

Trinity Methodist News

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From the Editor

It's beginning to look like we have skated through a year without having a hurricane impact. That's certainly a relief! The cooler nights and comfortable days we have experienced lately seem to have indicated that the dog days of summer are over. We'll probably have another day or two of hot weather, but it certainly looks like Fall is upon us. It seems to have come a bit earlier this year. I suppose that's because this summer was so hot. I don't know if it was actually hotter and drier than prior years or just that it feels that way since I'm getting older. It seems like the older I get, the more the heat seems to bother me.

They have now started the construction of our new house on Smith County Road 117. As I write this, they have only completed the dirt work, but hopefully it will all be complete and we'll be moved in by the time of the next newsletter in June 2007. I'll let you know then.

For those of you that made Homecoming this year in July, I know you had a wonderful time. If you can, please put next year's Homecoming on your calendar; it will be on Sunday, July 15, 2007 – the third Sunday in July.

Bill

2006 Homecoming Celebration

This year, 33 people attended the Homecoming celebration on July 16th. Several people demonstrated their musical talents including **Gary King, Nelda Jean Bailey, Billie Odom, Undean Thomspson, Faye Martin**, and others. We also had congregation singing, and **Steve Bruntlett, Jr.** spoke a few words.

After the singing, we all shared dinner, reflecting on our past and hopes for the future. If you were unable to make it this year, please put it on your calendar for next year.

Fifth Sunday Service – October 29, 2006

At the Cemetery Association meeting we discussed ways to make greater use of the facilities at Trinity throughout the year. Since many of the area churches do not hold services on the morning of the fifth Sunday in a month, we decided to experiment with holding a service on that morning.

The first service will be on October 29, 2006 beginning at 10:00 am; we expect it to last about one hour, or a bit less. **Steve Bruntlett, Jr.** will be the speaker. We expect by then to have someone to lead the singing and also someone to play the piano.

Please know that we are **not** attempting to re-start another church in the area. We are simply trying to make better use of the Trinity facilities and provide additional worship opportunities for the people in the area. For now, this is a "*grand experiment*" to gauge the interest. If it doesn't work out, nothing is lost and we'll try something else.

If it fits into your schedule please plan to attend this service on October 29th. I'll be looking for you there.

Board of Directors Meeting – October 28, 2006

The next Board of Directors meeting will be on **Saturday, October 28, 2006**, beginning at 10:00 am at Trinity. If you are on the Board please plan to attend. You will receive a reminder and agenda a few days before the meeting. Please note that the Directors received at notice earlier suggesting a possible meeting date of October 7th. Due to conflicts, this has now been changed to October 28th.

Directors' Meetings are open to anyone interested in Trinity, so even if you are not on the Board you are welcome to attend.

Board of Directors

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	2007
Lee Middleton	Director	2009
Steve Bruntlett, Jr.	Director	2011
Doris Bailey	Director	2007

Annual Cemetery Association Meeting

The following is an abbreviated version of the meeting minutes of our annual Cemetery Association Meeting on July 16th...

Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery, Inc. held its annual meeting on Sunday, July 16, 2006, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Raleigh, MS. The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Board President, **Mickey Thompson**.

The Secretary-Treasurer passed out the minutes of last year's annual meeting (July 17, 2005), which were then approved. The Secretary-Treasurer went over the financial activity for the past year (July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006).

It was reported at the 2005 annual meeting that the accumulated net interest amount was \$1,484.55. This year's net interest is - \$1,085.54 (Interest income - expenses). This results in a current accumulated net interest of \$399.01 – a decrease from the prior year. This is the amount currently available to us for expenses (building and grounds maintenance, utilities, projects, etc.). Our bylaws state that the principal of any donations cannot be used for expenses, only the earned interest.

Secretary-Treasurer **Bill Tramel** presented several financial reports, including a comparison report showing income and expenses for the last nine years. He also mentioned that he had received a letter from Southern Pine Electric Power Association that the minimum monthly charge will now be \$25, which will result in a doubling of our electricity bill.

The Live Oak trees that we planted in February 2005 were discussed; of the three that were planted, only one has survived. It was decided by the members to plant additional trees this winter (2007) and that we will consider planting oaks. **Bob Bailey** volunteered to pay for the trees that we plant. The schedule for the planting will be decided at a Director's meeting.

An election was called to replace Board member Robert Webb, whose term expires in July, 2006; **Steve Bruntlett, Jr.** was elected to serve for five years. The President then called for the election of a Secretary-Treasurer, whose term also expires this month; **Bill Tramel** was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer for a one-year term.

It was decided that we should have quarterly Board of Directors' meetings, regardless of whether or not we have specific business to discuss. This means for the coming year, there will be Directors' meetings in October 2006, January 2007, and April 2007. The meetings will be on Saturdays at Trinity Methodist Church and **Bill Tramel** will send out a notice prior to the meeting.

Ways to utilize the facilities of Trinity Methodist Church during the year were discussed. **Steve Bruntlett, Jr.** suggested that, since many area churches do not hold services on the morning of the fifth Sunday, we could start a fifth Sunday sing activity for that time. It was decided that the fifth Sunday sing at Trinity Methodist Church should be pursued. The specifics including the scheduling will be determined by the Board of Directors.

The possibility of having a speaker at our annual Homecoming celebrations, as we have in past years, was discussed. The members liked the idea and the Directors' will pursue it for next year. **Steve Bruntlett, Jr.** said he might be able to be the speaker in 2007.

With no other business to cover, the annual meeting adjourned at 10:35am. The next annual meeting will be July 15, 2007 - the third Sunday in July.

Memoriums / Honoriums

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

- Caley Bailey
- Davis Bailey
- Henry Bailey
- Kennon R. Bailey
- Allie Mae Bounds
- John L. Bowling
- Elgie Boykin
- Kermit Hester
- Anthony Odom
- Andrew J. Stewart
- Garland Stewart
- Mondell Tramel
- Willie Craft Tramel
- In Honor of the Kennon R. Bailey family
- In Honor of the Mims Family
- In Honor of the Welburn family

Missing Persons

Of the 210 June 2006 newsletters I mailed, two were returned to me as undeliverable: **James C. Kelly** and **Patricia Henderson**. If any of you know their new addresses please let me know so I can continue sending them the newsletter:

New Pictures to Identify

Here are a couple of pictures in which I need the people identified. If any of you know who they are, please get in touch with me.



Donations and Contact Information

Any received donations (they are tax deductible) are used for the upkeep and maintenance of the Cemetery and Church. You can send them 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 / memoriale will receive acknowledgements of your gift.

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.

Obituaries

Henry Turner Bailey passed away on July 1, 2006; he was 68 years old. He was the son of Tobe and Mary Bailey and is survived by his wife, Nancy, daughter, Carole Jean, and son, Charles Raymond. He was buried at Goodwater Baptist Cemetery.

D.W. (Dee) Husband passed away on July 21, 2006; he was 79 years old. He was the son of Walter and Maggie Husband who are buried at Trinity; he is survived by his wife Pam, one son, one daughter, three brothers, and one sister. He was buried at the North Raleigh Cemetery.

People Identified!

In the last newsletter I published a few pictures in the hope that some of the people would be identified. People in two of the pictures were identified, as follows:



The lady on the left has been identified as **Lula Rogers** and the man standing next to her is **Marvin Tramel**. The lady in the front middle is **Lillian Mayfield Thompson** and the lady on the right is **Mavis Tramel Raymond**. The person on the mule is **Carrie Tramel Hester**. The only person in this picture not yet identified is the slender lady on the left in the front.



These people have been identified as **Mittie Tramel Vinzant** and **Albert S. Vinzant**. They were married on January 25, 1903, when Mittie was 20 and Ab was 22; I assume, that would also be the approximate date of this picture.



Gary King, Faye Martin, and Undean Thompson at Homecoming this year.

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Bob and Nelda Bailey at their wedding on May 31, 1958 at Trinity. Left to right: Bob's mother Evelyn Doris Bailey, Bob, Nelda Jean, Nelda's parents, Avis and Beuford Mims.



Kermit Hester