

# **“HUME'S HAPPENINGS”**

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated .  
Following is my report for **April 2019** .

## **SATAN SERIES COMPLETED .**

In last month's report I mentioned an old Aussie Rules Football team - mate who attended Eastside's Gospel Meeting with his wife , and one night asked me if I would compile some lessons on "Satan" . He said that when I had finished compiling these sermons , let him know and he and his wife will attend Eastside's worship to hear me preach them .

Well , I have preached the sixth lesson , and the above couple have attended Eastside's worship six times to hear me preach them , and they have taken away the six Bound Lesson Booklets for these lessons .

They said these lessons had changed many convictions they had held re Satan , and had informed them of a number of things that they had been unaware of .

The lessons I preached are :

1. IS SATAN A REAL PERSON ?
2. THE ORIGIN OF SATAN (MISUSED SCRIPTURES).
3. THE ORIGIN OF SATAN (WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES).
4. NAMES OF SATAN IN THE BIBLE .
5. SATAN'S POWER IS LIMITED .
6. HOW WE CAN OVERCOME SATAN .

I gave them a "Welcome" package which contains DVD's , leaflets , and material about New Testament Christianity and the Eastside church . As they were leaving our meeting place , the wife came up to me and said , *"We will definitely be back to attend more of your meetings"* .

### **GUEST HOBART PREACHER .**

On Sunday 21st April , David Underwood from the Eastern Shore congregation in Hobart preached for us at Eastside . David presented a fine lesson and it was great to see him and his wife Jenny again .

### **BOOKLETS REQUESTED .**

This month I received an email from a leading man in a Melbourne congregation who told me they had recently converted a lady who had been a devout Roman Catholic all her life .

This lady saw my bound lesson booklets somewhere and asked the above man how she could get more booklets . He asked me to put her on my monthly mailing list .

She phoned me and requested that I include her nephew in India on my mailing list. She then requested material on the book of Revelation for her nephew and herself, so I have ordered two copies of Robert Harkrider's workbook on Revelation to send to them.

Below is the nice email I received from her a few days ago.

Dear Barry

Thanks so much for sending me the bound booklets on "Why the Bible was written" and "Joy in all Circumstances". It is very beneficial and uplifting to read your booklets. It is simple and easy to understand with all the relevant pictures.

It was wonderful talking to you and I am so pleased that you could help me by posting these booklets to my nephew in India as well. If you could send me and my nephew in India some booklets on "Revelations" we would be really grateful. My nephew's address in India is:

Orlando Hookens  
TNT Platinum GA,  
3rd Main, 2nd Cross,  
Horamavu Main Road,  
Banaswadi,  
Bangalore 560 043,  
SOUTH INDIA

## **PREACHING TRIP DEFERRED .**

I was due to preach at Ulverstone ( North West Tasmania ) this month as part of my "away from Eastside" roster every sixth week, but the man who does all the preaching there asked if I could defer it until next month when he has to travel interstate for a family occasion.

## **HILLWOOD CANTEEN .**

Our Australian Rules Football season has begun, meaning every second Saturday ( home game days ), Jackie and I work in the Hillwood Football Club's canteen from 7 am.

In addition , every Thursday night we help the ladies committee to prepare a cooked dinner for the players of three teams ( about 60 plus ) after they finish their training session .

Our association with this football club has resulted in many life - long friendships being established , and our "chaplaincy" roles ( without the title ) has given us many opportunities to teach Bible principles to members of the club who are having difficulties and are hurting .

During our association with this club , I have been asked to conduct four wedding ceremonies of members of this club .

### **BENEVOLENCE BASKETS .**

This month we began the process of placing 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 .

## **KANE KELEHER DOING WELL .**

The young man I mentioned in last month's report as having returned after a period of apostasy is doing well . He is attending every meeting and participating well in our Bible classes .

He seems to be a "new person" after leaving his horrible home environment and finding his own accommodation

## **LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN APRIL .**

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 .**

April 7 - *"Lessons from Jesus the carpenter"* .

14 - *"My hope is built on nothing less"* .

21 - *"My hope is built on nothing less"* .

28 - *"My hope is built on nothing less"* .

## **SUNDAY SERMONS .**

April 7 - *"Six evils and their cures" ( 1 - 3 ) .*

14 - *"Overcome Satan's schemes" .*

21 - **David Underwood** preached ( Eastern Shore - Hobart ) .

28 - *"Six evils and their cures" ( 3 - 6 ) .*

## **MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .**

April 2 - Viktor taught **Jeremiah 3 - 4 .**

9 - Viktor taught **Jeremiah 5 - 6 .**

16 - Viktor taught **Jeremiah 7 - 8 .**

23 - Viktor taught **Jeremiah 9 - 10 .**

30 - Viktor taught **Jeremiah 11 - 12 .**

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 .

Barry Hume .

**P . S .      "LIFE IS UNFAIR"    ( Psalm 37 )**

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