds passed away on December 16, 2005; she was 88 years old. She was the wife of Henry Mark Bounds who died in 1960. She is survived by her son, Billy Earl Bounds. She was buried at Goodwater Baptist Cemetery in Lemon.

Kenneth Eugene Thornton passed away on January 16, 2006; he was 36 years old. He is survived by his father Eugene Thornton, two children, Gabby and D.J. Thornton, and one sister, Suzanne Childers. He was buried in the Natchez Trace Memorial Park Cemetery in Madison, MS.

Marjorie Hester Bruce passed away on March 12, 2006; she was 81 years old. She is survived by her husband Prentiss Bruce, sons Wayne Bruce and Ricky Bruce, daughters Patsy Fortenberry and Tammy Wilkerson, and brother Homer Hester. She was buried at Trinity Methodist Cemetery. Margie was one of the original founders of the Trinity Cemetery Association and served as the Secretary-Treasurer for many years.

Clifton Laverne Webb passed away on March 23, 2006; he was 73 years old. He is survived by his wife Sue Carol Tramel Webb, sons Timmy Webb and Cliff Webb. He was buried at Double Church Cemetery.

Catherine D. Thornton passed away on April 2, 2006; she was 63 years old and is survived by her husband Eugene Thornton and her daughter Suzanne Childers. She was buried in the Natchez Trace Memorial Park Cemetery in Madison, MS.

Rachel Martin Tramel passed away on April 19, 2006; she was 82 years old. She was the wife of W.T. Tramel who died in 1990. She was buried in the North Raleigh Cemetery.

Donations and Contact Information

Any donations that are received are used for the upkeep and maintenance of the Cemetery and Church. This includes keeping the grass cut, fixing anything that breaks, paying the utilities and insurance, and having occasional projects to enhance the Church or Cemetery.

Please send any donations (they are tax deductible) to me at:

Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery, Inc.
c/o Bill Tramel
P.O. Box 35
Raleigh, MS 39153

If your donation is in memory or honor of someone, indicate it with your donation. You and your honoree / memorialee will receive acknowledgements of your gift. If the honoree / memorialee is not on my mailing list, I would appreciate it if you would let me know their address so that I can send them the acknowledgement.

My telephone number is 601-782-4285, my cell phone number is 601-750-1349, and my physical address is **1672 Smith County Road 117**. For those of you that are Internet savvy, my e-mail address is: bt@sandbranch.com.

Picture Identification

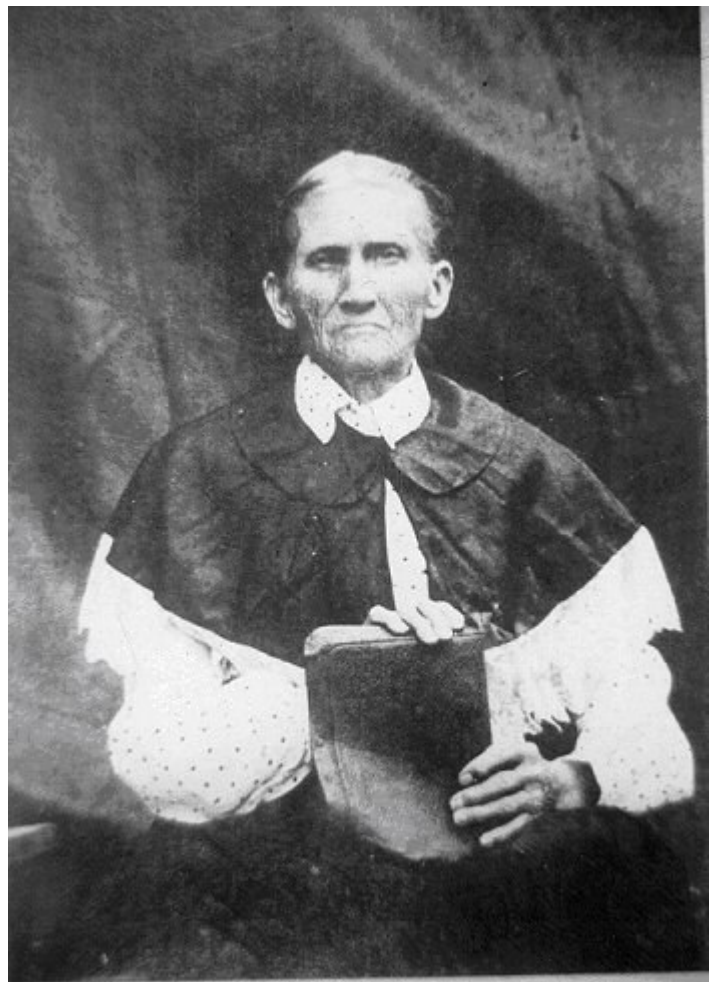
At the last Homecoming I showed a bunch of slides with the hope that those attending would be able to identify many of the individuals in the photographs. While a number of people were successfully identified, there were some that nobody knew. It was suggested that I publish the photographs in the newsletter in the hopes that some of you would be able to identify the people. So in this and subsequent newsletters I will publish a few pictures with the hopes that somebody will contact me to identify the subjects of the photographs. If they are identified I will tell everyone in the following newsletter.

Also, I will publish some pictures that I think at least some of the individuals are identified. If you disagree with the indicated identification, please let me know.

If you have some photographs that could benefit by being published here, please get in touch with me.



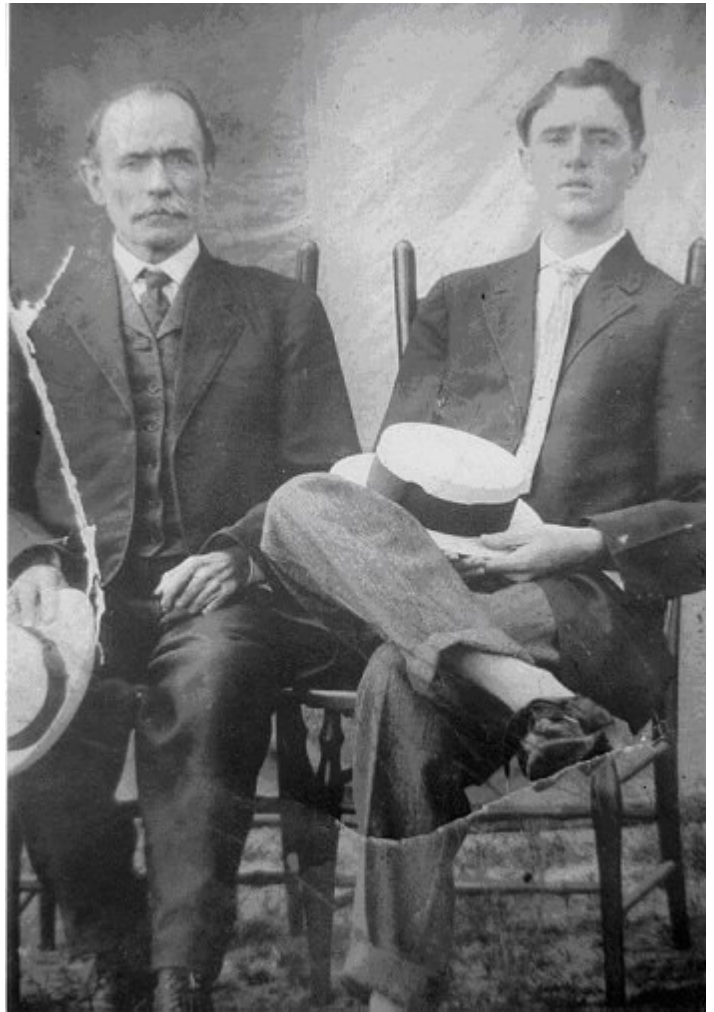
The lady in the middle has been tentatively identified as Lillian Mayfield Thompson and the lady on the right has been tentatively identified as Mavis Tramel Raymond. Mavis died in 1990 at the age of 86, while Lillian Thompson died just a few years ago. Do you agree with these identifications? Can anybody identify the others?



This lady has been tentatively identified as Barcena Linsy Winstead who died in 1915 at the age of 83. Do you agree?



Can anybody identify these two people? The lady looks like she is in her wedding dress.



Can anybody identify these two people?

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**Trinity Methodist Church
Smith County, Mississippi
5 miles Northeast of Raleigh**



Trinity Methodist Church is located in Smith County about 5 miles NorthEast of Raleigh at the intersection of Smith County Roads 119 and 120. The official address of the church is 2611 SCR 120; but please do not send any mail to this address; there is no mailbox.

**159th Anniversary
Celebration
Sunday, July 16, 2006**