

Trinity Methodist News

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September Fifth Sunday Service

The next fifth Sunday service at Trinity will be on **September 30, 2007** beginning at 10:00am. The speaker will be **Rev. Joe Hanna**. Rev. Hanna is the former pastor at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church (Double Church), Burns United Methodist Church, and Gasque Chapel. He and his wife Misty have two daughters and they live in the Magee area.

Fifth Sunday Service Schedule

The next several Fifth Sunday's are listed below along with the currently planned service schedule.

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| September 30, 2007 | The speaker will be Rev. Joe Hanna; the choir from Double Church will be singing; the service begins at 10:00am. |
| December 30, 2007 | We are currently working on getting a speaker for this date. The service begins at 10:00am. |
| March 30, 2008 | We have a speaker mostly arranged, but it has not yet been re-confirmed. The service begins at 10:00 am. |
| June 29, 2008 | Due to the proximity to Homecoming (on July 20, 2008) there will not be a Fifth Sunday Service on this date. |

I am not planning on issuing a newsletter immediately prior to the December 2007 and March 2008 services, so please make sure you look at the local newspaper, *Smith County Reformer*, prior to these services (*or you can contact me!*). In addition, if I have your e-mail address you will receive an e-mail from me prior to these services.

Beginning with the December service, Board member **Lee Middleton** will be taking over the responsibility of arranging and coordinating the Fifth Sunday Services. Please give him your support and thanks.

2007 Homecoming Celebration

We had about 40 people attend the Homecoming celebration on Sunday, July 15th. Before eating and socializing we all enjoyed the singing. In addition to the congregational hymns several people graced us with their singing and piano talents: **Kassidi** and **Brooke Phillips**, **Nelda Jean Bailey**, **Faye Martin**, and **Lester Ray Boykin**. I also cannot thank **Undean Thompson** enough for faithfully providing her piano talents.

2007 Cemetery Association Meeting

Before the Homecoming celebration on July 15th we had our annual Cemetery Association meeting. Here is an abbreviated version of the meeting minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am by Board President, **Mickey Thompson**. The Secretary-Treasurer passed out the minutes of last year's annual meeting (July 16, 2006), which were then approved. The Secretary-Treasurer went over the financial activity for the past year (July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007). Several financial reports were presented, including a

comparison report showing income and expenses for the last ten years. Our electricity bill more than doubled over the prior year because of Southern Pine increasing their minimum monthly charge; the postage significantly increased over the prior year because of the increased frequency of the Trinity Newsletters due to the fifth Sunday services.

Two Live Oak trees were purchased and planted in February 2007, but it appears that they will not survive. Bill Tramel mentioned that he also planted a number of seedling oak trees that appear to have survived so far. It was recommended that we not plant additional Live Oak trees since we have now had four that have not survived.

An election was called to replace the late Board member Doris Jean Bailey, whose term was to expire in July, 2007; **Wayne Walker** 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.

Bill Tramel asked that someone volunteer to arrange for the speakers for the fifth Sunday services for the coming year; the speaker for September 30, 2007 has already been arranged: **Rev. Joe Hanna**. Speakers for December 30, 2007 and March 30, 2008 are needed. **Lee Middleton** volunteered to arrange for the speakers for these two Sundays; **Lester Ray Boykin** will continue to handle the music.

The possibility of removing the paneling and ceiling tiles was discussed. There were no dissenting opinions so it was agreed that we would attempt to start the work this year; the target start is in the October timeframe.

Bill Tramel mentioned that Trinity now has a website: **www.trinitymeth.com**. All graves / markers are listed there, pictures of about all the graves, and the newsletters.

With no other business to cover, the annual meeting adjourned at 10:45am. The next annual meeting will be July 20, 2008 - the third Sunday in July.

2008 Homecoming Celebration

The next Homecoming celebration will be on **Sunday, July 20, 2008**; the Homecomings are always on the third Sunday in July. The 2008 Homecoming will be the 161st anniversary.

The Cemetery Association meeting will precede the Homecoming and will begin at 10:00am.

Please make your plans now to come to Trinity on this date. You have plenty of time to prepare!

Newsletter Schedule

The next planned newsletter will be in June 2008, about a month prior to Homecoming. I am not planning on issuing newsletters prior to the coming Fifth Sunday Services; if you lose this newsletter and / or want to re-confirm the date / time for a Service you can contact me or look in the Church section of the *Smith County Reformer*.

Trinity Website!

For those of you with Internet access, you can view the Trinity website at www.trinitymeth.com. I still have some things that I plan on adding but about the entire Cemetery information is complete. I have pictures and information related to all known (and some unknown!) people buried at Trinity.

You can also retrieve the newsletters from the website; so, if for some reason you miss your copy, you can always retrieve it here. In addition to the recent newsletters, as time permits, I am adding past newsletters. Eventually, I hope to make all 11 years worth of newsletters available.

Newsletter Notification by E-mail

I currently have 222 families on the Trinity newsletter mailing list. Of these, I have e-mail addresses for 37 and 5 have told me that I can notify them of the newsletter by e-mail instead of mailing it to them.

If you do not mind receiving an e-mail from me whenever a Trinity Newsletter is available, please let me know. The e-mail will tell you that a new newsletter is available on the Trinity website (www.trinitymeth.com), and provide you a link. You can then download a .pdf version to your computer and print it out yourself. You will then be able to get the newsletter a few days earlier and can print out as many copies as you want, and at the same time save Trinity the cost of postage and supplies.

Don't worry! If I do not hear from you, you will continue to receive the newsletter by regular postal mail. My contact information appears on the last page of this newsletter.

Memoriums / Honoriums

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

- Honor of VT & Janie Anding
- Henry M. (Jack) Boykin
- Elgie Boykin
- Isaac Bascom Boykin
- Kenneth Ray Boykin
- Wallace Quitman Boykin
- Kermit Hester
- Avis and Beuford Mims
- S.L. Stewart
- Mondell Tramel

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	2008
Lee Middleton	Director	2009
Steve Bruntlett, Jr.	Director	2011
Wayne Walker	Director	2012

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery, Inc. Board of Directors ("Board") met on Saturday, August 25, 2007 at Trinity United Methodist Church. Those present were:

- Mickey Thompson, Presedent
- Bill Tramel, Secretary-Treasurer
- Dairel Boykin, Director
- Wayne Walker, Director

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am. There were no issues regarding the minutes of the July 15, 2007 annual meeting. Bill Tramel then gave the Treasurer's report.

The status of the September service (9/30/2007) was discussed. Everything is set.: Rev. Joe Hanna will be the speaker. Bill Tramel reported that Lee Middleton said that the programs / speakers for the next two fifth Sunday services are already set, December 30, 2007 and March 30, 2008.

The necessity of building a handicap-accessible ramp was discussed. It was decided that a portable ramp with wheels was desired. Bill Tramel said that he would attempt to build one with a target availability date of July 2008. He will see about purchasing the materials when they are needed.

The schedule for removing the paneling and ceiling tiles was discussed. It will not be before October / November 2007; Bill Tramel will schedule it depending on everybody's availability. One idea is to do the rear wall to determine the required effort before removing the paneling elsewhere. Before starting we also need to ensure that the wall paneling was not installed with glue.

Bill Tramel suggested cutting down the amount of financial reports that he provides to everyone at the annual meeting. There is a lot of detail in these reports and it may be difficult for people to wade through them. It was agreed that the summary report is all that is necessary; the additional details will be available but will not be distributed unless requested by someone.

Bill Tramel stated that he has always been uncomfortable distributing the donation specific information to everybody at the annual meeting. He said he felt that it should be private matter with the giver. He said that he gave out the information only because that is what had always been done in the past. It was agreed that the donation specifics would no longer be distributed to everybody at the annual meeting; this will only be available to the Directors when requested. Memorial and Honorium information will continue to be published without the amount information.

Bill Tramel stated that he plans on getting out a newsletter in the next few weeks (prior to the September 30th service). In order to save money (and effort) he does not plan on issuing a December newsletter; he will announce the December 30th service in the September newsletter.

It was decided that Bill Tramel will determine the schedule for the next Directors' meeting and will notify everybody. The meeting adjourned at 10:45am.



Nelda Jean and Bob Bailey



Everyone enjoying the singing of Brooke and Kassidi Phillips and the playing of Undean Thompson



Faye Martin



The food sure is good!



Wayne Walker – the newest Board member



The cemetery entrance

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

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

(Intersection of Smith County Roads
119 and 120)



Donations and Contact Information

Any 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 or memoriale family will receive acknowledgements of your gift.

My telephone number is 601-782-4285, my cell phone number is 601-750-1349, my physical address is **1482 Smith County Road 117**, and my e-mail address is: bt@sandbranch.com.

For those with Internet access the Trinity website is located at: www.trinitymeth.com. Cemetery pictures and information as well as past newsletters are located there. Suggestions and comments are welcomed and solicited.

Fifth Sunday Services

September 30, 2007 - 10:00 am

December 30, 2007 – 10:00 am

March 30, 2008 – 10:00 am

Trinity Homecoming

July 20, 2008