

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM  
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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## *The Correspondent*

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### The Fool Says...

-Renn Ferguson

“The fool says in his heart, ‘There is not God.’” Psalm 14:1, ESV

A topic that has been of personal interest to me is science, evolution, and evidence for God’s existence. While most scientist are atheistic or agnostic there appears to be many who believe in an intelligent designer. In fact, there is an organization called Discovery Institute. Many scientists from various fields are a part of this institution which argues for intelligent design. What would prompt all these men and women to go against the grain and proclaim there is a God? The evidence.

One piece of evidence is the incredible complexity that exists not only in our universe, or planet but in our very bodies. Specifically, our cells. Our cells contain DNA. DNA is an incredibly complex string of information. The closest thing we could really relate to is the coding of a computer. Computer code consists of a series of ones and zeros to create various computer programs and software, yet our DNA is vastly more complex. In fact Bill Gates said, “DNA is like a computer program, but far, far more advanced than any software ever created.”

What does DNA do? Just about everything. Let’s look at one example. DNA is responsible for when your teeth grow. Not just the fact that our teeth grow but specifically *when* they grow. When we are infants our DNA turns on a code to begin growing our baby teeth. When those teeth come in it turns the code off. Then, when we are a bit older, it turns another code on to tell our adult teeth to grow. When those are done growing, it turns the code off permanently.

To give another example of how incredible our DNA is let’s look at its storage capacity. It has been discovered that a single gram of DNA can store 455 exabytes worth of information. What does that mean? Well to make it a little more relatable that is about the equivalent of 1 billion gigabytes of data. The laptop that I am using to write this article can hold 500 gigabytes. A single gram of DNA can store about 2 million times the amount of information than my computer. *Continues on page 2*

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Get  
ready.  
Make  
Plans.

### Vacation Bible School

June 9 to 11  
6:30 PM to  
8:30 PM



*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8*

## The Law of Jesus

- His Death- Matthew 5:17-18, Romans 10:4, Hebrews 9:15-18, Ephesians 2:14-16
- Pentecost- Isaiah 2:1-5, Luke 24:46-47, John 14:26-27, Acts 1:8, 2:38
- Freed from the Old Law- Romans 7:1-6, Galatians 3:23-26, Matthew 11:28-30
- Freed from Sin- Hebrews 10:1-4, 8:6-13, Ephesians 1:7
- Higher Standard- Colossians 3:5-17, Matthew 5-7

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This is just one of many examples of the complexity of this universe and our existence. For these reasons many people, scientists, and mathematicians have been forced to the conclusion that the only reasonable explanation of our existence is God. So why do so many continue to deny His existence? We will look at that in the next article.

## Worship Service

### Announcements

Song: 298 I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord

Song: 345 It Is Well with My Soul (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

### Prayer

Song: 452 Night with Ebon Pinion

### Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 315 I'll Live in Glory

Song: 312 I'll Be a Friend to Jesus (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 350 Jesus, Hold My Hand

**Scripture Reading:** Hebrews 9:15-17

### Sermon

Song: 368 Jesus Paid it All

Song: 244 Hold to God's Unchanging Hand (Vs. 1, 4)

### Prayer

## Hebrews 9:15-17

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A	Y	U	S	S	E	T	E	F	O	R	C	E	I
Y	R	A	N	I	M	S	A	S	N	P	E	A	T
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SINCE  
MAY  
DEAD  
AFTER  
ETERNAL  
REASON  
TESTATOR  
FORCE  
TESTAMENT  
MEDIATOR  
NEW  
CALLED  
MEANS  
REDEMPTION  
POWER  
THOSE  
NECESSITY  
DEATH  
COVENANT  
PROMISE  
RECEIVE  
UNDER  
LIVES  
FIRST

- <sup>15</sup> And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
- <sup>16</sup> For where there *is* a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.
- <sup>17</sup> For a testament *is* in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

### Why Worship?

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23*