

# **“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”**

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated .  
Following is my report for **February 2021** .

**I apologise for being late sending this report , I spent the first week of March in hospital for tests , and was not able to complete this report until I arrived home yesterday .**

## **HOSPITAL TESTS .**

This month my General Practitioner Doctor ordered an MRI X - ray and referred me to a Spine Specialist in our capital city (Hobart) re my ongoing back pain .

The Spine Specialist did not believe there was reason for an operation , but asked if I would be prepared to spend three days in hospital so that two Specialists and a pain management Doctor could examine me and devise a pain management program .

I am due to enter hospital on the 2nd March and I will let you know what eventuated in my report next month .

## **CONDUCTED FUNERAL .**

The wife of Jackie's deceased brother was rushed to hospital this month, but she died before anything could be done for her.

Her family asked me to conduct her funeral, which is always hard for me when a non - Christian is concerned. I try to present thoughts that might motivate those attending the funeral to consider their own lives and relationship with God.

## **GUEST PREACHER .**

This month **Greg McPherson** from the Eastern Shore congregation in Hobart (two hours plus drive) preached for us at Eastside. Greg preaches for us at least once each year, and the Eastside members hold him in high regard.

## **ANDREW PLACES MEMBERSHIP .**

Andrew Kernahan, the brother in Christ from Western Australia (about 55 years of age) who has been living in our "brethren's apartment" since last October, asked me to announce that he wishes to place membership with the Eastside church. The Eastside brethren have embraced him with open arms, and he will be an asset to our local church.

Andrew is a High School Maths teacher and has enrolled his name with schools throughout my home city (Launceston) and surrounding districts. This month the Launceston Christian School awarded Andrew a contract to be a relief teacher, to be on call when their full time teachers have days off through ill - health or holiday leave.

## **ANOTHER BOOKLET REQUEST .**

This month I received a request to send my Bound Lesson Booklets each month to a town in outback Australia which is

near Alice Springs . A family who were members of a Melbourne congregation have moved to Alice Springs for work reasons , and there is no congregation in that town in central Australia .

My monthly booklets will be this family's only study material , and hopefully they may be able to start a new congregation there . My booklets already go to every state in Australia , but now the Northern Territory is on my mailing list .

### **HOBART PREACHING BOOKING .**

When the brethren in the Lindisfarne congregation in Hobart heard I would be discharged from hospital on Friday 5th March , they asked me to stay in Hobart for another two nights and preach for them on Sunday 7th March .

Instead of driving back to Launceston on Friday afternoon , Jackie and I will now return home on Sunday afternoon .

### **CORONA VIRUS UPDATE .**

Everything in our island state is back to normal , with interstate tourists flocking to Tasmania via vehicular ferry or Airlines . Nobody in the church has contacted the virus . Our Federal and Tasmanian State Governments have done a marvelous job in containing the virus .

### **WEB PAGE .**

I am continuing to convert my sermons on my web page to PDF format as quickly as I can . I have completed about half of them to this stage . You can view my web page by typing in <https://www.barrysbiblelessons.com>

## LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN FEBRUARY .

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 .

- February 7 - *"The Fall of man"* .
- 14 - *"The Fall of man"* .
- 21 - *"Do we inherit Adam's sin" ?*
- 28 - *"Do we inherit Adam's sin" ?*

## SUNDAY SERMONS .

- February 7 - **Greg McPherson** ( Eastern Shore ) preached .
- 14 - *"Jesus saw their faith"* .
- 21 - *"Can we find a man like this today" ?*
- 28 - *"The power of God's word"* .

## MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

February 4 - Viktor taught **Matthew 19** .

11 - Viktor taught **Matthew 20** .

18 - Viktor taught **Matthew 21** .

25 - Viktor taught **Matthew 22** .

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 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 .      "THE 23rd PSALM**

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