

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

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

PREACHED IN ULVERSTONE .

This month Jackie and I drove 120 kilometres to Ulverstone in North West Tasmania for me to preach for the congregation there .

We received the usual very warm welcome (lots of hugs and kisses) from the Ulverstone members , they listened attentively to my sermon and requested multiple copies of my lesson booklet to hand out to contacts .

We stayed in Ulverstone on Sunday night so I could receive some treatment from a Chinese naturopath in Devonport before returning to Launceston around midday on the Monday (see health report below) .

Every sixth week I am away from Eastside, preaching in Hobart and then six weeks later in Ulverstone, then six weeks later Hobart again etc.

PRAYERS FOR JOSH STOKES .

Please keep Josh Stokes constantly in your prayers . He is a wonderful young man who is a member of the Eastern Shore congregation in Hobart .

Josh is suffering from a very serious illness right now , and needs your prayers , along with his father and mother , who are also faithful members at Eastern Shore .

This family are wonderful brethren , and I pray for them all at 5am every day of the week that God will heal Josh and relieve the family's anguish .

GOSPEL MEETING .

It is "all systems go" for our 2019 Gospel Meeting (Sept 29th - 6th Oct) with Brisbane evangelist **Steve Wilson** doing the preaching .

Six billboards will be placed beside the major highways into our city , advertisements will be placed in our major newspaper , and a religious radio station will be running adverts periodically during the day .

CHRIST SERIES .

Many years ago an American preacher who was working in

Australia was asked about what Australian churches needed to do to improve their influence and teaching programs. He replied, *"They need to focus more on teaching Christ in their local church, and less on issues that they hear are arising in other parts of Australia"*.

I have never forgotten his reply, and so in the latter half of 2017 I made a decision to research, study, and compile a series of lessons on **"Christ"** and teach this series each week in Eastside's Sunday morning adult Bible class.

With each lesson I compiled bound lesson booklets for our members to use in their private study, and multiple booklets for members to hand out to contacts. I began teaching this series and this coming Sunday we begin lesson **number 37** (*"Wise men still seek Him"*).

I have been working long hours preparing these lessons and just this week I completed lesson **number 49** (*"How far will you go to be close to Christ" ?*). Thus right now I have twelve lessons ready to teach, as I continue to add more lessons to this series.

MY INVITATION TO YOU .

I have added an attachment to this report, listing the lessons I have completed so far. If anyone would like emailed copies of any (or all) of these lessons, just let me know and I will send them to you.

Better still, if any would like any (or all) of the bound booklets for personal use or to hand out to others, I will rejoice at the opportunity to mail them to you if you give me your Postal Address.

Multiple copies of the bound booklets are no problem and the Eastside church has offered to pay all postal costs as part of their world - wide teaching program.

Feel free to use any part or all of these lessons however you wish in your preaching and Bible Classes. Men in congregations all over Australia and in a number of overseas countries are using my Lesson Booklets as sermons and Bible Class material.

ANOTHER BUSY MONTH.

As usual, June was very busy for Jackie and I, with our involvement operating the **Canteen** for the Hillwood Football Club every second Saturday, compiling and sending **Lesson Booklets** all over the world on a monthly basis, **letterboxing** leaflets to hundreds of homes in our city, and researching and compiling **Bible Classes** and **sermons** for Eastside (and other Australian churches).

I am in my office at **5am** seven days a week, and work around fourteen hours each day, loving every minute of it.

HILLWOOD PLAYERS TEA.

Each Thursday night after training, the Hillwood Football Club provides a hot meal for players and supporters and members of the local community.

Jackie and I attend as part of our role as "Club Chaplains" (without the title), and it is amazing how often a player or supporter wants to have a private chat with us about problems in their life.

It is especially pleasing when a club official introduces us to a member of the local community, and when they are informed of our role in the club, we get the opportunity to answer their questions about the church we are members of.

MY HEALTH UPDATE .

Last month I related my health problems , but right now I am fine . When my Doctor had tried everything to no avail , I consulted a Chinese Naturopath who diagnosed a bad virus that had debilitated several organs in my body .

He gave me suction cup treatment , and after one session my nausea ceased completely , after session two I began eating again , and after the third treatment I feel completely well again .

This Naturopath claims that a virus cannot live where there is oxygen , so he uses suction cups to channel oxygen (via the blood stream) to the area of the body where the virus is located , and when oxygen becomes present in that area , the virus dies .

My Western medicine doctor treated me for five weeks with super strong antibiotics , which gave me thrush , and the thrush medication made me worse . The Naturopath "cured" me in just three sessions with no chemical medicines involved !

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN JUNE .

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 .

- June 3 - *"Can I find refuge in Christ" ?*
- 9 - *"The Vine and the branches" .*
- 16 - *"The Vine and the branches" .*
- 23 - I preached at **Ulverstone** .
- 30 - *"Wise men still seek Him" .*

SUNDAY SERMONS .

- June 3 - *"Aliens - Strangers - Pilgrims" .*
- 9 - *"The salvation of God" .*
- 16 - *"Getting to the moon"*
- 23 - I preached at **Ulverstone** .
- 30 - *Where are the nine" ?*

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

June 4 - Viktor taught "*Nehemiah 21 - 22*".

11 - Viktor taught "*Nehemiah 23 - 24*".

18 - Viktor taught "*Nehemiah 25 - 26*".

25 - Viktor taught "*Nehemiah 27 - 28*".

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 ,

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