

“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 2018** .

Nothing much beyond my normal daily work routine occurred this month , so I have decided to use most of this report to inform you of the "church of Christ situation" here in Tasmania .

I realise that most of you who read my reports have no idea of how many congregations of the Lord's New Testament church there are in my home state .

Before I relate this information to you , there are three items I want to report to you first .

PRAYER REQUEST - JOSH STOKES .

Joshua Stokes is a young man (member of the Eastern Shore congregation in Hobart) who has been diagnosed with cancer . I have been praying for him and his parents every morning at 5am

for many weeks , and I am pleading with you to please add Josh and his family to your prayer list .

GUEST SPEAKER .

This month the Eastside church was blessed to have **Andrew Young** preach the sermon for us on September 9th . Andrew is an impressive young Christian who is in the early stages of a life of preaching .

He is a dedicated , faithful member of the Eastern Shore church in Hobart (a wonderful congregation 200 plus kilometres from my home) .

HYMN SINGING NIGHT .

Viktor Koskovic teaches our midweek Bible class , going through the Bible book by book , chapter by chapter .

When he finishes teaching a book of the Bible , the following Tuesday night the Eastside church has a hymn singing night before Viktor begins teaching the next book .

This month Viktor completed teaching the book of Job on the 18th September , thus on the 25th September we spent an hour in singing and prayer . Viktor will begin teaching the next book on October 2nd .

A TASMANIAN OVERVIEW .

For those of you who are not familiar with the "church of Christ" situation here in Tasmania , an explanation from me might be worthwhile .

HOBART :

Our state Capital city where there are two churches of Christ - **Eastern Shore** and **Lindisfarne** .

LAUNCESTON :

My home town Launceston is the second largest city in Tasmania and there are three churches of Christ - **Balfour Street** , **Newnham** , and **Eastside** .

These three churches are perfectly located to cover wide and different areas of our city .

Just this week the **Balfour Street** church is conducting special meetings each day , and every morning at 5am for the past two weeks I have been offering a special prayer request that God will bless the efforts this week of this church and that He will providentially cause many non - Christians to attend these special meetings , leading to conversions and new members for the Balfour Street church .

Please keep this church in your prayers as they strive to reach out to the lost in their locality .

DEVONPORT :

A city located in North West Tasmania , where there is one church of Christ - the **Mersey Bluff** church of Christ .

ULVERSTONE :

A smaller town in North West Tasmania where there is one small congregation with aged members - the **Ulverstone** Independent church of Christ .

BURNIE :

A city in far North West Tasmania where there is one church of Christ - the **Burnie** church of Christ .

OTHERS ?

Around Tasmania there are several "house churches", such as the John Smith family at **Highcroft** in southern Tasmania . I suspect there may be brethren throughout this state that I have not become aware of yet .

Those I have listed above are the ones that I know of , and those I consider to be New Testament churches of Christ .

MASTER OF CEREMONY HONOUR .

This month the board of the Hillwood Football Club asked me if I would fulfill the duties of "Master of Ceremonies" (M.C.) at the Club's "end of season" annual dinner , held in a prominent function centre in our city .

It is a very fancy "black tie" dress up affair with Mayors , Federal and state politicians , and leading business leaders present , along with several hundred footballers and their families and supporters .

One of the great things about this dinner every year is that the Football Club board asks me every year to come onto the stage and offer thanks before we begin the catered dinner .

To be asked to "MC" the occasion is an honour because every person in this Football Club knows that Jackie and I are dedicated , committed Christians . They also know that I am a preacher for the Eastside church of Christ .

The work Jackie and I have done within this club as "Club Chaplains" (without the title) over the past few years has resulted in many life long friendships being established.

It is our constant prayer that our association with this sporting club will cause God to be glorified, and will lead to conversions to Christ.

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 2 - *"The meaning of salvation in Christ".*
9 - *"The misunderstood Christ".*
16 - *"The misunderstood Christ".*
23 - *"The misunderstood Christ".*
30 - *"Christ's words of truth".*

SUNDAY SERMONS .

- September 2 - *"It does not seem fair"* .
- 9 - **Andrew Young** preached .
- 16 - *"When you are at the end of your rope"* .
- 23 - *"You and me against the world"* .
- 30 - *"The good Samaritan"* .

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

- September 4 - Viktor taught **Job 34 - 35 - 36** .
- 11 - Viktor taught **Job 37 - 38 - 39** .
- 18 - Viktor taught **40 - 41 - 42** .
- 25 - **HYMN SINGING NIGHT** .

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 . "A SEPARATE PEOPLE"

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