



FIRST Church Of Christ

September 2026 NEWSLETTER

In Genesis 1:1 the Bible says God created the heavens and the earth.

The main argument against that verse is evolution. Small changes over a long enough period of time brings us to the complex life we see today.

The following is a same of Michael Behe's argument against evolution bringing us to the complexity we see today.

"So far we have examined the question of irreducible complexity as a challenge to step-by-step evolution. But there is another difficulty for Darwin. My previous list of factors that render a mousetrap irreducibly complex was actually much



too generous, because almost any device with the five components of a standard mousetrap will nonetheless fail to function. If the base were made out of paper, for example, the trap would fall apart. If the hammer were too heavy, it would break the spring. If the spring were too loose, it would not move the ham-

mer. If the holding bar were too short, it would not reach the catch. If the catch were too large, it would not release at the proper time. A simple list of components of a mousetrap is necessary, but not sufficient, to make a functioning mousetrap."

"In order to be a candidate for natural selection a system must have minimal function: the ability to accomplish a task in physically realistic circumstances. A mousetrap made of unsuitable materials would not meet the criterion of minimal function, but even complex machines that do what they are supposed to do, may not be of much use. To illustrate, suppose that the world's first outboard motor had been designed and was being marketed. The motor functioned smoothly—burning gasoline at a controlled rate, transmitting the force along an axle, and turning the propeller—but the propeller rotated at only one revolution per hour. This is an impressive technological feat; after all, burning gasoline in a can next to a propeller doesn't turn at all. Nonetheless, few people would purchase such a machine, because it fails to perform at a level suitable for its purpose."



"Performance can be unsuitable for either of two reasons. The first reason is that the machine "does not get the job



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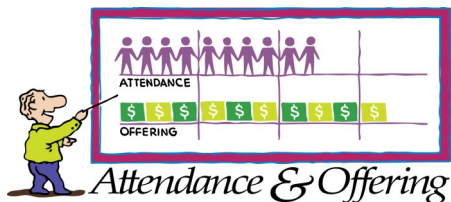
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August 2

Attendance 38/73
Offering \$2,415.45

August 9

Attendance 49/91
Offering \$11,009.44

August 16

Attendance 42/91
Offering \$8,437.00

August 23

Attendance 50/73
Offering \$2,615.42

Needed for Budget:

\$5,099.21



Ephesians 4:2—Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

September Servers

Deaconesses:

Teresa Gambler & Brienne Hetrick

Elder Schedule:

6—Doug Haase
13—Seth Ramey
20—Mark Rhodes
27—Larry Snively

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Nursery:

6—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—Janet McCarthy & Deb Rhodes
13—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER
20—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER
27—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER

Greeters

1st—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—Sue McElfresh

I go to church...

Not because a sermon is preached, though it can be helpful;
Not because good music is provided, though I obtain much benefit from the musical part of the service;

Not because other people go, though following the crowd is all right when the crowd is going in the right way;

Not because I have the habit, though I consider the custom of church attendance valuable;

Not because I am afraid God will punish me if I am absent, though neglect of church attendance brings moral and spiritual poverty;
Not because at church I wear my best clothes, though, like most people, I enjoy being well-dressed.

Not because there I am in the best society, though the company of Christian people is very attractive to me;

Not because I agree with all the religious ideas and lifestyles of everyone who goes. I don't; it's impossible.

I go because Jesus went even when He could not agree with the scribes and Pharisees, nor the congregation.

I go because God is my Creator and friend, the source of all that is worthwhile in my life and in my world.

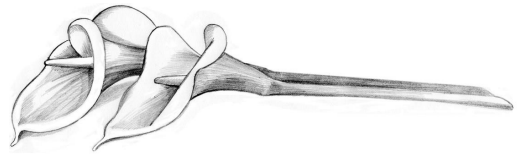




2 Gene Johns, Matt Nixon
3 Sharon Beerbower, Mick McElfresh
4 Terence Clingaman
5 Alec Blinzler
7 Carter Dominique, Emily Hetrick
9 Drew Grimm
11 Gil Cramer
12 Sabrina McCoy
**13 Charlotte Brandt, Nathan Knep-
per**
14 Charlie Clingaman
19 Jordana Boselli
**20 Evelyn Murphy, Claire Clingaman,
Lillian Rios**
28 Reagan Wonderly
**30 Evelyn Deetz, Brigitte McKelvey-
Kusmaul**



7 Gil & Carole Cramer (58)
**15 Todd & Teresa Gambler (36), Mick
& Sue McElfresh (14)**
**24 Eric & Angie Murphy (32), Drew &
Ashley Grimm (4)**



SYMPATHY

The church family mourns with Barb Thomas and family on the recent passing of Barb's mother, Ruth Thomas.

Love All

Our Service Personnel: Zachary Perkins (IN), Jordan Thornburg (NE), Katie Sparks (PA). **Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Tim Bight, Brent, Mark & Carrie Campo, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Tara Garcia, Carrie H, Brienne Hetrick, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Tim McKown, Lora Manon, Chloe Merrilet, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Denny Phillips, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Stu Short, Annette Snavelly, Holly Sprow, Kortney Subasic, Deb Taylor, Amy Tobin, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Amy Williams; **Other Concerns:** Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Tow-ers, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Nehemiah Haase, Randy Fisher, Jason Gregg, Martha Hardy, Ellen Walker, Ronnie Pinckley, Tommy Morr, Pat Northcut, Nikki Taylor, Shawn Gam-bler, Kerry Phillips, Tootie Bowman, Maverick Fields, Greg Rhodes, Garry Oberlin, Mary Pinckley, Mer-rick House, Beth Alexander, Bob Lloyd, Linda Grine, Shawn Gambler, Jeff Glore, John Buskirk, Trisha Hug, Jose Rios; **Shut Ins:** **Fountain Park:** Chuck & Madelon Salsbury; **Hillside:** Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Charlene Dean, Linda Lewis, Norma Lorentz, Garry Ober-
lin, Leona Puff, Nola Girardot.

PRAYER
list...

Upcoming EVENTS

Craft Group
9/1/2026
10:00 am

Senior Seekers
9/14, 21, 28
9:30 AM
"John"

Wednesday Night Activities
9/23/2026
5:45 Supper
6:15 Club 226

Ladies Bible Study
9/23/2026
"Unbreakable Courage" by Max Lucado

Lunch Bunch
9/22/2026
11:45 AM @ Rita's, Edgerton



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SENIORS MINISTRY

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 9/22 at 11:45 AM at Rita's, Edgerton. Please meet there.

done." A couple fishing in the middle of a lake in a boat with a slow-turning propeller would not get to the dock: random currents of the water and wind would knock their boat off course. The second reason that performance might be unsuitable is if it is less efficient than can be achieved with simpler means. No one would use an inefficient, outboard motor if they could do just as well or better with a sail."

"Unlike irreducible complexity (where we can enumerate discrete parts), minimal function is sometimes hard to define. If one revolution per hour is insufficient for an outboard motor, how about a hundred? Or a thousand? Nonetheless, minimal function is critical in the evolution of biological structures. For example, what is the minimum amount of hydroquinone that a predator can taste? How much of a rise in the temperature of the solution will it notice? If the predator didn't notice a tiny bit of hydroquinone or a small change in temperature, then our Dawkins-esque tale of the bombardier beetle's evolution can be filled alongside the story of the cow jumping over the moon. Irreducibly complex systems are nasty roadblocks for Darwinian evolution, the need for minimal function greatly exacerbates the dilemma."

Excerpt from Michael J. Behe. "Darwin's Black Box." Apple books. <https://books.apple.com/us/book/darwins-black-box/id381463053>

The design one sees in life is almost absurdly complex, but not for an all knowing God who can speak it into existence.

Destined to Win, Larry



SEPTEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 Craft Group	2	3	4	5
6 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	7 	8	9	10	11 	12
13 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	14 9:30 Senior Seekers	15	16	17	18	19
20 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	21 9:30 Senior Seekers	22 11:45 Lunch Bunch	23 5:45 Supper 6:15 Club 226 6:15 Ladies Bible Study 	24	25	26
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