

*Remarks for the
MS District United Pentecostal Church Camp Meeting
July 6, 2003*

- Recognize G. R. Travis / other dignitaries
- It's good to be here with you tonight
 - Appreciate opportunity to share thoughts about my own faith and the faith I have in this great state of ours
- I believe Mississippi is going through a revival
 - In its commitment to making the most of the promise of *all* its people, in all areas of the state
- That revival begins with how we care for one another
 - Begins with how we focus our efforts on education and on jobs that put food on the table and roofs over our heads
- If we are going to be successful in that revival, we have to set priorities for how we want to reach our goals and achieve our dreams
- I've always believed God makes our dreams a size too big so we can grow into them
 - Mississippi is growing; we're growing fast and we're growing together
- I believe we are far beyond the Mississippi that most people think of
 - We're a Mississippi that shares a common belief and a common commitment to the worth of all people
- The worth of all people is at the foundation of our work to achieve our true promise and potential
 - That work begins with education
 - The investment we make today will pay off tomorrow
- If we shortchange that investment, we shortchange education
 - That's not good for our people, and it's not an acceptable alternative
- Each of us in this room has a stake in this work
 - Each of us benefits from good schools, good jobs and good communities
- I pray every day for the strength and the wisdom to do this job, a job that I love
 - I ask for your prayers as well, to do work that serves our people and serves God
- That work includes doing everything we can to come together

- Not just as Mississippians but as creations of God
- Made in His image, and blessed by His grace
- We can do this / it's happening right now
 - It's helping make a better, stronger, healthier Mississippi
 - I'm thankful for it
- God bless you, and may God bless Mississippi and America