KYB Studies for 2018

Term 1 Genesis Part 1 (1–11) Term 2 2 Corinthians

Term 3 Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah Term 4 Galatians

Consider Again Christmas

When Pope Julius I authorized December 25 to be celebrated as the birthday of Jesus in A.D. 353, who would have ever thought that it would become what it is today.

When Professor Charles Follen lit candles on the first Christmas tree in America in 1832, who would have ever thought that the decorations would become as elaborate as they are today.

It is a long time since 1832, longer still from 353, longer still from that dark night brightened by a special star in which Jesus the king was born. Yet, as we approach December 25 again, it gives us yet another opportunity to pause, and in the midst of all the excitement

and elaborate decorations and expensive commercialization which surround Christmas today, to consider again the event of Christmas and the person whose birth we celebrate.

Brian L. Harbour & James W. Cox



Prayer Request for the Leadership Team

There are currently three vacancies on the Leadership Team: Vice-Chairman/Prayer, Pastoral Carer/Eastern Australia and Promotions Officer. We would appreciate your prayers for God to reveal people to fill these vacancies.

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From the KYB4M Chairman

God is good. During 2017 14 new groups either started or restarted the use of KYB study books making a total of 61 groups who ordered during the year.

Our Pastoral Carer for WA/SA Rob, suffered a stroke several months ago. Thankfully, with almost instant medical care, he continues to make a full recovery. He can now drive and has wasted no time in promoting KYB4M. He recently bought a new fridge from an old Christian friend, and chatted to him in the store about KYB4M. He was then invited to promote it at his church. The result....a new group in W.A.

A major promotion effort during 2017 has been the production of an updated KYB4M brochure that has be included in all 11,000+ KYB Genesis study books for term 1 2018. Please pray that this

outreach may yield the fruit of new men and mixed groups being formed to study God's word.

As we reach the end of another year and as you celebrate God's gracious gift in the birth of his son, we pray for God's blessings to be poured out on your KYB4M groups and your families.

May the joy of the angels,

The eagerness of the shepherds,

The perseverance of the wise men,

The obedience of Mary and Joseph,

And the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.

Please feel free to contact me with your KYB4M joys, ideas and your concerns at rsknock@pcuq.org.au

Russell Knock



Price Increase

With effect from Term (T) 2/2018 due to an increase in costs, the following price applies for KYB study books:

T 2 & 3 2018 T 4 2018 Standard \$9.00 \$8.00 Large Print \$9.50 \$8.50

An update from the Distributor

Our eager anticipation to begin the Holy Spirit study was fully satisfied. Many groups commented on their amazement at the work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. The fact that the study encompassed the whole of the Bible was really appreciated and even challenging for some!

As a result, there were many readings involved in each study, which led to some groups taking longer than usual to complete with some spending two weeks on each, to get the full benefit, and continuing through to term 4 as well.

Our groups have suffered in many ways in the last six months. The severe flu in Winter saw some needing to close down for a couple of weeks or for a couple, even a month! Thankfully that is long gone! Medical treatments, maior operations, hospital visits and support for one another has also been a way of life for other members. And some continue to grieve the loss of group members and family; especially as we near our celebrations of Christmas.

Happiness has also been shared with me, as we have seen the birth of precious children and grandchildren....even twins! We have had overseas travel to visit family and family visiting back here. There have been age milestones celebrated and special wedding anniversaries. Congratulations to all! With interruptions to groups, and leaders affected, it has been great

that some have been well prepared with assistant leaders already trained! Others, are embarking on training an assistant in 2018. They have requested a second leader's guide, so the leader in training can begin by half sharing a session, etc. It is a great idea to be prepared, since in the past some groups have just had to close down due to the loss of their leader.

Finally, it has been a privilege to hear your stories, as I take your orders, and to welcome new groups into KYB4M. God has been very good to us and we have been amazed to learn more of His wonderful plan and provision of Salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord and Guidance, Comfort and Power through His Holy Spirit.

Christmas Blessings to you, your family and group.

Yvonne Geddes KYB4M Distributor

Our Greatest Need

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator; If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist; If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist; If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer; but our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Saviour.

Author Unknown

Expect the Un-expected

Expect the unexpected
It will come as a surprise
You can't earn this gift from heaven
It's been perfectly designed

Expect the unexpected
He will fashion something great
You may not think so at the time
Don't worrying about your fate

Expect the unexpected
The challenge will take you far
It might not be a quick journey
He's designed it, with you in mind

Expect the unexpected Don't worry about the details He knows the way ahead Relax, trust in Him, and wait

Expect the unexpected
The challenge may be great
Don't think about the future
Let the Lord have His Way

Expect the unexpected
Watch for the signs of change
Keep close to Him always
Be sure, He knows the way

Expect the unexpected When this journey is complete Expect the next one coming It will surely, be a great

Expect the unexpected Don't worry for yourself Trust He has you covered And hold on for the ride

Always expect the unexpected God keeps it interesting Let the Lord lead you daily Be ready for anything

Expect the unexpected
Hope comes freely now
Your filled with laughter all the time
Look heavenly, he's watching now

Expect the unexpected We learn hope, love and trust We are heirs of His Eternal Kingdom This world is not enough

Expect the unexpected
The universe is His domain
Always remember,
He came to die for us
Through His death,
His love brought us life.

Hazell Targett

Is Jesus Still a Baby?

A girl of ten years went with a group of family and friends to see the Christmas light displays at various locations throughout the city. At one church, they stopped and got out to look more closely at a beautifully done nativity scene. "Isn't that beautiful?" said the little girl's grandmother. "Look at all the animals, Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus." "Yes, Grandma," replied the granddaughter. "It is really nice. But there is only one thing that bothers me. Isn't baby Jesus ever going to grow up... he's the same size he was last year."

Author Unknown