

“HUME'S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

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

BOOKLETS LETTER .

This month I received a letter from a member of a Brisbane church expressing appreciation for my Bound Lesson Booklets . I have attached it for you to see .

JACKIE'S CAR .

This month the Lord blessed us with the opportunity to loan Jackie's car to a non - Christian family who live in our neighborhood . Their car was "out of action" for three weeks , thus when we heard about it , we made the offer , and they were so very much appreciative .

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY .

On 17th December Jackie and I attended 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 .

This year I had a conversation about Eastside with two prominent business leaders in our city ..

BENEVOLENCE BASKETS .

On the morning of the school assembly Jackie and I delivered the last two washing baskets of groceries (for 2020) to the Principle of the school , and he gave them to two needy families that he chose .

This year we distributed six (6) grocery baskets . This program has no connection with the work of the Eastside church or the treasury of the congregation , but rather is an initiative of our individual members .

Each Tuesday evening when brethren come to our home for dinner before the 7pm - 8 pm Bible Class , they bring items of groceries and place them in the washing baskets .

When these two baskets are overflowing , Jackie covers them with colorful see - through paper , each with a card that says , "*From the members of the Eastside church*" (not from the Eastside church) , and we deliver them to the Principle .

Jackie then buys two new baskets , places them in our lounge room where the brethren can see them , and the process starts again .

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS .

I have set myself the substantial goal for 2021 of preparing a twenty lesson series on , "THE MAJOR DOCTRINES THAT DEFINE CHRISTIANITY" and teaching them each week in Eastside's Sunday morning Bible class .

I anticipate that each lesson will take 2 - 3 Sundays to complete , so it will be well into 2022 before I finish this series . If you would like a copy of any of these lessons , just let me know and I will send them to you .

The first ten lessons I plan to compile are :

1. Inspiration of the Bible .
2. Evidences - the Bible is inspired .
3. The Creation .
4. The fall of man .
5. Original sin ?
6. Reconciliation .
7. Redemption .
8. Regeneration .
9. Adoption .
10. Justification .

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN DECEMBER .

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 .

December 6 - *"Origin of the Old and New Testaments"* .

13 - *"Inspiration of the Bible"* .

20 - *"Inspiration of the Bible"* .

27 - *"Evidences - the Bible is God's word"* .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

December 6 - *"Barnabas - the encourager"* .

13 - *"God was a carpenter"* .

20 - *"Secret of the easy yoke"* .

27 - *"Is God strong enough to help me" ?* .

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

December 1 - Viktor taught **Matthew 1 - 2 .**

8 - Viktor taught **Matthew 3 - 4 .**

15 - Viktor taught **Matthew 5 - 6 .**

22 - Viktor taught **Matthew 7 - 8 .**

29 - Viktor taught **Matthew 9 - 10 .**

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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