

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

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

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE .

My home state of Tasmania continues to be virus - free , with Victoria having now gone nearly a month without any new infections . Two other states have just one very small cluster each and these are under control .

There has been great rejoicing throughout Australia as state borders were reopened yesterday , and our television stations displayed brass bands and crowds of people at airports around the country , welcoming loved ones who have not been able to get together for a long time .

INTERSTATE BROTHER .

The interstate brother - in - Christ I mentioned last month continues to live in our brethren's apartment , having decided to make my home city (Launceston) his permanent place of residence .

He has been "blown away" by the level and depth of love, hospitality, faithfulness, and fanatical commitment to Christ of every Eastside member, which he says is unique in his experiences of having visited so many congregations throughout every state in Australia.

Jackie and I are a little perplexed by his observations because we see the attitudes of our members as being "normal" and no more than what Christ desires.

I preach regularly on these aspects of a Christian's life, and Jackie and I know brethren throughout Australia who think just like we do.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE LADY.

This month a lady who lives in a country town about 45 minutes from my home completed our John Hurts 8 - lesson Correspondence Course, so I mailed her my "Welcome" pack, which includes DVD's re Creation / Evolution, Bible evidences, and New Testament Christianity.

I also sent her an audio solar charged Bible, along with two samples of my bound Lesson Booklets and informed her of my free monthly mailing list.

This week I received a lovely letter of thanks from her, and she especially liked my Lesson Booklets. She said that she learned so much from reading the booklets and checking the scripture references, she asked to be added to the monthly mailing list.

Jackie and I continue to be amazed by the requests for these booklets, because from a literary sense they are not first class, but people write to me expressing gratitude for the simple, easy to read text with a scripture quote for every thought expressed, and the serious and humorous illustrations accompanying the text.

Each month I mail these booklets to Kenya, India, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, and every state in Australia.

WONDERFUL DISCUSSION .

Just last week , Jackie and I were engaged in one of our many social volunteer activities and a man we have known for many years approached me and said , *"Tell me about your faith and church"* .

Wow ! I spent about thirty minutes discussing New Testament Christianity with him , as opposed to the denominational religious world .

I also spent some time discussing the authority of the scriptures , and he said that he had never heard of such concepts re Christianity before , and he said that it made perfect sense to him .

Of course I will follow up this discussion and keep you informed .

MY WEB PAGE .


For some reason I don't understand , Microsoft "One Drive" has made changes to its operating system and it has affected the formatting of all my sermons on my Web Page .

Words of my headings have split in two , with half a word on one line , and the other half of the word on another line . Page numbers are at the top of some pages instead of being at the bottom of all pages , with the result it is a waste of time and paper printing the sermons .

My sermons are on my Web Page in **"Word Format"** but trial and error has revealed that if I place them on the site in **"PDF format"** they are displayed perfectly and print off just as I typed them . I have begun this conversion one sermon at a time .

I now have to figure out if I can put hundreds of them on my site in PDF format with one click , instead of doing so one sermon at a time . ANY SUGGESTIONS ?

To best access , view , and print my lessons , here is the nine (9) step plan to follow :

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NEW PRINCIPLE - OUR CHURCH SIGN .

The Burser of the school where we conduct our church meetings phoned to say that a new permanent Principle had begun there and he wanted to meet Jackie and I to discuss our meetings in the gymnasium and our large church sign out the front at roadside .

We drove to the school with some trepidation because in Tasmania it is against Education Department policy to allow private organisations to use school property for public meetings . In addition , I know of no other school in our state that would allow a "private organisation" to erect a sign as substantial as ours on "Crown" (Government) land .

In our meeting with him , he stated that he was concerned about the Eastside church using a signboard (glass opening front) that was owned by the school or the Tasmanian Education Department , and which was erected on Crown land .

When we informed him that this large heavy metal signboard was owned by the church, he was shocked, but recovered to say that because the school Burser and all the teaching staff keep telling him what an asset it is to have the Eastside church meeting on school premises, he offered us a compromise.

He asked if we would move our sign to another part of the car-park so that he could place emphasis on the school by placing a sign right where ours is located. Of course we agreed to his request.

Because our sign is so large and heavy, and is set in concrete, there is no way that men in our congregation could relocate it manually, so it was left to me to hire a professional Contractor to move it. He is planning to do it this coming Saturday while school is out and the car-park will not be full of cars.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.

Last week we received the annual invitation for Jackie and I to attend the end of year (for grades 1 - 5) and grade six graduation assembly at the school where we meet for church services.

This assembly is attended by state and Federal politicians, business leaders, prominent members of the community, and many parents and friends of the students.

Each year at this assembly, Jackie and I present an award each to a student, with the award winners and presenters listed in a nicely printed official program. Our awards in the program state, "*From the members of the Eastside church*" (not from the Eastside church).

These awards are not paid for out of the church treasury, but from private contributions of the Eastside members.

Every year at the assembly, some politician or business leader will ask the Principle of the school, "*What is the Eastside church of Christ, where are they located*" etc, and the Principle will introduce Jackie and I to the person and we have opportunity to tell them all about the church.

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN NOVEMBER.

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.

- November 1 - *"The bronze serpent - a type of Christ"*.
- 8 - *"Introduction - Jesus in book of Mark"*.
- 15 - *"Introduction - Jesus in book of Mark"* (Continued)
- 22 - **Preached at [Lindisfarne](#).**
- 29 -

SUNDAY SERMONS .

- November 1 - Steve Schiller preached .
- 8 - "Is rich man and Lazarus a parable ?
- 15 - "The proper attitude to error" .
- 22 - **Preached at Lindisfarne .**
- 29 -

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

- November 3 - Viktor taught Ezeiel **37 - 38 - 39 .**
- 10 - Viktor taught Ezeiel **40 - 41 - 42 .**
- 17 - Viktor taught Ezekiel **43 - 44 - 45 .**
- 24 - Viktor taught Ezeiel **46 - 47 - 48 .**

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 . "WHY WAS THE BIBLE WRITTEN" ?

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