

# "HUME'S HAPPENINGS"

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## **Rose Hill church of Christ**

Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your continuing support , following is my report for the month of **September 2007** .

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## **ULVERSTONE PREACHING TRIP**

Alan Horne is a brother in Christ who the Headmaster ( Principle ) of the Seabrook Christian School in North West Tasmania . He is also required to do all the teaching and preaching for the Ulverstone congregation ( about 90 minutes drive from my home ) .

This month Alan had to make a trip to New Guinea which meant he would be away from home for one weekend , thus leaving his congregation without anyone to preach at their Sunday worship service . He phoned me to enquire if there was any way I could preach that Sunday and Viktor Koskovic ( Eastside member ) offered to conduct our services so that I would be free to go to Ulverstone .

Thus Jackie and I drove to Ulverstone where I led the singing and public prayers , presided over the Lord's Supper , and preached the sermon . After the meeting Jackie and I drove to Alan Horne's home where we had lunch with his wife Joy before we made the trip back to Launceston . It was so refreshing for Jackie and I to "take a break" from our Eastside routine and fellowship with different brethren .

## KENTUCKY PREACHER VISIT .

I received exciting news from the Southside church of Christ in Somerset , Kentucky ( they began supporting me some time back ) . They are sending their preacher ( **Dave Hurst** ) and his wife ( **Sherrie** ) to Tasmania for two weeks to work with Jackie and I . They arrive in Launceston on December 5<sup>th</sup> and depart on December 20<sup>th</sup> .

I am in the process of organizing an itinerary whereby Dave will be teaching Bible classes and preaching sermons for congregations throughout Tasmania , as well as being involved in private sessions with individual brethren . I have never met Dave and Sherrie or anyone else from Southside , thus Jackie and I are so excited at the prospect of spending two weeks with them . Their presence here will do wonders for the brethren throughout Tasmania .

When they arrive back in the U . S . I suggest that you contact Dave and get a first hand evaluation of the situation of the church in Tasmania and the work Jackie and I are doing in this regard .

## SISTER IN CHRIST INVESTIGATES EASTSIDE .

This month a lady knocked on my door , seeking someone connected with the Eastside church and I invited her in for a two hour discussion . I learnt that she has been a member of the institutional congregation here in Launceston for three years and in her words has become “disillusioned and discouraged by the lack of warmth and love in that church” .

She found a listing in our local telephone book for “**Eastside non – denominational church of Christ**” and decided to investigate as to who we were . Though I have always sent this institutional church every notice and invitation re Eastside’s Gospel Meetings , Hymn singing nights , etc , they have never told this lady of our existence !

She has been attending every Eastside Bible class ( Sunday and midweek ) and every Sunday worship service for about four weeks now and says she is “blown away” by the love , warmth , excitement , and commitment of the Eastside church .

This lady’s name is **Cheryl Clarke** , she is a mature aged widow , and we are amazed at her Bible knowledge and hunger and thirst for God’s righteousness .

## **HILLWOOD PRESENTATION DINNER .**

I have mentioned in past reports that Jackie and I for a number of years have organized and operated the canteen for the Hillwood Football club at the “home” games . This month the club held their annual dinner and presentation night and the President of the club made his annual speech , summing up the just completed season and he said a lot of flattering things about Jackie and I .

He asked us to come up onto the stage where we were presented with special awards in appreciation for what we had done for the footy club in 2007 .

## **MY SERMON AND BIBLE CLASS CONTENT .**

In response to my stating that I have difficulty knowing what to include in my reports , several U.S. brethren have made the suggestion that I include a list and/or summary of what subjects I am teaching in Eastside’s Bible classes and sermons . I am more than happy to do so and have been considering what is the best way to furnish you with this information .

I will begin with the following plan and see how it goes . Each month in my reports I will list the subjects I have taught and preached for that month .

Also , when I mail out my monthly lesson booklets , I will send you one or two so that you can see exactly what I am teaching on any given subject . I mail these booklets throughout Australia and a preacher in South Africa gets twenty each month of one specific number so that each person in his Bible class can have one .

I send these South African booklets via “Sea Mail” ( not Air mail ) which is only a fraction of the Postage cost . It takes them several weeks to reach their destination but once the recipient gets the first mailing he then receives his twenty booklets each and every month . I will use the same system re my sermon and Bible class booklets that I send you .

I could just send you the typed material by E – mail but I would like you to see the bound version with its accompanying illustrations and charts etc .

I have included an additional attachment to this report which will explain the history and present situation re these lesson booklets.

## **LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME IN SEPTEMBER .**

### **SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS (4)**

- September 2 - Genesis chapter 48 .
- 9 - Genesis chapter 49 .
- 23 - Genesis chapter 50 .
- 30 - *“The challenge of abundant living”* .

### **SUNDAY SERMONS (4)**

- September 2 - *“What is wrong with it” ?*
- 9 - *“My hope is built on nothing less”* .
- 23 - *“Friendship”* (Biblical principles of) .
- 30 - *“The place of emotion in a Christian’s life”* .

### **MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS (4)**

- September 5 - Ecclesiastes chapter one .
- 12 - Ecclesiastes chapter two .
- 19 - Ecclesiastes chapter three .
- 26 - Ecclesiastes chapter four .

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 .** Following is a repeat of the items that form the basis of my activities each month .

## **REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES .**

**Set up school** on four 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 Sunday in the month .

**Midweek Bible Class** : Continues to be at my mother's 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** : We have not resumed this program yet because Jackie and I are still placing new phone number stickers on 10,000 leaflets .