

# **“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 2018** .

## **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 , *"Built up as a spiritual house"* ( **1 Pet 2 : 5** ) .

My bound lesson booklets of the sermon were in demand with several brethren requesting multiple copies to post to relatives in congregations around the world .

## **I PREACHED AT LINDISFARNE .**

This month we also drove two hours plus ( 209 Kilometres ) to our capital city ( Hobart ) for me to preach for the Lindisfarne church . I preached on , *"Is God strong enough to help me" ?*

Again , everyone took a copy of my Lesson Booklets , with two members requesting multiple copies to send to relatives in other states of Australia .

## **WORSHIPPED AT EASTERN SHORE .**

As is our usual practice when I preach at Lindisfarne on a Sunday morning , Jackie and I stayed with brethren on Sunday night so we could attend Eastern Shore's worship meeting on Sunday evening .

We always receive a warm welcome from the brethren , who have a Christ - like love for brethren in other churches . They have a genuine desire to associate and work with other churches without compromising scriptural truth or violating their conscience .

On the 12th of August one of the Eastern Shore men ( David Underwood ) and his wife visited and worshipped with us at Eastside and David preached a great sermon .

Jackie and I have come to love and respect brethren at Eastern Shore for their commitment to Christ , and dedication as a congregation to serving God in God's way . They are a great church .

## **GUEST SPEAKERS .**

On the 12th August David Underwood from the Eastern Shore congregation preached a fine lesson for us on "*God's standards vs the world's standards*" .

The Eastside church tries to encourage new young preachers from all over Tasmania , and to see their excitement and enthusiasm at being allowed to preach at "another" congregation other than their home church causes the Eastside members to praise God and rejoice .

We also invite and encourage faithful mature age men from other congregations to preach at Eastside, because of the spiritual uplifting it gives to our members, rather than them having to listen to me each Sunday.

### **BENEVOLENCE BASKETS.**

It is that time of year whereby Jackie places two large washing baskets on display in our lounge room, and each Tuesday night before our Bible class, members give Jackie items of groceries to put in the baskets.

When the baskets are overflowing with groceries, Jackie covers them with coloured cellophane paper and places a card on each stating, *"From the members of the Eastside church of Christ"*.

Jackie and I then take these grocery baskets to the Principle of the school where we conduct our meetings and he chooses two needy families in the community and presents them to these families.

This benevolence program has no connection with the work of the Eastside church or its treasury, but is a completely separate commitment by the Eastside members as individual Christians.

We engage in this activity in an attempt to fulfill our commitment to Christ's re our attitude and responsibility to non - Christians and to display a Christ - like attitude toward our community.

Our last delivery of two baskets of groceries to the principle was in June of this year. We go through this process twice a year.

## **LAST CANTEEN FOR THE SEASON .**

In past reports I have mentioned that Jackie and I help run a food and drinks canteen for the Hillwood Football Club every second Saturday ( their home ground games ). We have been involved in this activity for fifteen years , made some lifetime friendships , and three years ago were awarded life memberships of the club .

For the past three years we have filled the role of "Club Chaplains" ( without the title ), and during that time have privately talked with and advised numerous members of the Football Club about personal problems they are having in their lives .

During our association with this club I have conducted four weddings of members , giving me the opportunity to preach a lesson on God and marriage , to an audience I would never have had the opportunity otherwise .

Saturday the 1st September was the last Canteen for the season , and though we love our involvement we are looking forward to having every Saturday to ourself for the next seven months ( the next season begins in April 2019 ) .

## **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 5 - I preached at **Ulverstone** .

12 - *"The meaning of salvation in Christ"* .

19 - I preached at **Lindisfarne** .

26 - *"The meaning of salvation in Christ"* .

## **SUNDAY SERMONS .**

August 5 - I preached at **Ulverstone** .

12 - David Underwood preached for us .  
( From Eastern Shore )

19 - I preached at **Lindisfarne** .

26 - *"Seven things God hates"* ( **Prov 6 : 16 - 19** ) .

## **MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .**

August 7 - Viktor taught Job chapters 18 - 20 .

14 - Viktor taught Job chapters 21 - 23 .

21 - Viktor taught Job chapters 24 - 26 .

28 - Viktor taught Job chapters 27 - 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