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# THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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## Pearls of Wisdom from Martha



Martha Krohn wrote this on December 25, 2020. As you read, imagine her sitting across the table from you with a cup of coffee. Lean in and listen to what she has to say!

In the beginning: Have you ever thought of that phrase?? I seem to have considered it to an extreme!

First of all--beginning--we as humans consider words and we understand them as defined by Webster's dictionary--beginning/commence/start--but in Genesis 1:1 directly after that word comes the next, "God". So, we must consider Genesis 1:1 as the beginning of heaven and earth. Now, I want to explore the "beginning". When we think of a start-go-commence--it means different things to different people. To a runner it means get on your mark, get set, "begin"! To a carpenter it means get the lumber, nails, hammer, saw, blueprint and "begin". A tailor considers it to mean measure, mark, sew!

So, you see when we consider Genesis 1:1 we must look at the whole sentence. So God was ready to "begin"--now you Bible scholars know from reading the whole of Genesis 1 that God, in verse 26, says "Let us"--so as I considered that (not being a Greek scholar or even a college graduate) I thought about the "Us". So, this is Christmas and we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's Son. I think that He was there with His Dad and helping out. Now I have 3 sons and when they helped out, I usually had to step in and adjust the help, or their Dad did, one of us would fix it. So, as I consider the "Us" I can see Jesus forming the different species of animals, fish and birds to please the Father with no repair needed.

But when the Dad says let "Us" make man in "Our image" this takes on a whole new meaning of "beginning". Now if you let your mind wonder through "beginning", all the creation was made for this image bearer of "Us". Now remember we (humans) need the exact amount of oxygen in the air, we need light and dark, work and rest hydration, plant-based food to nourish our bodies--so many things our bodies need to stay healthy. The Creator of all this knew exactly what was needed for each thing created! So, as I see it in verse 27, man was created! Now before you think too highly of yourself, if you have ever read the whole story, you were a lump of dirt--UNTIL--God breathed into that lump His breath!

I am always fascinated to see in our world today the folks who consider themselves to be so very important and to be a gift to the world we live in! Hasn't anyone ever told them they are a lump of dirt--only breathing by the wonderful Creator who breathed into man that life giving breath! If humanity could just get a glimpse of the wonderfulness of the act of creation and humbly bow before the One whose breath gave us life, the eternal soul that that breath held, what a different world this would be.

I need to say here though--God knows His own--so we need to be in prayer for those who are His and trust Him--He knows the end from the beginning and all the in-between. It is like you are one of ten children and you were separated at a young age and your hearts desire is to reunite the ten siblings--you would pray and search your whole life to find them--that is our job on earth to live and pray and witness so those who are His can maybe come to Him through your witness! Scripture says in Luke 19:40 after the Pharisees cry out to Jesus to rebuke His disciples--"Jesus answered, I tell you if these become silent, the stones will cry out!" So--take heart believers--the Lord knows your heart from "Beginning" to the "end"!

Sunday School will begin **2/7/21** with something for all ages from nursery to adult.

All Sunday School classes will run after the morning worship from 10:30-11:30.

Sunday School				
Class	Age	Location	Studying	Snacks
Nursery	0-1 year olds	Baby Nursery		Each kids' class will have a snack in their own room.
Pre-School	2-5 year olds	Toddler Nursery	Natalie and Brenna will teach children about God's love for us.	
Elementary	Kindergarten-5 <sup>th</sup> grade	West Fellowship	Melody, Dana, and Sandi will teach about the life of Christ beginning in Matthew.	
Youth Group	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades	Loft	Bible study on 1 Peter.	Prepackaged snacks and coffee will be set up in the main kitchen to pick up and take to your class.
Homebuilders Plus	Adult	Gym	Teaching team of Whipples and Millers will lead <i>Pursuing Peace, how to handle conflicts biblically.</i>	
Sanctuary Class	Adult	Sanctuary	Teaching team of Chris and Don will teach <i>God and His Word, how to grow your love for God.</i>	

### Prayer Concerns:

McNabney family: Please continue to pray for the Bill and the family as they grieve the earthly loss of Linda.

Dennis Zahora: Dennis fell on the ice and broke his hip this week. Surgery Tuesday was a success. Pray for proper healing and his pain to subside. Pray for Pam also during this time, for peace of mind when she can't be with him as she would like.

Joie Grenner: Joie is the granddaughter of Bob & Carrie Fritz. We have been praying for Joie since the beginning of December. In going over Joie's tests, the doctor has discovered a mutation on her cancer cell. This is rare, the second case that this doctor has encountered. As of now, they are treating this with a pill along with her treatments and infusions. Joie is expected to be in the hospital for another 2-4 weeks. Pray for her and the entire family, for God's grace & provision.

Caleb Leman, son of Mike & Tina, has been diagnosed with MS. Pray wisdom as the doctors determine next steps. Pray for his wife Kayla and the family as they face this trial together.

Brad Garling: Continue in your prayers for Brad as he goes through his treatments. Pray for God to guard his mind during this time and to strengthen his body.

Pray for the Hershman's! Hazel has a broken wrist and Jason has sustained some internal injuries from a 4-wheeler accident. Pray for healing for both of them and for Maggie as she cares for her family.

Dre Kessler, the young boy that had surgeries last week to remove a tumor, is home and doing great! The family appreciates all the prayers!

### COLLEGE CARE BOXES

Mark your calendars! We will be packing college care boxes on **Sunday, February 7** after the Sunday School hour. Not sure what to pack? Here is a short list of items they might enjoy: microwave popcorn, ramen noodles, granola bars, fruit snacks, gum, Chapstick, hot chocolate, or even a gift card!  
We have 15 boxes that need packed this year.

As you are making those cookies or making your purchases, please pray for them by name: Jenny Budd, Becki Fox, Emily Field, Dustin Dahn, Kayla Gagnon, Audrey Wuethrich, Eddie Dugan, Luisa Dugan, Noah Perez, Brenna McKay, Camille Wuethrich, Kyle Smith, Sammy DePoy, Ryan Lynch and Sydney Anderson.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Today, Wednesday February 3—Simple Supper @ 5:30 pm; Family Night classes @ 6:00 pm**
- **Saturday, February 6—Elders meeting @ 7:00 am**
- **Saturday, February 6—Ladies Bible Study @ 9:00 am**
- **Sunday, February 7—Worship @ 9:15 am, Sunday School begins again!**