

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated .
Following is my report for **February 2020** .

WEDDING CEREMONY IN HOBART .

On the 14th February Jackie and I drove over two hours to our Capital City (Hobart) for me to conduct a rehearsal for a wedding ceremony to be conducted next day . We stayed with brethren on Friday and Saturday nights and returned to our home on Sunday afternoon .

As the time drew near for me to conduct the wedding ceremony , the sun disappeared and it looked like it was about to rain , but thankfully that did not happen and I received numerous nice remarks from guests about the way I conducted the ceremony .

I was scheduled to preach for the Lindisfarne congregation in Hobart the following weekend (23rd February) so the brethren there contacted me and suggested that as I was coming down to conduct the wedding on Saturday 15th , I might like to preach for

them the next day on the 16th. This would mean only one trip to Hobart instead of two consecutive weekends.

I "FIRED" MYSELF FROM PREACHING .

When I arrived in Hobart, I learned that nine men from congregations all over Australia would be worshipping at Lindisfarne on the 16th before they began a five day hike through Tasmanian wilderness.

I know all these men personally, and am aware that each one of them do the majority of preaching in their home congregations, so I suggested to the Lindisfarne brethren that as these men may never again worship at Lindisfarne, and I preach for them every 12th week, it would be a good idea to get one of these "hikers" to preach instead of me.

The Lindisfarne brethren "took my suggestion on board" and David Paine from the West Heidelberg congregation in Melbourne preached a great lesson on redemption. I really enjoyed taking a "back seat" and listening to someone else preach, something I have not been able to do for a long time.

BECKY'S OPERATION .

Becky Schiller, one of our Eastside members had a fall this month and fractured her hip. She was taken to hospital by Ambulance, X-rayed, and admitted into the emergency section of the hospital, to be operated on immediately.

Becky has pins inserted into her hip to assist the fracture to heal, the operation was a success and after a few days she was allowed to come home. She will be limited re what she can do for some time, but she has the Eastside brethren to do all her chores so she can rest up and recuperate.

HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB .

In past reports I have mentioned that for about five years now Jackie and I have filled the role of "Club Chaplains" (without the title) for a country Australian Rules Football Club .

The concept is , if anyone connected with this club are having personal issues , problems , stress of any kind etc , they can approach Jackie and / or myself and confidentially discuss their concerns with us .

We have been "blown away" by the number of people who are struggling each day , people who appear to not have a worry in the world .

I mention this because it is still several weeks before the Football Season begins and last week Board members of this club contacted me to reveal that two members (not connected in any way) of the club need someone to talk to about their problems .

Jackie and I made a special trip to Hillwood on a training night to make ourselves available for these two people to talk to us about their issues . Discussions will be ongoing , so please keep us in your prayers as we try to be of assistance to people who are overwhelmed with daily burdens .

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN FEBRUARY .

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 .

February 2 - *"The Old and New Covenants"* .
9 - *"The Old and New Covenants"* .
16 - I conducted a **wedding ceremony** in **Hobart** .
23 - *"The Old and New Covenants"* .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

February 2 - *"Hindrances to conversion"* .
9 - *"Hindrances to conversion"* .
16 - I conducted a **wedding ceremony** in **Hobart** .
23 - *"Characteristics of a fool"* .

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

February 4 - Viktor taught **Hosea 1 - 2** .
11 - Viktor taught **Hosea 1 - 2** .
18 - Viktor taught **Hosea 3 - 4** .
25 - Viktor taught **Hosea 5 - 6** .

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 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 . "JEHOVAH OR PHAROAH" ?

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