

"HUME'S HAPPENINGS"

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Greetings brethren ,

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

CORONA - VIRUS UPGRADE .

Our island state of **Tasmania** has been Corona - Virus free for three months now , thanks to our state Premier (Governor) keeping our border (Air travel and shipping) closed .

Next week I am due to attend my annual Marriage Celebrant Seminar , but the Lecturer is from Queensland and not allowed into our state , so an email I received this week informs me the Seminar will be conducted by Zoom .

While my home state is doing well , Victoria , New South Wales , and Queensland are experiencing outbreaks and deaths . Victoria is especially bad , with new record numbers of infections each day and a continuing death toll . Their state government has closed down entire suburbs , and forcing anyone who enters Victoria to isolate for 14 days in a government appointed hotel . Masks are now compulsory and the situation appears to be getting worse each day .

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE REPLIES .

We now have 16 people who have applied for the John Hurt's Correspondence Course , and we are hoping they will lead to private studies . We have one more advert to go , which will be the 8th quarter page advert we have placed in our city's main newspaper .

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS .

Viktor Koskovic teaches our midweek Bible class , and last Tuesday night completed five years of teaching the Old Testament chapter by chapter . I regard Viktor as an absolute expert re the Old Testament and we are so blessed to have him as a member at Eastside .

The consensus of the Eastside members is that he continue teaching our midweek class , by going through the New Testament , and Viktor replied , *"I am not an expert on the New Testament , but I will teach it using Robert Harkrider's Lesson Booklets , as they are printed , which I consider to be the best available"* .

I personally recommend that brethren everywhere get a full set of Robert's booklets .

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CORRESPONDENCE .

This month has been particularly difficult for me , as we had a lady visitor attend our Sunday worship and Tuesday night class . She phoned me requesting I study the Sabbath with her , and during that discussion she said that she had noticed we had no instruments of music when we worshipped .

She offered to attend our worship the following Sunday and bring her Harp , and she offered to play it as we sang . I discreetly explained that we do not use instruments (physical) in our worship because we cannot find authority for them in the New Testament Covenant of Christ .

She became agitated and wanted to know more, so I gave her my Lesson Booklet on "Instrumental "Music" and suggested she study it, then get together with me to discuss it.

She took my booklet home and a few days later I received an email from her that can only be described as a ranting, critical tirade, accusing me and the Eastside church of being Satanic and evil.

She informed me that she was a music teacher, that music is her life, and she quoted Old Testament scriptures that she claims show that God wants and expects us to worship Him with mechanical instruments in our worship.

I sent her an email reply in which I tried to teach the need for authority and quoted numerous scriptures, and over the next week or so it was emails back and forth every day.

In every email she sent me it was obvious she had not even read or considered the scriptures I quoted, and all I received from her were long, ranting false accusations and how Eastside were an evil, Satanic religious body.

Finally, I could not take any more, so I emailed her and said, unless she was willing to consider the scriptures I quoted, I had no wish to continue this every day email correspondence. I have not heard from her for over a week now. She wore me out physically and mentally.

I have attached my lesson on "instruments" for you to read.

JACKIE - HILLWOOD MEALS.

The Hillwood Football Club (where Jackie and I act as "Club Chaplains" without the title) open their clubrooms every Friday evening and lady members of the club take turns at providing hot meals for members of the community.

About 3 - 4 times each football season my wife Jackie takes her turn, and last Friday night she prepared and cooked thirty - plus meals .

It is a great way to meet new people and establish life - time relationships , but also it often gives us opportunity to speak to people about New Testament Christianity .

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES .

I have just begun researching and preparing a new series of lessons for my Sunday morning adult Bible class , entitled , *"Major Doctrines That Define Christianity"* . Some of the subjects I plan to teach are :

1. Inspiration of the Bible .
2. Deity of Jesus .
3. Resurrection of Christ .
4. Original goodness of men and women .
5. The fall of humans through sin .
6. Restoration or reconciliation of man to God .
7. Election .
8. Predestination .
9. Redemption .
10. Regeneration .

- 11 . Adoption .
- 12 . Justification .
- 13 . Perfection .
- 14 . Sanctification .
- 15 . Baptism and salvation .
- 16 . Kingdom of God on earth .
- 17 . Jesus describes the end .
- 18 . Paul describes the end .
- 19 . Summary of millennial theories .
- 20 . Hell .
- 21 . Heaven .

If you ever require a bound Lesson Booklet of any of these lessons , let me know and I will send them to you .

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN JULY .

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 .

July 5 - *"The Patriarchal Age" .*

12 - *"The Patriarchal Age" .*

19 - *"The Patriarchal Age" .*

26 - *"The Patriarchal Age" .*

SUNDAY SERMONS .

July 5 - **Steve Schiller** preached .

12 - *"Places of refuge" .*

19 - *"Christians - past , present , and future" .*

26 - *"Judging others - misused scriptures" .*

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

July 7 - Viktor taught from **Zechariah 9 - 10 - 11**

14 - Viktor taught from **Zechariah 12 - 13 - 14.**

21 - Viktor taught from **Malachi 1 - 2 .**

28 - Viktor taught from **Malachi 3 - 4 .**

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 . "INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP"

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