

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

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

PREACHED AT ULVERSTONE .

This month Jackie and I drove 90 minutes to North West Tasmania for me to preach for the Ulverstone brethren . As usual , we were welcomed with warm hugs and kisses , with brethren requesting extra copies of my Lesson Booklet of the sermon to hand out to their relatives and contacts .

After the worship service we had lunch in the home of one of the families before we drove home . I am away from Eastside every sixth week preaching around Tasmania , and Steve Schiller , who has recently joined us from another congregation , preaches the Eastside sermon in my absence , and Viktor teaches the Bible Class .

NEW MEETING PLACE .

This month we began conducting our Sunday meeting in a new section of the Ravenswood Heights Primary School . For a number of years we have used the Kindergarten section of the school ,

which necessitated Jackie and I spending an hour each Friday afternoon clearing out a classroom and turning it into a church auditorium . Then each Sunday after worship it needed to be made into a classroom again .

On Sunday 31st August , we conducted our first meetings in the school's Assembly Hall , which means we only have to set out chairs (that are already in the building) , and a few items from our "church trailer" , such as a presiding table , lectern , lesson booklet table , Bible class clipboards etc .

Because there is no transforming of a classroom , we could easily set up when we arrive on Sunday morning , but Jackie and I plan to continue setting up on Friday afternoons , so that when people arrive on Sunday mornings (especially visitors) they just walk in and sit down ready to begin the Bible Study .

After worship on Sundays , because there is no classroom to put together , there will be more time for people chatting with each other before departing for their homes .

Also , there is a great power point projection system available with a huge screen , which Kane Keleher operated to allow me to use power point in all my lessons .

I have attached two photographs of a section of the "new" facility .

"FRIEND DAY" MEETING .

While I personally believe that God intended the Sunday "Lord's Supper worship service" to be for members of the church , there is a tradition that has developed in Australian churches whereby members invite relatives , friends , neighbours , workmates etc , to attend "church" , in an effort to introduce them to the gospel .

In accordance with this human tradition , every second month the Eastside members invite their contacts to our "Friend day" meetings .

After the worship service, everyone drives to our home where we have set up long trestle tables in our lounge room, and Jackie has prepared an amazing cooked lunch.

On August 31st (our first day in the Assembly Hall) we had sixteen (16) visitors, I preached on, "*Our hope is built on nothing less.....*", and handed out a Lesson Booklet of the sermon to everyone.

I have attached a copy for you to read.

When the meal finished at our home around 2.30 pm, most of the visitors did not want to go to their homes, and they stayed talking around the table with Eastside members until 5 pm. Much Bible teaching was engaged in by the Eastside members.

KANE'S MOTHER ATTENDS !

For the first time ever, Kane Keleher's mother attended our meetings, along with Kane's younger sister and very autistic brother (Kane's mum was especially concerned how this brother would deal with the crowd, given his medical condition).

Jackie suggested that Mrs Keleher not sit in on my Adult Bible Class, but rather, come into Jackie's "Sunday school" with her two younger children, in order for her to keep an eye out for her very autistic son.

Jackie said that he "had a ball" (much to the surprise of Kane's mum), he joined in with the other kid's activities, and Mrs Kelleher said she was looking forward to bringing them next Sunday.

Hopefully, this autistic boy may be able to attend "Sunday School" without his mum, thus allowing her to sit in on my adult class.

After the meetings Kane's mum had a chat with me about Kane attending Florida College . She is very apprehensive about him flying so far from home , to a place where she is concerned about terrorism .

She has agreed to come back to my home in the near future , so that Jackie and I can inform her in detail about Florida College , and the amazing opportunity it is for Kane . She is experiencing a "fear of the unknown" right now .

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS .

Last month I reported that a wonderful married couple from another church here in Launceston had placed membership with Eastside .

Well , this month the lady (Becky Schiller) began conducting and teaching a women's Bible Class in her home every Thursday morning at 11am , after which they have lunch together .

At the moment only Eastside women are attending , but I am in the process of creating leaflets and personal four - fold invitations to hand out to prospective contacts . Our goal is to have non - Christian women attending this class regularly .

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN JULY .

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 .

- July 3 - *"The old and new covenants"* .
- 10 - I preached at **Ulverstone** .
- 17 - *"The old and new covenants"* .
- 24 - *"The old and new covenants"* .
- 31 - *"The old and new covenants"* .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

- July 3 - *"Do not be farful"* .
- 10 - I preached at **Ulverstone** .
- 17 - *"Recalled to our calling"* .
- 24 - *"Life is not fair"* .
- 31 - *"My hope is built on nothing less"* .

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

- July 5 - Viktor taught *"Numbers 31 - 32 - 33"* .
- 12 - Viktor taught *"Numbers 34 - 35 - 36"* .
- 19 - Hymn singing night .
- 26 - Viktor taught *"Deuteronomy 1 - 2 - 3"* .

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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