

“HUME'S HAPPENINGS”

1st October 2016

Barry Hume
P . O . Box 177
Launceston 7250
Tasmania , Australia

North Beach church of Christ

Greetings brethren ,

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

LITTLE "NEWS" THIS MONTH .

I am struggling this month to report anything "new" to you , as September has involved just my "normal" daily routine .

PREACHING BOOKINGS .

Two Melbourne churches and one New Zealand church have confirmed that they want me to preach for them in March 2017 .

On **Sunday 5th March** I will be preaching for the **West Heidelberg** church at 11 am before I depart for New Zealand at 4 pm .

On **Sunday 12th March** I will be preaching for the **Wellington** church in New Zealand .

On **Sunday 19th March** I will be preaching for the **South East** church in Melbourne , the day after I arrive home from New Zealand .

PRIVATE STUDIES .

Last month I reported on private studies I am having with a man (Tony) every Thursday at 3 pm . He is about mid 40's years old and showing all indication that he is a truth seeker , and he is also attending all of Eastside's Sunday and midweek meetings .

Tony's domestic situation is tense , as he was a Jehovah's Witness until he genuinely studied the Bible and saw that Watchtower doctrine was contrary to God's word . He resigned from the JW's and consequently was considered "off limits" by his JW friends , and even his wife , though they are still married , considers him to have "fallen away" .

His wife considers all religious people who are not JW's as being worldly infidels , which makes life tough for Tony .

TONY MOVING HOUSE .

A few weeks ago , Tony told Eastside members that his lease on the house he rents will soon expire , and the owner wishes to sell the house , which means Tony and his wife must find a new home .

Two weeks ago , Tony found a new home to rent , but did not know how he was going to move all his furniture , because all his former JW friends refused to assist , even Tony's wife's parents refused to lift a finger to help because it would mean assisting an apostate JW . **Guess what happened !**

EASTSIDE VOLUNTEERS !

Every member at Eastside offered to contribute time and effort to move Tony and his wife to their new home . Tony was speechless , and said , *"Not one of my many (ex) JW friends are prepared to help us , yet you Eastside members , who are almost strangers to me are willing to move all our possessions to our new home , I know which of the two churches is practicing true Christianity"* .

He said his wife was "blown away" when he told her the Eastside members were going to move everything free of charge, yet her own parents would not assist because it would involve helping her apostate husband.

This coming Saturday we are all meeting at Tony's "old" home at 9 am, we are bringing our trailers to load the furniture onto. Because of my chronic back pain, I will not be able to help the men lift things, but I plan to drive our car and trailer to Tony's new home once the Eastside men have loaded it. I can also help the Eastside ladies prepare food and refreshments etc.

It will be interesting when Tony's wife meets us all for the first time and sees that these "worldly infidels" are actually nice, godly people.

GOSPEL MEETING ADVERTS.

We are in the process of preparing newspaper advertisements and letterboxing (to houses) leaflets for our upcoming Gospel Meeting next month. The guest speaker will be **Roy Courtney**, the full time preacher for the Hawksbury church of Christ in Sydney, New South Wales.

Roy and his wife Nancye will be living in our "brethren's apartment" downstairs during the two weeks they will be with us.

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN SEPTEMBER.

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 .

September 4 - *"Authority in religion" .*
11 - *"Authority in religion"*
18 - *"False standards of authority" .*
25 - *"False standards of authority" .*

SUNDAY SERMONS .

September 4 - *"His delight is in the law of the Lord" .*
11 - *"God's means of deliverance"*
18 - *"Why was the Bible written ?" .*
25 - *"Is one church as good as another ?" .*

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

September 6 - Viktor taught Deuteronomy 21 - 22 - 23 .
13 - Viktor taught Deuteronomy 24 - 25 - 26 .
20 - Viktor taught Deuteronomy 27 - 28 - 29 .
27 - Viktor taught Deuteronomy 30 - 31 - 32 .

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 ,

Barry Hume .

P . S . "THE PLACE OF EMOTION IN A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE"

I have attached another one of my sermons
for you to see how and what I preach