

Parrs Come to Harrisburg Church of Christ

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Long time minister and missionary A. L. Parr has recently become the preacher in the Harrisburg Church of Christ. Mr. Parr and his wife, Chris, moved to Harrisburg after eight years of service in the Church of Christ in Jacksonville, Texas. Prior to that they had been missionaries in Ukraine. Parr follows Bob McDoniel, who served the Harrisburg church for nearly ten years.

Mr. Parr has preached the gospel since 1970 from coast to coast in America, and in eight other nations. A former news and sports director for radio stations in Illinois, he is also a veteran of the Armed Forces Radio Network in Asia as a member of the U.S. Navy. Mr. Parr has taught in preacher-training schools in Florida, and in Ukraine and India. He has preached in the Russian language, and in sign language for the deaf. He is the author of numerous Bible tracts and study guides, several of which have been translated into Russian and Telegu (a language of India).

Mrs. Parr is the mother of three (whom she home-schooled across several states and two countries) and grandmother of five. She is an excellent cook and seamstress, and a collector of dolls and spoons. In the sewing room she makes clothing for her family, and she is proficient with the crochet hook, the knitting needles and the cross-stitch flosses. Embroidery, fabric painting and macrame are also among her skills and interests. She has made and given away more quilts than the family can remember. Formerly a professional seamstress and a manager of fabric stores, she has taught many of these skills to women of all ages and in several countries.

Details not apparent in the newspaper article above

Preached Gospel Meetings in 6 states and Ukraine, meetings ranging in length from 3 to 10 days. In a 3-day meeting in Springfield, Ohio I preached simultaneously in voice for the hearing and sign for the deaf. During a 10-day meeting in Kharkov, Ukraine I directed a concurrent campaign. I also conducted a campaign concurrent with my 6-day gospel meeting in Vero Beach, Florida.

Spoke on Lectureships in 5 states plus Japan and the Philippines. Directed these lectureships in Florida and Georgia.

Other Church Work has included foreign mission work in India, the Philippines, Scotland and Ukraine; Bible Camp director, counselor, & teacher; Personal Work director; Preacher Training School director & instructor; radio preaching & call-in Bible studies; weekly newspaper column; edited evangelistic quarterlies.