

Clark Fork Seventh-day Adventist Church

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For Today: The Butterfly Effect

Is it possible that the small things I do can make a difference all over the world and into the future? In the 1960s, while meteorologist Edward Lorenz was studying weather patterns, he noticed that even the smallest variation in the wind's velocity and trajectory would, over time, severely affect a weather system. Since weather systems travel, it could be said that the flap of a butterfly's wing could affect the weather thousands of miles away. The altering of individual weather patterns affects the climate in general, which, in turn, affects bird migration patterns, which, in turn, affect plant pollination and ultimately, the life cycle of our planet's ecosystem.



How can something so small, doing what comes naturally, affect my world a thousand or even only a hundred years later? How can we even tell that it has? When dominos are spaced just far enough from one another, and angled perfectly in relation to one another, we can knock the first one down and see each reaction in the chain. The Butterfly Effect happens on a much less tangible scale, over many years. We can see a butterfly, or we can see a flower bloom. We don't know it wasn't originally meant to bloom at that time, because we didn't write the rule book, and we can't point to dominoes and say, "See, that's how it happened," but according to The Butterfly Effect, it did happen.

Philosopher Peter Kreeft writes about this connection we have to others: "Gravity is universal. Every particle of matter in the universe 'loves' and gravitationally affects every other particle of matter in the universe, and we can calculate exactly how much if we only know their mass and distance. How much more must there be a universal physical gravity. When you say a loving word to your family, some martyr 3,000 miles and 300 hundred years away may receive enough grace to endure his trials because of you. And if instead you sin one more time today, that martyr may weaken, compromise, and be broken. If there is a universal spiritual gravity, if we all help or harm each other, some one straw must break the camel's back, one vote that decides the election. Everything matters."

By changing how we care for and love one another, can we prevent further damage to the family God entrusted to us? When I think my life is tough, the butterfly reminds me of consequences to inactions as well as to actions. We don't mind if a butterfly lands on our nose. It doesn't bite, and its wings are pretty. But it lands in the same filth-ridden mud puddle that mosquitoes and stink bugs and all sorts of nasty things land in. And if you look closely, beneath its wings, it still has bug eyes and legs. It is easy to see only what I want to see and ignore the bug on the end of my nose.



Prepare the Way of the Lord

Matthew 3:1-12

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Sabbath, October 9, 2021



Sabbath Worship

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

Adults Sabbath School, Sanctuary, 9:50–10:35 a.m.

Wally Remitz

God's Family in Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Hymn of the Month, "Jesus, What A Friend for Sinners" Hymn 187

Welcome and Announcements, 10:45 a.m. Platform host, Wally Remitz

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

Opening Hymn, "He Lives" Hymn 251

Scripture: Revelation 16:8-11 (see below)

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: Walla Walla University

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

Children's Story Levi Kack

Special Music The Kack Family

Sermon **Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord** Pastor Donavon Kack

Closing Hymn, "Jesus, I Come" Hymn 292

Benediction

Welcome

We are glad that you came to worship Jesus with us today! Our prayer is that you will experience God's presence and blessing. Please join us for potluck in the Fellowship Hall, following our service. Vegetarian/vegan contributions preferred.

Upcoming Speakers: October 16, Wally Remitz
October 23, Pastor Jason Worf; COMMUNION
October 30, Denny Evans

Announcements

Church Board Meeting, 9 a.m., Sunday, October 10: Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

Bible Study has resumed, at 3 p.m. on Wednesdays: the group is studying the Book of Romans. Talk to James Hunt for the details.

Health Summit featuring Barbara O'Neill at Sandpoint SDA Church on October 11–16, from 6 to 8 p.m. Free meal daily at 5 p.m.

Bonnors Ferry Citrus Fundraiser: Navel oranges, grapefruit, and clementines will be delivered to Cornerstone Christian School the second week of December! Students are taking orders or order online before Nov 14. Combination cases available. <https://farmfreshfundraising.rallyup.com/cornerstonechristianschool>

Destined for Joy: Women's virtual retreat on Sabbath, October 23. Keynote Speaker is Carla Gober Park, with guest musician Natalia Nesteruk. Free event, but registration is required, at www.uccsda.org/womensretreat.

Fall ABC Bookmobile at Sandpoint School, Oct 25, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Prayeradigm Shift Retreat, Camp MiVoden, October 29-31: Pavel Goia will be leading a powerful prayer retreat, as the keynote speaker. More information online at www.PrayeradigmShift.org.

International Food Fair and Pie Auction, Sunday, October 31: Cornerstone Christian School is hosting. Bring a pie to donate, or plan to take one home from the auction! If you have a favorite ethnic food you'd like to share, contact Joelle Worf at 530-788-5497.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request, no matter how small, please call Janet Remitz at 406-847-5526.

Clark Fork, sunset tonight: 6:08 p.m.; next Friday night: 5:57 p.m.

(Rev 16:8-11) And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.



Yet what we
suffer now is
nothing compared
to the **glory**
he will reveal
to us later.

-Romans 8:18

