

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **January 2016** .

PREACHED AT ULVERSTONE .

On Sunday 10th January , I preached for the Ulverstone church in North West Tasmania . Because Jackie and I were in our friend's beach house (see last month's report) , the usual 90 minute drive from our home took a little over two hours . Because we were coming from a different direction than from our home , we got to see parts of Tasmania that we rarely visit .

The Ulverstone brethren received us enthusiastically as usual , and the wife of the man who does all the preaching said there are two reasons that she looks forward to me preaching there every twelve weeks .

(1) She always benefits from my sermons with the accompanying bound lesson booklets .

(2) The times that I visit are the only weekends that her husband can relax and work in his garden without having to think about compiling a sermon .

The entire church keep asking me to come more often , but with Viktor being the only one to "hold the fort" at Eastside , for me to go to Ulverstone more often would put too much pressure on Viktor .

My next scheduled Tasmanian preaching trip is to the Lindisfarne church on the **28th February** (about 2 hours plus drive) .

APOCRYPHA LESSON .

Prior to going to the beach house , one of our members (Cheryl Clark) , who was a Roman Catholic before being scripturally baptised and joining Eastside , asked me to prepare lessons on why our Bible does not include the Apocrypha , and why is it in the Roman Catholic Bible ?

I completed the lesson before returning home , and once we settled back into our own house I compiled a booklet for members to distribute to Roman Catholic friends . **I have attached this lesson for your perusal .**

GUEST SPEAKER - PHIL DOW .

An exciting development for us is that **Phillip Dow** and his wife **Lindy** some time ago moved to Tasmania and placed membership with a Hobart church (about 2 hours plus from our home) . Their reason for this move is so they can be near their daughter (Jessica) and son - in - law (James) .

Jackie and I have known Phil and Lindy for 40 years , and were excited to learn they had moved to our state .

Phil and Lindy worshipped with us in November 2015 , and Phil agreed to regularly make the trip up the highway to preach for us . On January 31st he preached a great lesson on "Humility" , then everyone at Eastside went to a food hall and had lunch with the Dows before they returned to Hobart .

I am really pleased for the Eastside members, that for so long they have only had me to preach and teach the Sunday lessons, but now they will have a "new" voice to listen to every now and then, someone with a different approach and style.

Also, like the Ulverstone man mentioned above, when Phil preaches at Eastside, I will be freed up somewhat that weekend to devote more time to many other Eastside projects that I would dearly love to get up and running. I will inform you of these as I progress with them.

CAMP BARNABAS .

The Camp Barnabas Lectures are fast approaching (March 25 - 28) with Registrations rolling in. In December 2015 I compiled and mailed over 100 information packages to churches and individuals throughout Australia. The campsite location is in the fishing, camping, and holiday resort village of **Bridport** in North East Tasmania.

Accommodation for those attending is in cabins with varying bed combinations. Some have just four bunks around the wall (for single people), others have a double bed and three bunks (for families), and others have just a double bed in them (for married couples).

In Australia there are Lectures being held in every state over the four days of "Easter", so each year brethren swap where they attend. Thus one year we may just have Tasmanian brethren attending, then the next year we may have 20 - 30 from other states in Australia.

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN JANUARY .

Most of my Bible class and sermon subjects take several weeks to cover due to the nature of the Eastside members who need constant repetition, detailed explanations, and mutual discussions among brethren re personal applications of Biblical principles in their lives.

Also, I encourage members to ask questions re anything they do not understand or even something that is a side issue to what we are actually studying at the time. Thus it is very rare for me to ever complete a lesson in one Bible class.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS .

- January 3 - *"The Minor Prophets"* .
- 10 - I preached at Ulverstone .
- 17 - *"The Patriarchal Age"* .
- 24 - *"The Patriarchal Age"* .
- 31 - *"The Patriarchal Age"* .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

- January 3 - *"The assurance of salvation"* .
- 10 - I preached at Ulverstone .
- 17 - *"The assurance of salvation"* .
- 24 - *"The assurance of salvation"* .
- 31 - **Phil Dow** preached on "Humility" .

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

January 5 - Viktor taught **Exodus 13 - 14 .**
12 - Viktor taught **Exodus 15 - 16 .**
19 - Viktor taught **Exodus 17 - 18 .**
26 - Viktor taught **Exodus 19 - 20 .**

Following is a repeat of the items that form the basis of my activities each month .

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES .

Set up school on Friday afternoons at 4pm for Eastside's Sunday meetings .
(it takes Jackie and I about one hour to clear out the classroom and set up our "church auditorium").

"Friend day" lunch at our house for brethren and visitors after Sunday worship on the second or third Sunday in the month .

Midweek Bible Class : Continues to be at my house .

Study periods : Preparing sermons and Bible classes for Eastside's meetings .

Lesson booklets : Ongoing typing , photocopying , stapling , and binding of new and replacement booklets for requests , and for display at our church meetings .

Study packs : Ongoing photocopying , stapling , and packaging of these as time permits .

Letterboxing : Jackie and I make every effort to continue this project on a weekly basis , but often a lack of time does not allow this to happen .

Thank you once again for your wonderful support , please visit us if you ever get the opportunity to do so ,

Yours in Christ ,

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