

Mississippi Healthy Marriage Luncheon

First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS

February 12, 2009

11:45 p.m. Welcome.....Cheryl Sparkman, Director
Division of Economic Assistance

11:50p.m. Opening Remarks.....Dr. Gene Henderson, Chairman Executive Board
Mississippi Marriage Covenant Steering Committee
Chairman of the Board, Transformation Jackson

Don Thompson, Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Human Services

12:00 p.m. Introduction of Guest Speaker.....Forest Thigpen, President
Mississippi Center for Public Policy

Special Guest.....Hon. Phil Bryant, Lt. Governor
State of Mississippi

12:15 p.m. Resource Information..... Vera Butler
Division of Economic Assistance
Mississippi Department of Human Services

12:20 p.m. Transition Break

12:30 p.m. Marriage Covenant Signing..... Rev. Jarvis C. Ward
National Facilitator of City and Community Ministries
Mission America

12:55 p.m. Additional Resource Information.....Dr. Tabitha Staier, Assistant Professor
Family Education and Policy
School of Human Sciences
Mississippi State University

1:00 p.m. Continued.....Networking and Visiting Exhibitors

Break Out Session A (Miller Hall) 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Break Out Sessions.....A and B

Marriage Ministry Training.....Dr. Ron Mumbower, Pastor Congregational
Care and Director of Summit Counseling Ministry
First Baptist Church Jackson

Dr. Eric Pratt, Vice President
Christian Development
Mississippi College

Break Out Session B (Patterson Hall) 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

MDHS Sub grantees Meeting.....Nicholas Bridge
Andrea Patrick
Mississippi Department of Human Services