

Matthew 13:57, **“And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his home town, and in his own household.’”** Think about how Jesus wanted to gather Jerusalem but they were unwilling. Christ understands suffering. The death of Lazarus was not a photo op to show His power. Why did Jesus cry? Was it for the unbelievers? Maybe, He knew they would suffer. Was it for those who rejected Him and made fun of Him? Maybe, He knew they would suffer. Was it for Mary and Martha? Maybe, He knew they were suffering. Was it for Lazarus? Maybe, he was being brought back. Was it for Himself? Maybe, He was after all human. Beyond the suffering of death, He understood the suffering of pain, rejection, thirst and more as He hung on the cross.

Since Christ understands us, how do others see God in us? We must show our understanding to those around us. Often, we do not do this. We show our impatience, our wrath, our vengeance, or our lack of concern. I think we must first come to an understanding set forth in Romans 12:4–5, **“For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”** We are in this together. I you hurt, I hurt. If you rejoice, I rejoice. I also believe we need to look at what Jesus said about being hungry, thirsty, naked, stranger, and in prison. There are many hungering and thirsting for the Truth. They are not covered by the blood of Christ. Some have never heard the Good News. Many are imprisoned by their sins. We must be the hands, feet, and mouth of God showing and sharing His love, grace, and mercy. How can we do this? Paul says in 2 Corinthians 1:4, **“... so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”** Do others see God in you?

**Ephesians 4:13**  
**until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.**

**Assembly Opportunities:**

<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
Bible School	9:30 am	Bible Study	7:00 pm
AM Worship	10:30 am		
PM Worship	6:00 pm		



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**P**aul says in Philippians 2:7, **“but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.”** Now man is made in the likes of God and Christ comes in the likeness of man, what has changed about Him? Two things I believed changed; He became fleshly and He had free will. Christ had the choice

to do evil. God cannot do evil, but the Christ the man had a choice. Notice though what the Hebrew writer says in Hebrews 4:15, **“For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.”** Jesus chose to be completely obedient to God. Now look back at Hebrews 2:18, **“For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.”** Christ understands me because He has been through the same things. I know what some of thinking. “He can’t understand because everyone handles things differently.” Let me give you an example. Let’s say your mother dies and I come to you and say, “I know what you’re going thru.” You think to yourself, “How can he know? His mother is still alive.” I know, because I have experienced the death of a loved one. I may not “know” every single feeling you have, but I understand the pain that comes with losing a loved one. When my grandfather died it was painful. When my grandmother died it was painful. When my son died it was painful. All three were different, but painful. Christ came to earth and lived as we live, He understands.

**C**hrist understands family fights. No doubt there were some “disagreements” in Mary and Joseph’s household. John even tells us in John 7:5, **“For not even His brothers were believing in Him.”** Jesus understand rejection. When Jesus went back to His hometown to share the Good News and miraculous powers, they wanted to know how He got it. Look at what happened in



## OUR PAST

Daily Readers: 12  
Asked for Bible Study: 0  
Cards sent: 0

### SERVING FEBRUARY 9

Announcements: Phil Cantley  
Song Leader: Bob Rhodes  
Opening Prayer: Doyle Colbert  
Lead Communion: Butch Dockery  
Serve: Phil Cantley  
Serve: Harrison Scott  
Closing Prayer: Clint Gillespie

## UPCOMING

Feb 16 Winterfest  
Feb 16 Fellowship  
Feb 23 Area Wide Singing  
May Jim Harrington  
Aug 1 Ruben's Wedding  
Sep 7 Fish Fry

### Wrong Number

 Lloyd's cell phone has been listed incorrectly.  
Correct number is:  
**828-699-4397**

**Announcements:** Phil Cantley

**Song Leader:** James Cochran

Song **552 Rejoice in the Lord**

Song **663 There Is Sunshine in My Soul**

**Opening Prayer:** Scott Casey

Song **359 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

**Communion Lead:** Doyle Colbert

**Serve:** Clint Gillespie & Micah Casey

Song **442 My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

Sermon: **Christ Understands me**

Song **418 Lord, I Care Not for Riches**

**Closing Prayer:** Ed Board

## BIRTHDAY

None in February

## ANNIVERSARY

Ed & Nancy Feb 14

## SERMONS

Feb 9 Unconditional Acceptance

Feb 16 Lloyd Cain

Feb 23 Sacrificial Love

## Ladies Bible Study

Feb 4 @ 10 am

Men's Meeting Feb 4 @ 6pm

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**256-566-4927**



## PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

### Prayers:

- † Family of Mike Martin, who passed away this week.
- † RJ Silvers, CJ's grandfather, fell and broke his hip.
- † Rachel Burch, Angel's cousin, heart problems.
- † Mattie Cayce
- † Carlyn Board, the Board's granddaughter, having heart problems.
- † Pushpa Phillips, Monya's friend/employer, pregnancy issues.
- † Lee Adams, friend of the Rhodes, surgery recovery.
- † Richard Bourgeois, Lexi's (Rhodes granddaughter) uncle.
- † Rick Austin, friend of Roh's (friends of several members) health issues.
- † Cody & Terra.
- † Mary Adkins, friend of the Boards
- † Whitney, Casey's daughter, going through difficult times.
- † Richie, April's son, who is having problems.

### Expecting:

Evie Silvers

Heather West

### Illness:

Melissa Larimore, friend of Gillespies, surgery recovery.

Rusty Meeks, friend of Rhodes, health issues.

Kevin Morris, Phil's nephew, massive congestive heart failure.

Kelsey Phillips.

Jim & Nancy Harrington, as they continue on their difficult journey.

David Green, friend of Colberts.

Danny McCullers, Sheila's brother, RA & COPD.

Rick Short, Rhodes, problems from back surgery.

### Home bound:

Bud Braun

Dolly Cabe, friend of the Rhodes.

### Nursing Home:

Martha Brewer, former member

### Military:

George Seibert

### Cancer:

Mel Thrasher, friend of the Colberts

Charlotte Ball, friend of the Silvers

Scherry Carr, aunt of Monya's friend

Patti Greene, friend of the Colberts

Barbara Pries, Joan's sister

Sherry Rogers, teacher at school

### Mission Work:

- Rock Bottom Recovery
- Central Florida Bible Camp