

## Clark Fork Seventh-day Adventist Church

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### For Today: Gopher Wood

Scientific facts can sometimes yield surprising biblical insight. For example, lignins make hardwood trees hard. They are a complex group of organic compounds found in the cell walls of plants that give structural rigidity to the plants' overall growth. One type of plant lignin contains sulphur, while the other is sulphur-free. It's the sulphur-bearing lignins that form the fundamental structural basis of all hardwood trees used for lumber products.

This botanical fact casts an interesting theological light on Genesis 6:14, where God instructs Noah to build a large ship. The Ark allowed Noah, his family, and representatives of the animal kingdom to survive the Flood and repopulate the earth. Specifically, Noah is commanded, "Make yourself an ark of gopher wood."

Much confusion has been connected to the term "gopher wood." No one seems to know exactly what the Hebrew word really means, and this is the only place in the Bible where it's used. Digging deeper into the Hebrew, gôpher is actually a root of the word gophrîth, which is translated seven times in the Old Testament as "brimstone" in the context of God's fiery judgment on human wickedness.

In the New Testament Greek equivalent, it's used exactly seven times within the context of God's judgment on wickedness—a remarkable mathematical coincidence. The number seven represents completion, perfection, and veracity, as noted in the seven-day creation week and in Psalm 12:6.



Even more intriguing is that the biblical use of the Greek word theion is essentially the same as the similar word theío, which means sulphur and can be used interchangeably with the word "brimstone." When we put these original biblical terms into the context of the organic compounds that form the structural basis of trees and industrial applications of lumber, the coincidence is remarkable. God is speaking a scientific truth to Noah in telling him to use a form of plant material with sulphur-bearing lignin.

Read more at <https://www.icr.org/article/scientific-biblical-truth-converge-gopher-wood/>.

Even the scientific reality of biblical truth has much to reveal not only about the veracity of God's Word but about the omnipotence and eternal genius of our mighty Creator and Redeemer. Every detail of the Ark's construction shows His care, love, and redemptive purposes.



# HAPPY SABBATH!



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Sabbath, September 19, 2020



## Sabbath Worship

### *Rejoicing in God's Presence, 9:30 a.m.*

Welcome Wally Remitz  
*Adults Sabbath School, Sanctuary, 9:50–10:40 a.m.* James Hunt

Hymn of the Month, "Crowning Jewel of Creation" Hymn 385  
*Welcome and Announcements, 10:45 a.m.* Wally Remitz

### *God's Family in Worship, 11 a.m.*

Preparing our hearts for worship. Leaders and congregation kneel in prayer.

Opening Hymn, "Hold Fast Till I Come" Hymn 600

Responsive Reading: 815, Watchfulness (back of hymnal)

Prayer and Praise

Congregation Hymn *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Call for Morning Offering Local Church Budget

Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 694

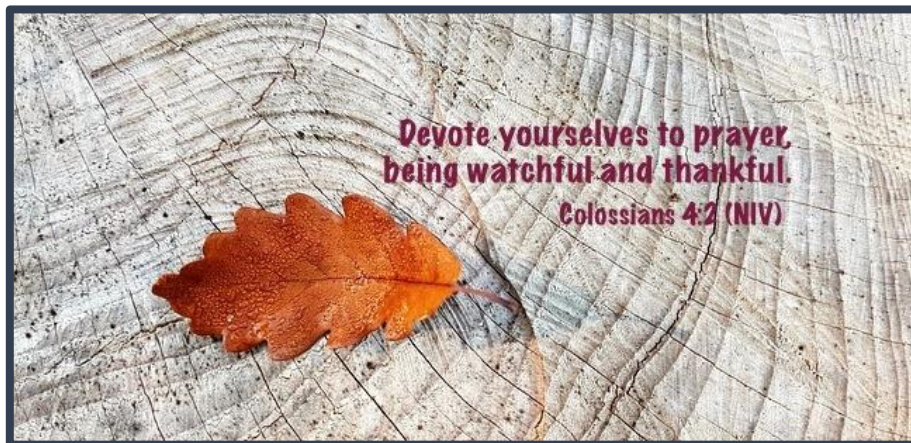
Children's Story Pastor Denny Evans

Special Music Manfred and Sheri Bauer

Sermon: **Except You Be Converted** Pastor Denny Evans

Hymn, "Not I but Christ" Hymn 570

Benediction



## Welcome

We are glad that you came to worship Jesus with us today! Our prayer is that through Bible study, prayer, and song, you will experience God's presence and blessing.

**Upcoming Speakers:** Sabbath, September 26, Pastor Jason Worf  
October 3, Wally Remitz; October 10, Olaf Betat; October 17, Denny Evans

## Announcements

**Second Reading: James Hunt from Arizona to Clark Fork SDA Church**

**First Reading of the list of those to serve from the Nominating Committee, distributed today. Meeting planned this week to hear any concerns prior to the second reading next Sabbath.**

**Church Board Meeting from 2 p.m. Sunday, September 26.** All welcome.

**Prayer Meeting:** Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall. The group is studying Ephesians.

**Need a Prayer?** Prayer Requests: Call Janet Remitz at 406-847-5526.

**Northwest Fires—Special Offering Collections** today and next Sabbath for the devastating wildfires. These funds will be used within the UCC area.

**FORGED, a Weekend for Men Who Don't Go to Retreats:** September 25–27, Camp MiVoden. An adventure requiring bravery, courage, and grit. Info and registration at <https://www.summitnorthwest.org>.

**ABC Express** will be making a delivery to the Sandpoint School from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 27. Call 800-286-0161 or e-mail your order to [abc@uccsda.org](mailto:abc@uccsda.org).

**Area Adventist Earliteen and Youth:** Meet at Round Lake State Park at 3 p.m. on Sabbath, October 3 for fellowship, hiking, Bible trivia, food, and vespers with speaker Gordon McGhee. Bring finger food to share. Families welcome!

**Amazing Prophecies of the Bible Series:** Sandpoint Adventist Church hosting from Friday, October 9 through Sunday, October 31 at 7 p.m.

**Amazing Facts "Revelation Now" is coming from October 23 to Clark Fork SDA Church.** We encourage you to invite friends and relatives. We will be making a survey, meeting people, and hope to make new friends in Clark Fork from this Sabbath afternoon. See James Hunt for details.

**UCC Fall Women's Retreat,** Sabbath, October 24: Keynote speaker Kara Johnsson will talk about "The Table." Also, dietitian Janne Ekvall and her daughters will discuss "God's Gifts to Optimize Your Immunity."

*Clark Fork, sunset tonight: 6:46 p.m.; next Friday night: 6:33 p.m.*