

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

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

KELLY JOHNSON VISIT .

Kelly Johnson from the **North Beach** church of Christ in **Fort Worth , Texas** , has been with us at Eastside for five weeks now . Kelly preaches the sermon each Sunday and teaches our Tuesday night Bible class .

Each Wednesday Kelly drives to Hobart (two hours plus) and teaches the Bible class for the Lindisfarne church , returning to Launceston and our house each Thursday .

Kelly is a very capable Bible teacher , his lessons are well structured , and professionally presented , and all the members at Eastside are not only enjoying greatly listening to him teach , they are benefitting spiritually from being present in his classes .

Outside the meetings of the church , it is a joy and pleasure to be in the presence of Kelly Johnson . My nephew Brett is especially

thrilled to have Kelly at Eastside, as the two of them engage in long hikes in the wilderness and bicycle rides along the many "bike trails" we have here in Tasmania.

It is a joy for Jackie and I to have Kelly living in our "brethren's apartment", as he is so easy to get along with. We are going to miss him badly when he returns to the U.S. around the 20th November.

WHAT AM I ACHIEVING ?

In the five weeks Kelly has been preaching the sermon each Sunday and teaching our Tuesday night class, I have taught Eastside's Sunday morning Bible class each week and to this stage in Kelly's visit I have Lesson Booklets (monthly mailing list) printed, stapled, bound, and enveloped ready to post, for every month for the next seven months.

I also have enough booklets compiled and ready to envelope and address for a further six months. All up, I can continue my monthly mail - outs for over a year without compiling and printing one booklet in that time.

During the six weeks that Kelly has remaining to be with us, I plan to complete the editing of all my sermons and Bible classes on Eastside's website (www.eastsidechurchofchristtas.com). Refer to last month's report to see why this editing is necessary and what it involves.

When Kelly departs Tasmania around the 20th November, I will preach at Eastside each Sunday, and teach both the Sunday and Tuesday Bible classes until the 6th February 2018, then Viktor Koskovic will have returned from his five month trip to Croatia. Viktor will then resume teaching the Tuesday class each week.

While Kelly is here, he is doing "my" every sixth week preaching trips to Hobart and Ulverstone.

ADDITIONAL BOOKLETS REQUESTS .

As my bound lesson booklets go all over the world each month, I continue to receive requests for additional multiple copies of particular booklets .

This month a man in Melbourne asked me to send two specified booklets to a family in Kenya . The two booklets were , *"Do we inherit Adam's sin" ?* and *"Calvinist's proof texts examined"* .

Also this month a member of a Sydney congregation requested twelve (12) copies of , *"Is one church as good as another" ?*

M . C . REQUEST .

Each year at the close of the Australian Rules Football season , the Hillwood Football club (where Jackie and I operate to food outlet at home games) hold an end of season three course dinner at a prominent function centre in Launceston .

This dinner is a "suit and tie" dress up function , with business and civic leaders present , along with politicians . During the evening awards are presented to players and club members .

As per usual , the Hillwood Football Club committee asked me to be the Master of Ceremonies ("M . C .") for the dinner this month . They also requested that I publicly offer thanks before everyone began their catered meal . An enjoyable night was had by all , and I received numerous compliments re my role as M . C .

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 3 - *"Perseverance"* .
10 - *"Godliness"* .
17 - *"Godliness"* .
24 - *"Godliness"* .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

September 3 - *"Kelly Johnson preached .*
10 - *"Kelly Johnson preached .*
17 - *"Kelly Johnson preached .*
24 - *"Kelly Johnson preached .*

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

September 5 - Kelly taught **1st John 1 : 1 - 4 .**
12 - Kelly taught **1st John 1 : 5 - 10 .**
19 - Kelly taught **1st John 2 : 1 - 11 .**
26 - Kelly taught **1st John 2 : 12 - 14 .**

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 . "SIN AND SUFFERING"

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