

**Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:**

Joni McConnell is undergoing rehab after her fall at the Grand Valley Rehab Center, Room 109.

Connie Davis continues to recover from her hip replacement surgery.

Iris Hash is staying with her daughter, recovering from her hip replacement surgery.

Virginia McKinney is having issues with her hip and will have tests performed.

Floyd Coley had another radiofrequency treatment to burn some nerve endings on the other side of his back last Monday and is doing some better.

Delores Hendrickson is still struggling with a bad cough.

Sean Mathews continues to struggle with GI issues and is now on a special diet.

Shirley Cook's brother, Richard Pflaum, has been diagnosed with lupus.

Mike Parnell's sister-in-law, Ethel Parnell, is suffering from dementia.

Jesse Riddle is now off hospice care but is often able to attend Sunday AM service.

Shirley Cook's son David had a heart catheterization on August 20<sup>th</sup> and the test showed no blockage of his coronary arteries.

Linda Jones fell at home and has cracked ribs but is doing well.

Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling terminal cancer.

Karen Sproles is still dealing with pain in her knee.

**Pray For Our Shut-Ins:**

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, John & Terry Richardson

**Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:**

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See latest mission reports on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium.

**Benevolence Opportunity:**

For the month of August, we are asked to bring in pasta (e.g. spaghetti noodles, elbow macaroni, etc.) red spaghetti sauce and white alfredo sauce. These items will be donated to the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville food pantry.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, following the AM services. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will conclude our gospel meeting.

**2024 Fall Gospel Meeting:**

A fall gospel meeting will be held September 6-8 with brother Tom House of the Plainview Church of Christ in Fulton, MS.

**Annual Fish Fry:**

We will be having our annual church fish fry on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

**Radio Program:**

Please remember to tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM to WCBK 102.3 FM to hear our radio program which is entitled: "Preparing For Eternity".

**God's Plan For Our Salvation**

Hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).

Believing what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).

Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).

Confession (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).

Baptism (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).

Faithful Christian Living, after the above five steps (I Peter 2:11, 12; Rev. 2:10).

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***MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST***

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Martinsville, IN 46151  
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**Schedule of Services:**

**Sunday**

Bible Study – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Evening Service - 6:00

**Wednesday**

Bible Study – 6:00 PM

**Thursday**

Ladies' Bible Study – 11:00 AM (March through October)

**Radio Program:**

"Preparing For Eternity"

Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

**Website:**

[www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## “IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY”

Jon Williams

The principle of “irreducible complexity” provides a death blow to the so-called theory of organic evolution. But what is irreducible complexity? Simply stated, irreducible complexity means that the complexity of a functional system cannot be reduced without destroying the system itself.

The common mousetrap, though simple in design, is an example for it has a degree of complexity. It is made up of a platform, a spring, a hammer, a holding bar and a catch, all of which must function properly in order for the mousetrap to work. If any of its parts are removed or rendered incomplete the mousetrap is useless. Hence, every part must be in place and fully functional. The complexity of the mousetrap cannot be reduced without defeating its purpose.

Throughout the living world animals and plants contain an innumerable number of complex systems. As with the mousetrap, in order for these systems to function, every part of them must be complete.

Consider the system of sight in man. Human sight is made up of the eyeball (containing the cornea, the lens, and the retina), the optic nerve, the midbrain junction, nerve fibers and the occipital lobe. With all these parts working together man is provided with the remarkable ability to see. However, if even one of these parts is removed or rendered incomplete there can be no sight. Every part must be in place and fully functional. The complexity of the system of sight cannot be reduced without disabling its purpose — *irreducible complexity!*

However, this is the very thing that evolution requires —reducible complexity! Looking at evolution in reverse, it

presumes that if the system of sight evolved, at some point in the past, the parts of this system must have been reduced and, hence, less complex —meaning the system itself would be useless. There is no escaping this conclusion!

And remember, the principle of irreducible complexity applies to all of man’s organs —the brain, the heart, the lungs and so on. None of these systems could function if their complexity was reduced —but this is what evolution says should have been the case.

And then, when applying this principle to the entire organic world, the problem for evolution is multiplied many trillions of times over.

**There never could have been a time when any of the complex systems of the living world were less complex? Hence, evolution could never have happened. It is just that simple!**

On several occasions I have challenged evolutionists with this argument. In every instance, they had never heard of it and were at loss to give a response.

The sad truth is that evolutionists must face the fact that evolution and the principle of “irreducible complexity” are mutually exclusive. End of story!