

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **August 2017** .

I PREACHED AT ULVERSTONE .

This month Jackie and I drove to Ulverstone (90 minutes) for me to preach for the church there . We received the usual warm welcome and I preached on *"Lifting High Our Banner"* (**Psalm 60 : 4**) .

Because Viktor Koskovic is away for five months in the U . S . and Croatia , I will not be making any more trips to other churches until February 2018 (Viktor arrives home on the 31st January) .

VIKTOR GONE FOR FIVE MONTHS .

Viktor Koskovic left Tasmania on the 25th August for **FIVE MONTHS** in Croatia (He is meeting and living with his parent's families . He was born in Australia , but his parents were from Croatia .

Viktor teaches our midweek class, and for the next five months I thought I would be the only one able to do it. Because I teach our Sunday morning Bible Class and preach the sermon each week, for me to do the midweek class as well, I contemplated the need for me to cease doing all the other things I do each day/week and focus on two Bible Classes and a sermon each week.

For the next five months I have cancelled all my sixth weekly preaching trips to other churches around Tasmania, and do not anticipate restoring these trips until Viktor returns in early February.

I made one last trip to Ulverstone on the 20th August, but that will be the last as Viktor left Tasmania on the 25th. And then a wonderful thing happened.....

KELLY JOHNSON ARRIVES !

Kelly Johnson from the **North Beach** church of Christ in **Fort Worth, Texas**, arrived in my home city on Saturday August 26th.

He will be working for three months primarily at Eastside, but also with the Lindisfarne and Ulverstone congregations.

Kelly will be preaching the sermon every Sunday at my home church **Eastside**, and teaching our Tuesday night Bible Class. He will be teaching a Wednesday night Bible Class for the **Lindisfarne** church (about 210 kilometres away) as well as a special Thursday night class for them. He will also preach one Sunday sermon for Lindisfarne and Ulverstone and I will preach the sermon at Eastside on these two Sundays.

During the three months Kelly is with us, I will continue to teach the Sunday morning Bible Class at Eastside.

Kelly is a very knowledgeable Bible student and a very good Bible teacher, it is always a blessing and a pleasure to sit in on his classes.

When Kelly returns to the U.S. on November 20th, there will still be ten weeks left before Viktor returns to resume teaching our midweek Bible Class. For these ten weeks I will be teaching the Sunday morning Bible Class, preaching the sermon each Sunday, and also will be teaching "Viktor's" Tuesday night Bible Class.

Upon Viktor's return I will resume my preaching trips away every sixth week to Lindisfarne and Ulverstone.

WHAT AM I DOING ?

You may well be asking, *"What is Barry going to be doing at Eastside while Kelly Johnson is preaching the sermon each Sunday and teaching their midweek Bible Class"*.

I intend to devote these three months to the myriad of jobs and programs that I normally would not have time to work on. I plan to edit many of my "old" lessons and place them onto our web page (www.eastsidechurchofchristtas.com), compile new sermons and Bible Classes for Eastside (so that when Kelly leaves I will have a "Bank" of new lessons that the Eastside brethren have not heard me preach), prepare and distribute hundreds of leaflets in my home city Launceston, prepare invitation leaflets to our Bible Classes and personal studies etc.

OUR WEB PAGE UPGRADES .

Over the past year I have placed over one hundred of my lessons on Eastside's new web site, only to discover early this year that because I typed my own page numbers on my lessons, when they were put on the web page the page numbers do not correspond with the appropriate page, with Number one (1) at the top of page two, number two is at the top of page three etc.

I have begun to edit every lesson on the web page, deleting "my" page numbers and inserting my computer's page numbers. This is going to be a long and tedious exercise, but something I will be able

to accomplish because of Kelly Johnson working with us for three months .

I apologise to anyone who has downloaded and printed my lessons , only to find that the page numbers are not on the correct page . I plan to have every lesson on the webpage corrected before Kelly returns to the U . S .

BENEVOLENCE BASKETS .

In an effort to fulfill our God given responsibilities as individual Christians to assist needy non - Christians , without using the treasury of the church , we have devised the following system .

Each week , Eastside members who wish to (it is not compulsory) bring an item or items of groceries to Jackie before our Tuesday night Bible class , and she places them in two large washing baskets .

When the baskets gets to be full , Jackie covers each one with coloured "see through" paper , and inserts a card on each that says , "*From members of the Eastside church"* (not from the Eastside church) and we take it to the Principle of the school where we meet for worship services .

The Principle chooses two families in the community who are "doing it tough" and presents these baskets of groceries to them . We do this four times each year , with the result being God is glorified , and the Eastside church is highly respected in the community .

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN AUGUST .

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 .

August 6 - *"Perseverance"* .
13 - *"Perseverance"* .
20 - I preached at **Ulverstone** .
27 - *"Perseverance"* .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

August 6 - *"Wise men still seek Him"* .
13 - *"Noah's ark - fact or fiction ?"*
20 - I preached at **Ulverstone** .
27 - *Kelly Johnson (Texas) preached .*

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

August 1 - Viktor taught 2nd Kings 1 - 3 .
8 - Viktor taught 2nd Kings 1 - 3 .

- 15 - Viktor taught 2nd Kings 1 - 3 .
- 22 - Viktor taught 2nd Kings 1 - 3 .
- 29 - *Kelly Johnson (Texas) taught the class .*

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 . "LIFT HIGH OUR BANNER"

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