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Help launch 8.5 by '85
at Arkansas Sunday School
Convention, Sept. 20-21.
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An enthusiastic launching for the 8.5 by '85 growth emphasis for Arkansas churches will be one aim of the State Sunday School Convention Sept. 20-21 in Little Rock. Speakers will include Harry Piland of the SBC's Sunday School Department and Leon Kilbreth of Illinois. A conference for small church Sunday Schools is planned, also, as the meeting convenes at Geyer Springs Church.

In this issue

5 Family Feuding

E. Lee Sizemore offers some tips on communicating for families with teenagers where the home version of "Family Feud" really isn't a fun time. It's this month's "YouthLine" article.

8 Roughing it

The multitude of Arkansans who spent a part of their summer at Baptist encampments will recognize the depiction of camp life. Experiences ranged from *ent* during heat and bugs to roughing it with air conditioning.

Next week

What's being done about drinking and driving and what can an individual Arkansas Baptist do to help? Some answers (and questions) are planned for the fourth report on drunken driving.

Arkadelphia Campaign raises \$500,000 for OBU

ARKADELPHIA — A record total of \$512,591 has been raised in the Arkadelphia Area Campaign of Ouachita Baptist University's Centennial Advancement Campaign. More than \$4 million has been pledged toward the Advancement Campaign since its inception in January, 1981, according to Roger Harrod, vice president for development at Ouachita. This figure includes the challenge grants from the Mabee and Kresge Foundations.

"The tremendous support the people of Arkadelphia have given Ouachita in this Centennial Campaign is all the more remarkable because it came during difficult financial times in our nation's economy," said Daniel R. Grant, OBU president. "I am deeply grateful to this community for their vote of confidence in Ouachita, and for what it will mean as we have Centennial campaigns in other parts of the state," he said.

OBU launched the Arkadelphia Area Campaign with a kick-off dinner on Feb. 25 and adopted a base goal of \$500,000 for the campaign.

Overall chairman of the Arkadelphia Campaign was Sherwin O. Williams. The honorary chairman of the campaign was H. C. "Buddy" Niehuss.

The two other campaigns completed at Ouachita are the Trustee/Former Trustee Campaign which raised more than \$1,152,000 in cash and pledges, and the Faculty/Staff Campaign which surpassed its goal of

\$125,000 and challenge goal of \$150,000 by raising more than \$183,000 which is included in the total for the Arkadelphia Area Campaign.

Other areas of the Centennial Campaign include a nationwide Alumni Campaign involving more than 11,000 people with a base goal of \$175,000 and a challenge goal of \$1,250,000, and a Development Council Campaign with a base goal of \$800,000 and challenge goal of \$1.5 million. Both campaigns are still in the process of enlisting leadership.

The money raised by each of the campaigns will be used to build the new \$4 million health, physical education and recreation complex now under construction at Ouachita, and to increase the University's endowment.

The Ouachita At 100 Campaign is designed to raise Ouachita to new levels of strength and excellence between 1981 and 1986; 1986 being the year Ouachita will complete 100 years of service as an institution of Christian higher education.

Divided into two phases, the Ouachita At 100's first phase will extend through 1983 and will consist of two major objectives: (1) achieving a significant increase in the level of annual operating support by at least \$500,000, and (2) financing the construction of two buildings — a health, physical education and recreation complex and a 2,000-seat auditorium. The estimated cost of each of the two buildings is \$4 million.

Southern College plans founders' celebration

WALNUT RIDGE — Southern Baptist College will observe the Sept. 10, 1941, founding of the college on September 9 and 10, 1982. The Thomas F. Stanley Foundation, Delray, Florida, has made a grant to provide the guest speaker for the Founders' Celebration.

Harold O. V. Brown of the Trinity Evangelical Seminary, Deerfield, Illinois will be the guest lecturer. Dr. Brown is a well known author and speaker in the area of social issues.

The 1982 Founders' Celebration will feature the Staley Distinguished Christian

Scholar Lecture series with Dr. Brown speaking on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the college chapel. He will also speak at the special Founders' Day Chapel on Friday, Sept. 10, at 10 a.m. in the college chapel. Both services are open to the public.

The president of the college, D. Jack Nicholas, reports that Dr. Brown will speak to the faculty and administration at a dinner on Thursday evening prior to the public lecture. A progressive reception honoring Dr. Brown will follow the Thursday lecture in conjunction with an open house in Wilson and Southerland Residence Halls.

New writer for 'lessons for living'

Bob Wilson, pastor at First Church of Osceola the past four years, begins this issue as a new writer for the ABN "lessons for living" Sunday School commentary section. Wilson will comment on the next three lessons in the Bible Book series.

Wilson is a gradu-



Wilson

ate of Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss., with a Th.M. degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Before coming to Osceola, he served as an assistant pastor at Parkway Church in Jackson, Miss. He is presently serving as moderator of Mississippi Association and is a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

He is married. He and his wife, Ann, are parents of a daughter, Leigh Ann, and a son, Craig.



One of the resolutions which was passed at this year's Southern Baptist convention called for, "peace with justice." The resolution, as adopted, was excellent. It called for both a "strong defense and a responsible limitation of nuclear weapons." The resolution reiterated "our historic Baptist commitment to peace with justice as a goal in personal, social and international relations."

When one looks at the summer of '82, it is apparent that we have achieved neither peace nor justice. Turbulence, limited wars and nuclear escalation continue in much of the world. If we are to achieve any such goal, Christians must have far more impact on the world than we have presently.

This summer has seen our newspapers filled with headlines of war. These conflicts have raged between Argentina and Britain, Iran and Iraq, and Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The United States has not been able to avoid these conflicts. Not only have we had indirect involvement in most, if not all, of these, but we continue to escalate the buildup of atomic weapons. So the demand for peace with justice remains current.

Fear drives us to produce more destructive weaponry. Perhaps, this fear, apart from Christ, is justified. Obviously, it would be unwise to disarm unilaterally. We need verification of Russia's disarmament if we are to reduce our own arsenal. This desire was reflected in the resolution we adopted in New Orleans as the resolution was amended to call for mutually verifiable reduction of arms.

The fear produced by the present situation has many adverse effects on our nation. For example, the American Psychiatric Association recently interviewed 1,000 adolescents in Boston and found that almost all of them believed that they would be killed in a nuclear war before they were adults.

The fear felt by youth is not without foundation. The destructive force of a "small atomic bomb" is almost unthinkable. A "small" 20 megaton nuclear bomb is the equivalent of 20 million tons of TNT. It would destroy every building up to a radius of six miles with every person being killed and many being turned into vapor. Within

a radius of 20 miles every person would be instantly killed or would be so injured that death would be inevitable.

The continuing development of weaponry diverts our economy from benevolent and constructive projects. If we had a mutually verifiable freeze on the production and development of nuclear weapons many millions of dollars could be used for such things as medical research or education. Better still would be a total freeze on the development of all implements of war.

Working for peace is not something that is optional for a Christian. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9). The word "peace" in Hebrew, the language of Jesus, is "Shalom." It does not just mean the absence of trouble. It means everything which makes for man's highest good. Hence, a peacemaker is doing a God-like work.

What should Christians do in the pursuit of peace? First, we can recognize that the most lasting and substantial way to bring peace is by reaching men for Christ. Weapons may or may not be a deterrent to potential aggressors. But when people truly come to know Christ as Savior, they will "become as harmless as doves." A Christian is one who is reconciled with God. It is the tendency of one who is at peace with God to be at peace with men.

Second, Christians should use their influence to insist that our legislators actively pursue mutually verifiable disarmament. In a conventional war even the victor is a loser, since every war requires the lives of many young people. In any nuclear war the destructive force would be unimaginable. Even if the world were not completely destroyed, the death toll would be hundreds of times more than it has been in past conflicts.

Finally, Christians should pray for peace. Prayer brings results. We should pray for wisdom for the leaders of the nations. Perhaps most importantly, we should pray that God will make each of us instruments of peace where we live and with those with whom we contact.

Some may feel that it is too idealistic to even hope for peace in our world. But peace is available under the power and the leadership of Christ. God still has control of history and through Jesus Christ reconciliation can be achieved.

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The Southern accent

D. Jack Nicholas/President, SBC

Pluralism

This is another in a series of articles in this column which focuses upon the slogans and catch-phrases employed by liberal groups in pressing their case in behalf of liberal causes including among others, abortion on demand, complete sexual freedom (fornication, adultery, homosexuality), legalized prostitution and gambling, and liberalized pornography and drug use laws.

One of the catch-words that one sees in print and hears again and again is "pluralism" (or "diversity"). Historically the concepts "pluralism" and "diversity" have referred to the commitment that, of the many different social, cultural and religious backgrounds of the people which comprise the nation, none shall impose its views on the others.

More recently the terms have taken on the connotation that not only do diverse views exist and none is to be imposed upon all citizens but also that all views are of equal value, and none should be advocated as superior to another, especially those of the majority of the citizenry.

An effect of this more recent connotation of "pluralism" has been to disenfranchise a majority of Americans by implying that their deepest and most treasured commitments must be sacrificed in consideration for and in favor of the minority. That is, it encourages free expression of the values of the minority while it inhibits the expression of the values of the majority.

For example, the liberal groups which emphasize "pluralism" would likely applaud as a splendid triumph of "diversity" a school teacher's having his class perform Chinese-style exercises before a poster of Lenin and memorize a slogan for the day from Mao's little red book (H.O.J. Brown and *Washington Post*, June 8, 1975) but would promptly bring suit against a teacher who required his class to kneel before a picture of Jesus and memorize a verse of scripture each day, although the former activity would represent the values of a small minority and the latter would represent the majority.

As presently promulgated, "pluralism" no longer merely protects the various groups in this country against the imposition of any one specific set of values upon them but further is employed to intimidate and often silence the majority who have as much right as the minorities to advocate their views.

Christians who stand by silently, allowing this corrupted definition of "pluralism" to

prevail are tacitly participating in the annihilation of their own deepest values. Let us as the Bible instructs, "Speak the truth in

love."

D. Jack Nicholas is president of Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge.



Food and fellowship

Virginia Kirk and Jane Purtle

Breaking fast

"You hear my voice in the morning; at sunrise I offer my prayer and wait for your answer." Psalm 5:3 (TEV)

An unrushed, quiet, prayerful beginning for each day is important to a Christian. Sometimes it's late in the day before we turn to God if we don't spend the first few minutes of the day in prayer. If we do, our whole day moves smoother, with a sure and steady rhythm of faith and trust.

When the family is rushed to get off to school and jobs, there doesn't seem to be time for showering, dressing, having breakfast, and praying. So breakfast and prayer often get slighted. But both need a place, and those who include them testify how important they are for the good physical and spiritual health of the family.

Making a good breakfast is difficult because it must be tasty and nutritious, yet quick and easy. In most families there is one natural early riser; that person is the logical breakfast cook. He or she can develop a repertoire of menus to suit the individual tastes of family members. Eggs, bacon and toast please many people, but there are alternatives: pancakes or waffles, hot cereals, cold cereals, breakfast cereals (prepared the night before and ready for the oven), muffins, biscuits, coffee cakes and sweet rolls, French toast, omelets, grits, hash browns, grilled cheese sandwiches, and fruit.

One of the most neglected breakfast possibilities is grains. Served with muffins, biscuits or toast, they make a filling and nutritious breakfast. Rolled oats, millet, cracked wheat, rice, buckwheat, cream of wheat or rice will cook in less than 30 minutes. Raisins, apples, and cinnamon in any combination perk up the taste of all these grains. Serve them with brown sugar or honey and milk.

Pancakes are a favorite with children. This recipe makes pancakes that are lighter and tenderer than most. They can be made and on the griddle in about five minutes. The syrup can be prepared ahead of time and kept in the pantry.

Pancakes

For 3 people

- 1 cup flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 egg
- ¾ to 1 cup milk

Mix dry ingredients with milk. Beat. Then add oil and eggs. Mix well but do not overbeat. Cook on hot griddle.

For 25 people

- 8 cups flour
- ½ cup baking powder
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup oil
- 8 eggs
- 6-8 cups milk

Pancake Syrup

- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon maple flavoring

Bring first three ingredients to a boil and cook 2-3 minutes. Add vanilla and maple flavorings.

Virginia Kirk, professor emeritus at Arkansas College, is a member of First Church of Batesville. Jane Purtle is on the staff of Christian Counseling and Teaching Center in Syria, VA. They have enjoyed cooking together for several years.

The Family Feud

"One hundred persons surveyed," the host says, "and the top four answers appear on the board. Name an object in your house that is potentially dangerous."

How many times have you heard Richard Dawson, host of the TV show "FamilyFeud," say something similar? If you're a teenager, or an adult who enjoys game shows, you probably have already thought of several answers. "Family Feud" — daytime and nighttime versions — is one of TV's most popular shows with young folks.

Did you come up with *match, butcher knife, gun, or...*? How about the parent-teen relationship in your home? Is it potentially dangerous? Does a real family feud occur when you (if you're a teenager) and your folks try to talk? If you're a parent, would you rather be a Hatfield or a McCoy than question your youth about certain things?

Take heart, friends. First, your situation is not that different from millions of other houses where teenagers reside. Second, "Family Feud" can still be a fun game instead of a description of your family's current condition.

Fuads — family feuds especially — can usually be traced to a lack of communication between family members. Oftentimes, this lack of communication



Sizemore

occurs because the family members have little or no skills in communication. Sadly, many parents and teens fail to develop their skills in communicating with one another.

A basic communication skill can be simple sharing. The TV show "Family Feud" is based on this simple skill. "Name an object in your house that is potentially dangerous," Richard Dawson says. And you immediately share what you think.

Why not play your own version of "Family Feud" with your folks (or teenager)? Below are two separate lists of 10 "Feud-type" questions. The list for teenagers asks for some simple information about your folks — when they were teenagers. The list for parents asks for some equally simple information about how your teen feels — or thinks.

Write down your responses separately. Then take turns sharing your responses. See who scores the highest number of correct answers. But realize that you're taking the risk of making your relationship the real winner because of the fun you will have.

For teenagers:

1. Who was your parent's favorite musical group when he (she) was a teenager?
2. What was your parent's favorite junk food when he (she) was a teenager?
3. What was your parent's favorite place to go outside the house besides church when he (she) was a teenager?
4. Where did your parents go on their first date?

by E. Lee Sizemore

5. What were the first gifts that your parents gave one another?

6. Who proposed marriage to whom and what were the situations with their parents?

7. What were your parents' hobbies when they were teenagers?

8. What one thing did your mom or dad argue about the most with her or his parents?

9. What one thing irritates you most about your parents' behavior toward you?

10. What is your most fun memory of childhood?

For parents:

1. What is your teen's favorite musical group?

2. What is your teen's favorite nutritional food? (Pizza qualifies.)

3. What one place besides church does your teen like to go?

4. Who is your teen's favorite adult outside the home?

5. What is your teen's favorite family activity now?

6. Where would your teen like the family to go together on vacation?

7. What one saying does your teen use that irritates you most?

8. Where would your teen most like to go on a date?

9. What is the most fun memory you have of your childhood?

10. What is the one thing you like the most about your teen?

E. Lee Sizemore is editor of *Living with Teenagers* magazine, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Letters to the editor

Consider aftereffects

Dr. Lawson Hatfield's article, "Are We Still Southern Baptists?" is an excellent example of the kind of information Baptist need to have. Too often a self-appointed, self-righteous preacher or lay person will decide for the entire congregation that certain things need to be changed. These people never seem to consider the consequences or cost of such changes. Change in itself is not bad; but when it undermines the doctrines of the church it must not occur.

Southern Baptist church members need to be on guard for those who would change to a literature that does not teach our doctrines. Most often when literature changes are made other additional proposals are made. Two of the proposals are: (1) discon-

tinue Church Training, (2) cut mission giving, both through the Cooperative Program and associational missions. I hope every Southern Baptist will clip the literature price comparison chart from the Aug. 26, *Arkansas Baptist News* magazine and refer to it often to see how Southern Baptist literature compares to others in price.

If Bold Mission Thrust is to become a reality we must be bold in our denominational ties. As far as I know Southern Baptists are the only group who have shared this vision with the world. Are we still Southern Baptists? Yes, and with God's guidance we will always be. — **Jack L. Ramsey, Director of Missions, North Arkansas Association**

'Hazard' label needed

In the United States, laws are designed to protect individual rights. Manufacturers are required to market a safe product, or be held responsible for damages resulting from its use, if not hazard free.

A lone exception is the manufacturer of alcoholic beverages who is not even required to label his product as other manufacturers are.

A law requiring truth in advertising and labeling, warning as to use of contents, making the liquor industry financially responsible for damages resulting to users (and victims) is needed. — **Jackson Crouch, Beebe**

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Pennington will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 26 at Highland Heights Church in Benton. Friends and relatives are to attend a reception from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and are to bring photographs and letters for a book of memories rather than gifts. Pennington, a retired Southern Baptist minister and currently interim pastor of Walnut Valley Church at Hot Springs, has pastored Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana churches. They are both graduates of Ouachita Baptist University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. They are parents of one daughter.



Pennington



Mrs. Pennington



Johnson



Mrs. Johnson

Irving M. Prince

of Brinkley died Saturday, Aug. 21. His funeral services were held Aug. 24 at Cotton Plant First Church where he was pastor emeritus. Prince, a retired Southern Baptist minister, was ordained to the ministry in 1926. He has served Mississippi and Arkansas churches as pastor. Survivors are his wife, Helen Miley Prince; a son, Lee Prince, pastor of Boulevard Church in Anderson, S.C.; a brother, five sisters, and two grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Cotton Plant First Church organ fund.

Tom Steward

has joined the staff of Mulberry First Church as minister of music/youth. He, his wife, Karen, and their daughter, Shiloh, moved there from the Trinity Church in Alma.

Fayetteville First Church

members dealt with matters concerning church growth in a Spiritual Directions Weekend Aug. 27-29 led by Pastor Jere Mitchell.

Rogers First Church

members studied ways Aug. 29 to minister more effectively at the time of death. Pastor Ben Rowell, assisted by a panel, discussed coping with death and its grief process in the evening worship hour. Rowell said he felt a need for members to try to understand in a better way the feelings and the frustrations that accompany death.

Perryville First Church

will celebrate its 75th anniversary Oct. 10 with all former members and interested parties to be a part of the occasion. Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Former pastors and leaders will share historical information. The noon hour will feature an old fashioned dinner on-the-ground.

Saddle Church

closed a revival Aug. 22 that was preached by evangelist Jim Wiley of Searcy. Larry

Eugene and Dorris Faye Johnson

will be honored Sept. 12 by El Dorado Trinity Church in recognition of their 25th anniversary as the church's music team. A reception is planned from 2 to 4 p.m. and W. J. Smith, a former pastor, will speak at the evening worship hour at which music will be presented by a combined choir of all present and former choir members of the Johnsons. Bobby Endel, a former choir member and now of Immanuel Church in El Dorado, will be director.

Bill Butler

is serving as pastor of the Wedington Woods Church at Fayetteville.

Vernon Wickliffe

is serving as pastor of the Pine Grove Church in Little Rock.

Dillard Miller

observed his 40th anniversary Aug. 24 as an ordained Southern Baptist minister. He is

pastor of the Mena First Church and is serving as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. In his 40 years, he has served in Arkansas as well as in California where he was a student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Phil Tygart

is serving as interim music director at Sheridan First Church.

Johnny Williams

has accepted a call to pastor the Myron Church, coming there from Texas.

Gary Isenhower

has resigned from the staff of Forest Highlands Church in Little Rock to become associate pastor of music and youth at the Meadowbrook Church of Oxford, Ala.

Ben Pritchett

has resigned from the staff of Grand Avenue in Fort Smith to accept the position of minister of education at the Fielder Road Church in Arlington, Texas.

briefly

Wiley and La Vera Wright directed music. Pastor O. C. Wright reported two decisions for mission service.

Oxford Church

was in a revival Aug. 16-22 that resulted in five professions of faith, one addition by letter, one addition by statement and two rededications. Manuel Macks was the evangelist. Lowell Jamieson is pastor.

Forty-Seventh Street Church

in North Little Rock mission team has returned from a trip to McAlester, Okla., where they assisted the First Indian Church with a four-day Vacation Bible School and an evening revival. They also assisted with building repairs. Allan Greer, youth director, reported numerous decisions among the Choctaw people as a result of their visit.

Crossett Temple Church

has initiated a new ministry that will enable deaf people to participate in worship services, Sunday School, Church Training and other church activities. Pastor Joel E. Moody is directing preparation that includes training of workers in sign language

by Debbie Coney.

Pocahontas First Church

has just recently completed installation of a sound system through which the hearing impaired can worship by means of a portable, hand-held radio. Memorial gifts for the late Mrs. R. R. Hosey, a hearing impaired person, made this project possible.

focus on youth

Jacksonville First Church

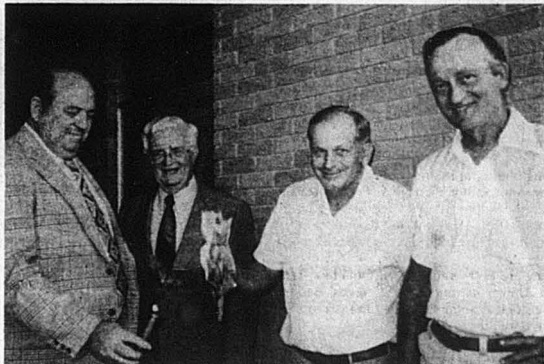
fourth through sixth grade Sunday School Department is raising funds to be used in purchasing hymnals for the homebound church members. This will allow them to not only listen, but also to participate in the church's morning radio worship broadcast.

Fayetteville First Church

recognized students returning to the University of Arkansas Aug. 29. A dinner at 5:30 p.m. honored both the students and faculty/staff.



Gethsamane Church of North Little Rock dedicated a new educational addition Aug. 29. The \$85,000 addition contains two nurseries, four classrooms and a choir room. K. Alvin Pitt is pastor of the 460 member congregation.



Pleasant Valley Church of Paragould held a noteburning and dedication Aug. 1 to celebrate the liquidation of a debt on a parsonage bought last year. Pictured (from left) are: Pastor Don Mangis; Carroll Gibson, director of missions for Greene County Association; and Delmer Massey Jr. and J. M. Cossey, members of the building committee.

Arkansas Baptist Foundation serves many causes

by Harry D. Trulove

The Charter of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation allows the agency to manage funds for any cause related directly or indirectly to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. In 1976 this was broadened to include gifts where the major portion is for a Baptist cause and a smaller percentage for a non-Baptist cause. Of course, the latter has to be in harmony with Baptist work.

After the Foundation was chartered, the first account received was to subsidize subscriptions to the *Newsmagazine* for pastors who were unable to subscribe to the publication. The account for the Bangalore Hospital in India possibly provides income for a cause farthest from the state. Between the two of these, the designated causes range all across the spectrum of Baptist life.

Through the Foundation one can help support associational missions, home missions, foreign missions, or state missions; the family and child care ministry or B.S.U.; Christian education at Ouachita Baptist University, Southern Baptist College, the Boyce Bible School or any of our six seminaries; the Charles Ashcraft Chair of Bible, the Cooperative Program or the Nancy Cooper Scholarship Fund; a summer camp program or the Needy Preacher Fund; the Revolving Loan Fund administered by the Missions Department, the ministry of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* for the sight impaired or the National Baptist Camp Program.

Gifts to any of these may be large or small. Some choose to make memorial gifts as a way to remember loved ones. Such

gifts are recorded in the "Book of Memories," which is kept in the Foundation office.

In addition to these, over 120 individuals have scholarship accounts or endowed chairs with the Foundation. Sometimes these are used to honor a friend, a pastor, or as a memorial to a loved one.

Gifts may be made in cash, securities or

real estate. They may be made under Will, during life, or through a trust. A life income may be retained by the grantor or designated for some other beneficiary.

For further information about causes you wish to remember, contact Arkansas Baptist Foundation, Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203, or phone 376-0732. The staff will be glad to assist you without cost or obligation.

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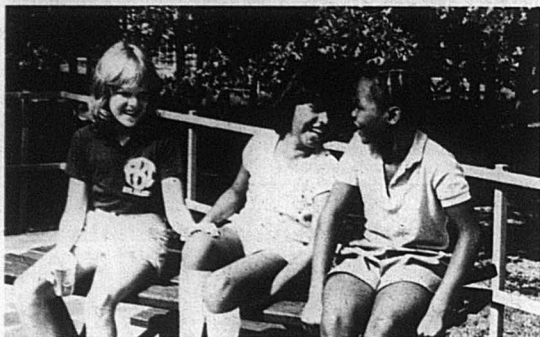
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GA Camp can mean (right) singing about Jesus, (below) learning about deaf ministries from state Language Missions Director Randy Cash, or meeting new friends from different walks of life like (bottom from left) Karen Phillips, Yani Beloso and Renita Sanders.



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Photo by Robert Ferguson

Two camps for National Baptist children were held at Camp Paron this summer, sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists.



Photo by Gwen Ennes

Baptists camps bring 7, away from home, close

Black and white, young and not-so-young, GA's, RA's, Acteens, moms and daughters, fathers and sons, singers and instrumental musicians, boys and girls, men and women — they all go to camp.

For more than 7,500 Arkansans, the summer months mean camping at one or more Baptist-sponsored outings at three locations.

The camping season began this year with the first of three GA Mother/Daughter Camps, sponsored by Arkansas WMU, May 21-22. A total of 352 moms and daughters attended either the May, June or July camp.

RA's were the second group to rough it in force at Camp Paron. Two weeks of RA Camp, beginning with a June 7-11 session, were offered to RA's grades 4-12. A "Lad and Dad" camp for fathers and first through third grade boys was June 11-12 and a weekend for Pioneer Boys rounded out the RA camping schedule. A total of 208 were enrolled with seven entering professions of faith, 22 making rededications and six committing to Christian service.

Robert Ferguson, director of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, reported 163 boys age 9-14 enrolled at a National Baptist Youth Camp June 21-25, and 218 at a similar camp for girls June 28-July 2. The two camps led 41 youth to make professions of faith.

To the vast majority of Arkansas campers, "camp" means the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs. Camp director



Kimberly Lilly of Fort Smith performs at music camp accompanied by Susan Baker of Conway and Janada Barnett of Arkadelphia. Two camps for musicians were held on the campus of Ouachita Baptist University.



o God

Lawson Hatfield reported a total of 5,377 full time campers at the six one-week sessions beginning June 14-19. The season at Siloam closed July 24 with 263 professions of faith, 47 decisions for church-related vocations and 331 rededications.

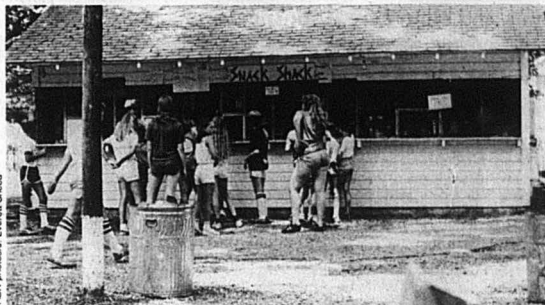
Improvements in camp facilities made the stay at Siloam even more pleasant this year, Hatfield said. The tabernacle was enclosed, with large overhead doors on two walls, making large meetings more comfortable, and improvements in the waste water disposal system for the dining hall took care of other problems less noticeable to the average camper.

Hatfield said plans for next year call for seven weeks of camp instead of six.

Young Musicians Camp, sponsored by the Church Music Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, drew 631 musicians grades 4-6. The camp was held June 21-25 at Ouachita Baptist University. Music Arkansas, the second music camp, enrolled another 221 youth and adults July 26-30.

GA's attended four resident camps at Camp Paron, the first beginning July 5. The season closed July 30 with a total of 412 girls enrolled.

Directors of the various camps reported enrollment figures totaling 7,582. Not all reports included statistics on decisions, but it is a safe bet that 800-plus youngsters made either professions of faith, promises of rededication or decisions for Christian vocation at the altars of Arkansas Baptist camps this summer. — Bob Allen



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The attractions at Siloam Springs include (top left) Bible study, this session led by Dr. W. O. Vaught from Immanuel Church in Little Rock, (top right) learning about Bible characters, and (above) snacks.



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Vi Orr, missionary to Colombia, talks with RAs and Achteen at a retreat for those two groups at the end of the summer camping season, July 30-31.

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The new Christian is reminded that communicating his faith to others is just as important as a baby learning to talk. — Clarence Shell Jr., director

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ize its full God-given potential. Every child needs the basics of food, clothing, shelter, love and acceptance. Every child needs to have the opportunity to hear the gospel of love and to accept it.

Jesus lived it: The New Testament records the life of Jesus: He met people at the point of need. He had time for children; he reached out to them and made his position clear about the value of children. Whoever were to harm one of the least of them would rather have a stone tied around his neck and be cast in the depths of the sea.

Arkansas Baptists support this ministry prayerfully and financially. We are grateful to be co-laborers with you in this vital life-giving ministry. — Johnny G. Biggs, executive director

Stewardship

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Albert McClellan said the Cooperative Program "is the will of a great people, the slow development of a thread of history, the fulfillment of compassionate dreams, and at once the motivation and the fruit of mission commitment." Since the Cooperative Program is this and more, Baptists ought to know more about their work.

It is for this reason that October is designated as Cooperative Program Month on the Southern Baptist Convention calendar.

What can church leaders do to inform their people about Cooperative Program ministries?

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the morning offering, will create awareness.

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The Stewardship Department provides posters, information pieces, tracts and other resources. These are available for mass distribution in the churches. A special bulletin insert on the Cooperative Program is free upon request.

Films and filmstrips inform Baptists on their mission work. "More Than Money," a Cooperative Program film produced by the Foreign Mission Board, is available. Channel your request for the film, other resources and personnel through the stewardship office. — James A. Walker, director

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International

God makes a covenant

by Don Hook, Little Rock

Basic passage: Genesis 15

Focal passage: Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18

Central truth: God first revealed in seeking and dealing with Abram, and Abram responded in faith.

Abram was a descendant of Shem (Gen. 11). In Ur, and in Haran, God first revealed his covenant with Abram (Gen. 12:1-3). The covenant was reaffirmed in Gen. 12:7, 13:14-17 and in 15:1-5. When Abram was 99 years old his name was changed to Abraham, some covenant conditions were established by God (Gen. 17:1), and the covenant was declared to be an "everlasting" one (Gen. 17:5-8).

1. God's purpose and promise. God said he would give Abram an heir (15:4). He said he would give Abram many descendants (15:5). He said he would give Abram a land (15:17-18). He said he would restore Abram's descendants to this land (15:13-16). God's purpose in all of this was to establish an intimate relationship with Abram and his descendants.

2. Abraham's pondering faith. Abraham had almost resigned himself to making one of his servants his heir (15:2). Seemingly, his and Sarah's age made God's promise impossible to fulfill (Gen. 17:17). He even asked God about making Ishmael his covenant heir (Gen. 17:18). Believing God in the face of overwhelming odds is always a real test of faith.

But Abraham believed God! He believed God could. He believed that God would. His faith embraced the ultimate future in that he believed that God had (Gen. 18:14).

We know today that God did what he said. He gave the heir (Gen. 21:1-3). He gave the land (Gen. 17:8). He delivered Abraham's descendants from their 400 years of bondage (Josh. 24). God made possible a personal, intimate relationship between Abraham and him by imputing a God-satisfying righteousness to Abraham (Gen. 15:6). God imputes this righteousness to anyone who will accept God's promises by faith (Rom. 4:1-8).

"He has never broken any promise spoken."

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Life and Work

Gideon: Faith that grows

by Homer W. Shirley Jr., Family and Child Care, Little Rock

Basic passages: Judges 6:11-7:23; Hebrews 11:32-38

Focal passages: Judges 6:12-16, 25, 27; 7:19, 22a; Hebrews 11:32

Central truth: Faith brings a relationship between the person and God that leads to growth in every aspect of life.

1. Faith leads to growth in our understanding of God and his relation to circumstances.

An age old problem with people is how we perceive God's presence or absence with us. Often people feel God is far away and unrelated because things are going wrong in life. We may feel that if God were near us he would shield us from unpleasant circumstances. Gideon felt that way.

Faith reaches out to believe God regardless of circumstances. It believes God is present with us regardless of circumstances.

2. Faith leads to growth in one's understanding of himself.

Each of us can recall experiences where a very unlikely person became an outstanding leader and servant of God. God does not choose leaders from one particular social or economic group.

Gideon felt very unworthy of God's calling upon his life. But that qualified him even more. His own sense of unworthiness led to a stronger faith in God.

Each experience of trust strengthens us for the next. It is like learning to walk. We learn a step at a time. Each step leads to the next.

3. Faith grows into obedience. It becomes more than an idea or act of the will. It issues into doing what we know to be right.

Like Gideon, faith grows from an infant stage to a very mature state. It results in obedience to God. Through this growth process we learn to follow God's instructions step by step.

As we progress from one step of faith to another we experience victory over the circumstances that once imprisoned us. The writer of Hebrews expresses this mature faith as he lists the many achievements of the faithful in Chapter 11.

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Bible Book

True wisdom

by Bob Wilson, First Church of Osceola

Basic passages: Psalms 1, 37, 73

Focal passages: Psalm 73:2-7, 12-18, 22-28

Central truth: True wisdom involves trusting the experiences of human life to the sovereignty of God.

1. The problem of evil has always troubled mankind. Why does God allow it? Even more troublesome is the fact that righteous people often suffer when the ungodly appear to prosper. Like Job, the psalmist had a real struggle with what he could not understand. What good did it do him to live a clean life? Is there any value in a holy life? This psalm tells of struggle from doubt to faith.

2. We all have struggled with doubt. Our doubts can have varied effects on our life. They can drive us away from God causing us to lose confidence in his goodness and judgment. As the psalmist later reflected back on his experience, he noted that during his struggle, his "feet came close to slipping." Not only had his conduct been affected, he could make no progress in his spiritual pilgrimage. He also realized that his eyes had focused only on one thing, the present state of the wicked.

3. Doubts, on the other hand, can drive us to God. It was through the process of struggle that the psalmist realized that mere human reasoning could not solve his problems. The answers could not be found by the power of man's intellect, but must be learned in the presence of God. The psalmist did not get an answer to the problem of evil, but he did find fulfillment in the presence of God. C. H. Spurgeon said, "The greater our nearness to God, the less we are affected by the attractions and distractions of earth."

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Public education not as bleak as people think, Bennett says

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — The common perception that the quality of public education has seriously declined is an exaggeration, participants at a Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission conference were told.

"There is definitely a crisis in public education," said G. Willis Bennett, director of graduate studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., "but the quality of public education has not lowered as much as public perception would lead us to believe."

Bennett traced the present crisis to the nation's passing of the National Defense Education Act following Russia's launching of Sputnik. "We focused on technology and had high expectations for public education," he said. "Now that these high expectations haven't been met we perceive public education as woefully inadequate."

"Media representatives have contributed to this perception by highly publicizing and overemphasizing the negative aspects of public education."

Bennett said decreasing enrollment, a contributing factor to the actual crisis in public education, is a result not only of higher enrollment in private schools but also the population change. "Decreasing enrollment has an adverse economic effect on schools," he said. "It means some schools have to close and some teachers have to be laid off, and the media cover more stories like these than the more positive ones."

Bennett said enrollment will continue to decrease because there are fewer school-age children now than when schools were built for the "baby boom" population.

"The consolidation of schools into fewer schools and larger schools has contributed to the public's perception of the education crisis because most individuals prefer to keep the 'community school' open even if there are legitimate reasons not to do so," he said.

Even though 90 percent of the nation's children are in public schools, Bennett said, enrollment in private schools is accelerating. "Parents want more 'character education' in school for their children but do not perceive they are receiving it," he ex-

plained. "A private school can be selective in its enrollment and can somewhat order its environment. But a public school 'is more pluralistic and each individual is accepted and valued regardless of race, economic status or personal handicap.'"

Bennett feels Christians need to get rid of unfounded assumptions about public education and get the facts. "The church can help improve the quality of education by providing interaction between the members and the local schools," he explained. "A church can have teacher appreciation days for which students can invite their teachers to church for a special service and

they can promote school programs and functions when appropriate rather than competing for the same time. A church can also relate to a community school to provide needed support services such as tutoring to discourage dropouts and furnishing clothing and supplies for those in need."

Churches can also be "leaven for good" in conflicts over consolidation and school busing. "Anything an educator does is going to displease somebody," Bennett said. "We are saved from total disillusionment if we recognize that the public schools reflect American democracy with all its pluralism and elements of contradiction."

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Correction

A report of the Aug. 26 meeting of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, published in the Sept. 2 issue of the ABN, contained an error in the paragraph describing a report by Ouachita Baptist University President Daniel R. Grant. It should have been reported that Grant said Ouachita operated in the black by \$6,000 for the 1980-81 school year and in the recently-completed year by \$55.73.

New compensation study lists salaries, benefits

by Jim Lowry

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Although retirement and insurance benefits seem somewhat neglected, pastors in Southern Baptist churches with fewer than 300 members report general satisfaction with salary and benefits according to a recent compensation study.

The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board conducted the survey to determine compensation for pastors in the size churches which comprise 62 percent of the 36,079 Southern Baptist Convention congregations.

Overall pastors in these churches reported satisfaction with their total compensation when compared to other SBC pastors or in relation to job expectations. In comparison to other educated professionals the majority consider their salaries lower than they should be.

Respondents were selected by random procedures in the specified church size and questioned on 18 benefits including salary, gifts, insurance, retirement, convention and education expenses, revival time and housing. Respondents were divided into three groups (0-99 members, 100-199 and 200-299) so pastors and church compensation committees could equate information as directly as possible to their particular situation.

In churches with 200 or fewer members, only slightly more than one-half of the full-time pastors have any kind of retirement plan provided by the church. Part-time pastors in the two smaller categories have retirement provided one-fourth of the time. It should be noted that nearly all of the part-time pastors are bivocational and likely to have retirement from their other income source. Almost 67 percent of the churches in the 200-299 bracket provide retirement for full-time pastors.

Less than one-half of Southern Baptist pastors in churches with 300 or fewer members have hospitalization, medical, disability and/or accident insurance provided, the survey revealed. In the smallest category only one-third of the full-time pastors have hospitalization provided with much lower totals for other kinds of insurance. The study also revealed fewer than one-fourth of all pastors in churches of 300 or fewer have any life insurance provided by the church.

Another point of interest is the average time allowed for a pastor to preach revivals away from his community — two weeks.

The education level of pastors in these churches is quite high, with 70 percent of all full-time pastors questioned having one or more years of college. The highest percentage of pastors having one or more years of college education was part-time pastors in churches with fewer than 100 members, where 73.2 percent reported that level of training.

Approximately 44 percent of the wives of

pastors included in the study worked outside the home and the overwhelming majority reported the reason was to augment family income.

Also figured in the compensation study were average salaries and total compensation figures for pastors in each category. In the 0-99 group full-time pastors' salaries average \$7,701 while the average for part-time pastors was \$3,356. Total compensation, which includes all benefits, averaged \$13,523 and \$4,575 respectively.

The average salary for pastors in churches with a membership of 100-199 was \$9,190

and \$4,786 respectively and total compensation was \$15,373 and \$7,444. In the top category, 200-299, the average salary for full-time pastors was \$11,080 and for part-time pastors, \$5,686. Total compensation was \$18,866 and \$8,076.

John Chandler, supervisor of the church and staff support section in the church administration department of the BSSB, said the study is available on a cost recovery basis to guide church leaders as they make financial plans related to salary and benefits for pastors. Responses from 534 pastors served as the basis for the study.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President James T. Draper Jr. spent four hours discussing the need for unity within the denomination with four leaders of a "moderate" group which had opposed his election to office.

Draper characterized the meeting as "open and positive, a constructive first step" toward reconciling factions in the Baptist body.

The Aug. 23 meeting was initiated by Bill Sherman of Nashville, Tenn., Cecil Sherman of Asheville, N.C., Edwin F. Perry of Louisville, Ky., and M. Vernon Davis of Alexandria, Va., as spokesmen for moderates, to find acceptable ways to depoliticize the convention presidency as a means of restoring Southern Baptist harmony.

The moderates see in a group whose watchword is "inerrancy" of the Bible an attempt to take over the SBC agencies and institutions through the appointive powers of the convention president. The "inerrantists" generally supported Draper for convention president while the moderates mostly backed Duke K. McCall of Louisville, Ky. Draper was elected at New Orleans in June by a vote of 8,331 to 6,292.

Those present for the Nashville discussions said their purposes were to find ways to end "the annual political contest for the office of the president," strengthen the office for spiritual rather than political leadership, support Draper as a healing influence in the convention, and channel Southern Baptist energies into more important Christian causes, especially the denomination's program of expansion in missions and evangelism, Bold Mission Thrust.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, who also was present in the meeting, said, "I am grateful this meeting has taken place. It should lead to good results, especially in Bold Mission Thrust."

John Sullivan of Shreveport, La., SBC first vice president, also was a participant

in the meeting. He said after the meeting, "We understand each other. We are together in principle. We simply have to work out the strategy, the details of how to achieve harmony in our midst."

The group, all pastors except Bennett, declined to release details of specific proposals discussed. Draper said he already had been thinking about some of the approaches considered.

Draper plans to study the proposals further, talk with the group again, consult others and said he likely would have a public statement on these matters during his message to the fall meeting of the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville Sept. 20-22.

Draper told Baptist Press, "Not any of us want to keep on fighting. There are some positive steps yet to come. I want to pray and think about these matters. In a few weeks I want to sit down with these men again. I feel positive about the time we have had together. Our discussions have

been warm and friendly."

Cecil Sherman said, "I take hope from this meeting. Jimmy Draper is living up to what he said he wanted to be and do. If this continues, trust will build. Only the extremes, right and left, who prefer to divide us, will object to this kind of effort. I take heart!"

Davis said following the meeting, "I hope President Draper will continue to talk about reconciliation and community with all groups and that people will accept him at his word. I hope that his presidency will be a healing one."

Bill Sherman described the meeting as marked by openness, fairness and integrity, qualities necessary for resolving conflict.

Perry said, "I believe a process for peace and vital Christian fellowship has begun here today. We hope and pray it will continue."

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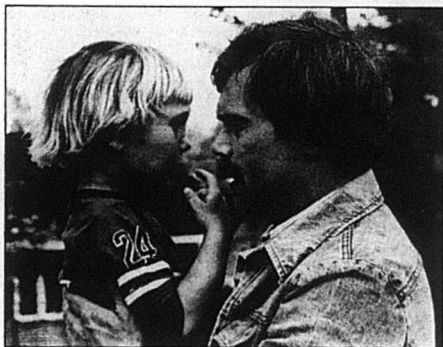
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7. First Baptist Church
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*Figures based on Church Uniform Letters and state convention records.

OBU president selected to serve on panel

ARKADELPHIA — Dr. Daniel R. Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University, was recently selected to serve as a Regional Review Panelist for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. The announcement was made by Malcolm C. McCormack, executive secretary of the Washington, D.C.-based foundation.

The foundation, a permanent education program established by Congress to provide opportunities for outstanding students to prepare for careers in public service, provides up to \$5,000 annually for two years of undergraduate college classes and two years of graduate study.

Every accredited college and university in the nation is asked by the foundation to nominate as a prospective Truman Scholar two students on the basis of outstanding potential for a leadership career in government, college grade point average of at least a 'B' and ranking in the upper fourth of his or her class. One scholarship per state is granted as well as up to 52 Scholars-at-Large.

Selections of the scholars are made by 13 Regional Review Panels, one on which Grant will serve. Basis for selection is an application, 600 words or less essay on a public policy issue, and in the final stage, personal interview.

Enrichment grants for '82-'83 awarded

ARKADELPHIA — The Paul and Virginia Henry Academic Enrichment Grants have been awarded for the 1982-83 academic year at Ouachita Baptist University with a total of \$8,000 being offered to 10 university faculty members "to stimulate creative approaches to teaching," according to Dr. Paul Hammond, chairman of the grants committee.

This marks the seventh year that the university and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henry of Batesville have jointly endowed the program, said Hammond.

The proposals are submitted by faculty members on a competitive basis for innovative programs related to any phase of instruction, including such items as off-campus experiences for the students, supplementary equipment purchases and interdisciplinary studies. The grants are not intended for faculty research projects, but are for student-related activities.

Recipients of this year's grants were John Wink and Tom Greer; Kathy Burns; Everett Slavens; Clyde Smith; David Anderson; Ruth Ann Wade; Betty Berry and Joyce Morehead; Ted Barnes, Bill Ballard and Wes Lites; Hal Bass; and Jake Shambarger. The grants ranged from \$300 to \$1,200.

Congressional calendar crowding school prayer amendment hearing

by Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP) — With time running short in the 97th Congress, the Senate Judiciary Committee resumed hearings Aug. 19 on President Reagan's proposed constitutional amendment on school prayer.

In the second of what now appears will be three hearings, Deputy Attorney Edward G. Schmults and television evangelist M. G. "Pat" Robertson voiced strong support for the controversial measure while Southern Baptist minister John Buchanan joined other educational and religious leaders in denouncing it.

A third hearing scheduled for mid-Sep-

tary 218 signatures by the deadline for using a discharge petition before the targeted adjournment date.

If Congress adjourns in early October, "we will not have a floor vote this year," said an aide to Rep. Thomas N. Kindness, R-Ohio, the primary House sponsor.

The inability of the House to get a discharge petition out in time "was anticipated," a Senate Judiciary Committee spokesman told Baptist Press. He added, however, that chairman J. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., still hopes to move the measure out of committee for a floor vote before November's congressional elections.

Meanwhile, it remained uncertain whether the Senate would vote on a different school prayer proposal offered by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., as a rider to the debt ceiling bill pending on the Senate floor. The Helms proposal to strip the Supreme Court and lower federal courts of jurisdiction in school prayer cases ran into a strong bipartisan filibuster which threatened its chances of passage.

In the hearing on the Reagan proposal, Schmults testified that the amendment is intended to restore the law governing school prayer to what it had been before the controversial 1962 and 1963 Supreme Court decisions banning state-sponsored prayer and Bible reading in public school classrooms. Before those rulings such activities "were thought not to be unconstitutional," Schmults said.

Under the amendment, Schmults said the selection of the "particular prayer" used in a classroom "would be left to the judgment of local communities based on a consideration of such factors as the desires of parents, students, teachers and other community interests consistent with appli-

cable with state law."

Robertson pointed to polls supporting a prayer amendment and challenged the testimony of religious leaders who opposed the amendment at an earlier hearing. "I am convinced these church officials do not speak for the rank and file of the American people," he said.

Buchanan, appearing on behalf of People for the American Way, told the panel the amendment is unnecessary. "Many people mistakenly believe the Supreme Court has outlawed prayer in public schools," he said. "It has not."

Buchanan, who serves as a consultant to the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, listed several negative results he sees if the amendment is enacted and ratified.

"It will amend the Bill of Rights, which has served us well for almost 200 years," he said. "It will strip children of the religious freedom they now enjoy. Mormon children in New York City, Protestant children in Baltimore, Jewish children in Dallas and non-Mormon children in Salt Lake City will have their personal religious beliefs contradicted at worst and trivialized at best."

"It will provoke endless legal turmoil as lawsuits and countersuits are filed over the definitions of 'prayer' and 'voluntary.' Scarce school funds will be wasted on legal fees."

Also opposing the Reagan amendment were representatives of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, National Education Association, National Coalition for Public Education and Religious Liberty, the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church and the General Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Church.

Church-related colleges offset federal aid cuts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Despite reduction of federal student assistance programs such as the Pell Grant (formerly the Basic Education Opportunity Grant), church-related colleges are finding ways to assist students wishing to attend Christian institutions.

A recent survey, "Recent Trends in Financial Aid to Students Attending Independent Colleges and Universities," by the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities (NIICU) shows a decline of almost 18 percent in Pell Grant fundings to students attending independent colleges.

The report also indicated an almost 10 percent decrease in the number of Pell Grant recipients at these institutions.

Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director/treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission and a member

of the secretariat of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), notes the report does provide a ray of hope for the student desiring a Christian education at a Baptist school. "The NIICU's survey has shown a major increase in institutional need-based aid," Walker said.

The percentage of recipients of institutional aid rose from 45 percent in 1979-80 to 55 percent in 1981-82 and the average institutional award increased by 19 percent, from \$1,196 to \$1,424 in the same period.

"It is encouraging to know that our Baptist institutions, as a part of the independent sector, are finding ways to aid deserving students at a time when government assistance has dropped drastically and from all indications may drop even more," Walker said.

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tember, coupled with an expected early October adjournment of Congress, leaves the amendment's backers with a tight schedule to bring the measure to the Senate floor for a vote.

The prayer amendment's chances in the House of Representatives are even slimmer. There, Judiciary Committee leaders have made no secret of their intention of letting the measure die in committee and effort to bypass the committee appears to have run out of time for this session. House backers mustered less than 50 of the neces-

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