



## Daily Bible Reading

The Eastern Orthodox Church has a tradition of a “prayer rope.” Similar to the more familiar rosary of the

Catholic Church, a prayer rope is a series of knots tied into a rope to help someone keep track of how many times he or she has prayed the “Jesus Prayer”: “Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

Adherents to Eastern Orthodoxy are encouraged to pray the Jesus Prayer at all times, following Paul’s teaching to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). The idea is that if one consciously prays this prayer enough, it will eventually become a continual prayer offered by a person in their heart, whether they realize it or not.

Theoretically, one would find oneself praying the Jesus Prayer without having made the conscious decision to do so, making this an unceasing prayer.

While I disagree with the notion of praying the same prayer over and over and over again, there is some truth to the practice. We get songs stuck in our heads all the time. Sometimes we only have to hear a song one time; at other times, we listen to a song (or a song is played so much) that we can’t help but hear the tune or the words in our heads.



God’s word should be something that “gets stuck” in our heads. By immersing ourselves in the Scriptures on a (cont. on back page) daily basis, we can make God’s word something that we always

think about. There are many ways to read the Bible daily: one can choose favorite (or random) passages; one can try to read the Bible in a year; one can read so many chapters each day, or spend so many minutes reading, etc.

While this may sound like a large amount of reading each day, consider a couple of things.

- Most audio Bibles run about 72 hours in length. Seventy-two hours over a period of 365 days is only about 19 minutes per day on average.
- Many people will devote this much time (if not more) to reading their favorite novel, magazine or newspaper. Is God’s word not deserving of at least an equal amount of time?

Serving God requires commitment. If devoting half an hour to an hour of your day to studying God’s word is “too much of an imposition,” what does that say about your commitment?

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### Schedule of Services

#### **Sunday**

Bible Study 10:00am

Worship 10:50am

Worship 6:30pm

#### **Wednesday**

Bible Study 7:00pm

#### Elders

Tim Hayes (417) 776-8300

John King (417) 776-8381

Darry Sandtorf (417) 776-8334

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#### Deacons

Will King (417) 776-3762

Allen Pendergraft (417) 658-6300

Max Roark (417) 776-3849

Glen Schmidt (918) 257-2599

Mark Vaughn (918) 666-1193

Denny Wilson (417) 776-3013

*Welcome*  
*January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009*



# Barnabas Page

## Special Prayer Needs

**Kline Family**--at the passing of Maxanne's father, Max Morgan in Shawnee, OK.

**Kayla Hayes & Family** --at the passing of her grandfather, Raymond White

**Bill Steele**—pleurisy

**Randy Lindsey**—back problems

**Darry Sandtorf**—home

**Jim Linebarger**—wrist surgery recovery

**Harry Cope**—Freeman East

**Carolyn Pendergraft**—health problems

**Bev Surridge**—cancer

**Wilma Gilmore**—Nadine Keith's sister, cancer

**Letha Tucker**—Gid Hilburn's sister

**Earl Anderson**—cancer treatments

**Jeff Bennett**—Cecil & Shirley Cox son-in-law, cancer

**Ray Crabtree**—health problems

**Judy Orton**—Marie and Shirley's niece, health

**Betty Revel** – battling cancer

## Military Service

Beaufort, SC: Joey Clanton & family

Fort Hood, TX: Quinton Golden & family

## Our Missionaries/Ministries

SEARCH Program, channel 7

Mexico—Dony Rodriguez

Honduras— Bible Institute of Honduras

Honduras—Amber Foster, missionary

Neosho Christian School

## Our shut-ins

Seneca Home Place:

Seneca House

Dorothy Reinhardt

Bill Irvin Jr.

Earline Barnes

## At Home

Mary Lou Smith

Betty Wallace      Dorothy Linebarger

## Last Week: December 27<sup>th</sup>-Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday Classes	118
Sunday morning worship	165
Sunday evening worship	114
Wednesday evening	85
Contribution	\$2624.08

## Next Week's Assignments: January 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

<b>Communion:</b> Thomas Pendergraft	Dave Woodward
Wayne Litherland	Randy Lindsey
Damon Wilson	Dalton Lindsey

**Announcements:** Tim Barnes

**Evening Song Leader:** Will King

**Door Greeter:** Darren & Pam Wilson

**Auditorium class:** (2 John) Allen Pendergraft

**Wed. Night Devo:**(Jan 13) Charles Routledge

## *2010 Daily Bible Reading Schedule*

	<u>New Test.</u>	<u>Old Test.</u>
Sunday, Jan. 3	Matt 1	Gen 3-5
Monday, Jan. 4	Matt 4	Gen 6-7
Tuesday Jan. 5	Matt 5:1-20	Gen 8-10
Wednesday, Jan. 6	Matt 5:21-48	Gen 11-12
Thursday, Jan. 7	Matt 6:1-15	Gen 13-15
Friday, Jan. 8	Matt 6:16-34	Gen 16-18
Saturday, Jan. 9	Matt 7	Gen 19-20



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Broth (or Bouillabaisse, or Bisque) and Bowling!  
January 24<sup>th</sup> bring Soup & Sandwiches for a potluck lunch following morning services. Then come bowling at 2:30 in Joplin at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bowl.

## This week Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Bible class, 10am; Worship: 10:50am, 6:30pm; Singing at the Seneca Home Place, 6pm.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>:** Birthdays: Victoria Kline, Alex Wolgamott

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>:** Teen Devo & Donuts, 7:30am

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>:** Bible class, 7pm; Devo by Rowdy Harris, 7:45pm;

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>:**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>:** Birthday: Denny Wilson

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>:**

## *Coming Events*

*Please schedule all church events on the calendar in the front office.*

January 24<sup>th</sup>: Broth & Bowling. Soup and Sandwich potluck here, then bowling at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Lanes in Joplin, MO.

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>: Kids Card making party for nursing home residents

February 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>: Ski at Snow Creek just north of Kansas City. Anyone interested see Mark or Delinda Vaughn.

February 21<sup>st</sup>: Church Kitchen Shower & Tea. Just like a wedding shower, except for the church building! Watch those after Christmas sales now for bargains. We need things like silver serving utensils, sturdy dish towels, thick pot holders, serving bowls & trays, nice pizza cutters, knives... anything to make the church kitchen a user-friendly place to work for potlucks, funeral meals, and other special occasions.