

# **“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 2016** .

## **PRIVATE STUDIES .**

Early in this year , Eastside members attended a Gospel Meeting at another congregation across the other side of our city , and there was a visitor present . This man asked my nephew Brett about this church and Brett informed him that he was not a member there , but was a member of Eastside across town .

When this man learned the location of Eastside he said , *"That is near where I live , it would be far less distance for me to attend there"* . Since that day he has attended Eastside once or twice each month , and told us that each Sunday he has been going to a different church each week , as he searches for one to settle into .

Last Sunday he attended Eastside and after worship he announced to everyone that from now he will be attending only Eastside . He said that of all the churches he had been attending , Eastside was the only one that placed emphasis upon Bible authority for all that we believe and practice .

He attended our Tuesday night Bible Class last week and asked if I would have a private study with him each week, especially dealing with New Testament Christianity, and what makes the Eastside church different from all the denominations and sects.

These private studies will be in my home each Thursday at 3 pm. Please keep us in your prayers as I strive to bring this man into a saving relationship with Christ.

### **NEW MEETING PLACE.**

Last month I reported that we began meeting in a new section of the school, we now conduct our services in the Assembly Hall, instead of clearing out a classroom and restoring it each Sunday after worship. In my July report I mistakenly said we held our first meeting in the Assembly Hall on August 31st, but that should have read **July 31st**.

Jackie and I still go out to the school each Friday at 4pm and set up the Presiding table, chairs, Lesson Booklets and Hymn books tables, as well as setting up Jackie's "Sunday School" room.

This could be done Sunday morning, but I like the idea of everyone arriving on the first day of the week and seeing our meeting place "ready to go". It is far less work involved in the new location.

### **GOSPEL MEETINGS.**

In November we have a series of special meetings planned, with **Roy Courtney** doing the preaching. Roy is the full time preacher for the Hawksbury congregation in Sydney, in the state of New South Wales.

Roy and his wife Nancye will be living in our "brethren's apartment" downstairs during the two weeks he will be preaching/teaching for Eastside.

## **BENEVOLENCE BASKETS .**

In an effort to fulfill our God given responsibilities as individual Christians to assist needy non - Christians , without using the treasury of the church , we have devised the following system .

Each week , Eastside members who wish to ( it is not compulsory ) bring an item or items of groceries to Jackie before our Tuesday night Bible class , and she places them in a large washing basket .

When the basket gets to be full , Jackie covers it with coloured "see through" paper , and inserts a card that says , "*From members of the Eastside church*" ( not from the Eastside church ) and we take it to the Principle of the school where we meet for worship services .

The Principle chooses a family in the community who is "doing it tough" and presents this basket of groceries to them . We do this four times each year , with the result being God is glorified , and the Eastside church is highly respected in the community .

## **KANE'S MOTHER'S BIBLE**

The mother of Kane Keleher ( the young man we are organising to attend four years at Florida College ) continues to bring her daughter and autistic son to Jackie's "Sunday School" .

She has never had a Bible , and Kane asked the Eastside members what they thought about purchasing one and presenting it to her . Everyone thought it was a great idea , so the members have offered to contribute to the Bible and we will all sign it and present it to her one Sunday morning .

## **I MISSED WORSHIP !**

For the first time ever since I have been a Christian ( I think ) I was too ill with pneumonia to attend worship services one Sunday this month . The previous Sunday I felt very unwell , but dosed myself up

with medication and struggled through the sermon, but the next week I was too ill to get out of bed. My doctor prescribed very strong anti - biotics and I have recovered.

The reason I am telling you such an insignificant item is because **Steve Schiller** stepped in and preached the sermon in my place. Steve is the man who recently resigned from another congregation in Launceston (with his wife **Becky**) and joined Eastside. This couple are proving to be an asset to Eastside.

Steve has offered to preach at Eastside each sixth week when I am away working with other churches in Tasmania, and Becky is doing a great job teaching a weekly Wednesday morning ladies class.

### **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 7 - *"The virgin birth of Christ"*.

14 - I was home unwell with pneumonia.

21 - *"The virgin birth of Christ"*.

28 - *"The virgin birth of Christ"*.

## **SUNDAY SERMONS .**

- August 7 - *"The Potter and the clay"* .  
14 - I was home unwell with pneumonia .  
21 - *"The place of emotion in a Christian's life"* .  
28 - *"Jesus saw their faith"* .

## **MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .**

- August 2 - Viktor taught Deuteronomy 4 - 5 - 6 .  
9 - Viktor taught Deuteronomy 7 - 8 - 9 .  
16 - Viktor taught Deuteronomy 10 - 11 - 12 .  
23 - Viktor taught Deuteronomy 13 - 14 - 15 .  
30 - Viktor taught Deuteronomy 16 - 17 - 18 .

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 .      "CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES"**

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