

# **“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”**

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **October 2017** . I do not have much to report this month due to Kelly Johnson doing the bulk of the preaching and teaching .

I have privately achieved a lot re the Lord's work , as recorded below . Much of what I report to you this month is a repeat of last month , but with higher numbers of what I have achieved .

## **KELLY JOHNSON VISIT .**

Kelly Johnson from the **North Beach** church of Christ in **Fort Worth , Texas** , has been with us at Eastside for nine 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's sermons and Bible classes continue to be a blessing to every

Eastside member, what an encouragement and joy it has been to have him work with us for these three months. There will be a great void and lots of sadness at Eastside when he returns to the U.S. on November 20th.

Jackie and I will especially miss him, and our home will feel "empty", knowing that he is not toiling away down in our "brethren's apartment".

## **WHAT HAVE I ACHIEVED ?**

### **Lesson booklets in stock .**

In the nine weeks Kelly has been with us, he has preached the sermon each Sunday and taught 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 six months.

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

Of course there will be the ongoing requests from brethren around the world for booklets on subjects that I have not compiled booklets for, but with the backlog I now have in stock (thanks to Kelly) compiling these new booklets will not be a burden.

### **Web site lessons .**

During the time Kelly has been with us, I have been able to edit more sermons and Bible classes on Eastside's website ([www.eastsidechurchofchristtas.com](http://www.eastsidechurchofchristtas.com)). Refer to my report for August to see why this editing is necessary and what it involves.

Any of you who regularly check our website will notice the additional sermons that have been edited, and also will notice I have begun a new series of Bible class lessons on Jesus Christ. This "Christ series" on the website will eventually contain eighty lessons.

### Bible Class lessons

I have also been able to compile and print enough Sunday morning and Tuesday night Bible class material until the end of February 2018. Viktor Koskovic returns to Tasmania on the 31st January, so I have more than enough material ready until he resumes teaching our Tuesday night class.

### Sermons

While Kelly has been here I have edited many of my "old" sermons (have not preached them for a number of years) which were typed on various typewriters, before I purchased my first computer. These sermons are now formatted to be compiled into Lesson Booklets.

When Kelly leaves Tasmania I will have a list of these old sermons numbering about fourteen, in other words, about three months worth that current members of Eastside have not heard me preach.

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.

Over and above preaching every Sunday and teaching two Bible classes each week, following is a brief outline of what I plan to achieve for the remaining six weeks of 2017 after Kelly has departed Tasmania.

## **CAMP BARNABAS LECTURES .**

Upon sending this report to you , my attention will focus on compiling "Barnabas packages" and mailing them to over 100 locations ( to churches and individuals ) in every state of Australia .

Each package contains a Poster , information booklet , Registration forms , and maps ( how to get to the Lectures site ) , and these packages need to be mailed in mid December .

Compounding the short time I have to compile and mail these packages is the fact that the site of the Lectures has changed from the North of Tasmania to the south . This means that a new Poster is needed , the information booklet must be edited , Registration fees must be increased , and new maps must be compiled .

Tonight I plan to ask Kelly if he would have time to assist me in creating the documents that these new logistics demand .

## **LETTERBOXING LEAFLETS .**

Right at this moment we have 10 , 000 leaflets ( 5 leaflets x 2 , 000 each ) that need to be folded . This month I began to fold these and stack them into bundles of 200 .

Now that our summer weather has begun , we plan to designate a day each week whereby Eastside members will go out in pairs and distribute leaflet number one to 400 houses , then each week for five weeks these same houses will receive a different leaflet . Leaflet number 5 is an invitation to complete a Bible Correspondence Course .

After five weeks , another 400 houses will be chosen and this 5 leaflet / 5 week process will be repeated . With just six people ( 400 leaflets per couple ) 1 , 200 leaflets per day can be distributed .

When the 10,000 leaflets have been distributed, the Eastside church plans to have another 10,000 printed and repeat the process over and over until every home in Launceston (about 140,000 people) has received the five leaflet process.

### **TOMMY POARCH VISIT.**

This month, Tommy Poarch (the preacher for the Concord church in North Carolina) taught our Tuesday night Bible class at Eastside. Tommy was accompanied by his wife Wicky, and their children Hobby and Robin.

This visit was especially significant and joyful for Jackie and I, because Tommy baptised us about forty five years ago, and the teaching we received from Tommy has been the basis of our faith and convictions over all those years.

While we were overjoyed to see them, it was sad for us that they were only in our presence for four hours as we had a "million" questions we needed to seek their advice about re our daily faithfulness and serving the Lord (because of their knowledge of the early history of our lives as Christians).

### **LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN OCTOBER.**

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 .**

October    1    -    *"Brotherly kindness" .*  
              8    -    *"What is Biblical love" ?*  
            15    -    *"A more excellent way" .*  
            22    -    *"The nature of love" .*  
            29    -    *"The nature of love" .*

## **SUNDAY SERMONS .**

October    3    -    *"Kelly Johnson preached .*  
            10    -    *"Kelly Johnson preached .*  
            17    -    *"Kelly Johnson preached .*  
            24    -    *"Kelly Johnson preached .*  
            31    -    *"Kelly Johnson preached .*

## **MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .**

October    3    -    Kelly Johnson taught **1st John 2 : 12 - 14 .**  
            10    -    Kelly Johnson taught **1st John 2 : 12 - 14 .**  
            17    -    Kelly Johnson taught **1st John 2 : 15 - 17 .**  
            24    -    Tommy Poarch taught the class .  
            31    -    Kelly Johnson taught **1st John 2 : 21 - 29 .**

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 GREAT INVITATION"**

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