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The Da Vinci Code vs the Davidic Code

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The Da Vinci Code was a runaway best seller of a fictional account of history for entertainment and profit. While the all time best seller (Bible) is being left on the shelf by many church-goers. Preachers refer to it less and less; emphasizing a religion that is based on the tongues of men,

preachers, feelings, entertainment, and spirits that are separated from God's Word.

Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Spirit of Truth – John 16:13: "When He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you unto all truth..." In John 17:17 Jesus revealed the primary mission of His Heavenly Father through the Holy Spirit: "Sanctify them by Your truth Your Word is Truth."

The work of the Holy Spirit is inseparably connected to the Word of God. When pastors share counsel from the Bible, some Christians respond: "I'll wait till the Spirit tells me."

It is as if they believe the Holy Spirit can be separated from the Word of God. We are warned: "believe not every spirit, but test the spirits whether they are of God" 1 John 4:1. "Now the Spirit speaketh ex-

pressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devil" 1 Tim 4:1.

"How do we keep the Faith?" "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17. The Bible reveals to us whether the ministering spirit(s) or Pastor is of God or what Paul calls "...false apostles, deceitful workers transforming them-

selves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness" 2 Cor. 11:13-15.

We who have opportunity to share and teach the Word of God must allow the Word of God to become flesh in the sense of being lived out in our lives and minis-

try through the indwelling Spirit of Truth. Paul challenges us: "...How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? ...How shall they hear without a preacher? ...So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:14-15, & 17. The Da Vidic (Davidic) Code is found in Ps. 119:105. "Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path! Let's live it and Share it!

VBS sessions to ask question

By **Paul Waldschmidt**
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The Sand Springs Church of God will ask a question during its upcoming three-day Vacation Bible School.

This year's Vacation Bible School theme is "Sow What?" and the answer is "Seeds."

The sessions begin Thursday, July 10, and runs through Saturday, July

12. The Thursday and Friday session run from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The Saturday session runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The sessions are free and open to the community. Meals will be provided each day.

Ages are from leaving pre-school through 5th grade.

The church is located at 401 N. Grant Ave.

For more information, call 918-245-2256.

Area residents invited to genealogy programs

From **Leader Reports**
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Tulsa City-County Library officials are inviting Sand Springs area residents to share their family's heritage with future generations by researching their roots and creating a family tree.

Join TCCL's Genealogy Center in July at its annual Family History Month series featuring a variety of programs for new genealogy researchers as well as lifetime enthusiasts.

The series also features three days of workshops, July 26-28, presented by renowned national speaker and certified genealogist Mark Lowe. Come and discover why Lowe is so popular with Tulsa researchers as he shares valuable tips and helpful resources to aid you

Pecan Room. Experienced genealogy Civil War researcher Hugh Keen gives an in-depth look at the Civil War records found in Fold3, including service records, pensions and much more.

"Beginning Genealogy," July 12, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Frossard Auditorium. Learn how to begin your family research with Kathy Huber, Genealogy Center managing librarian.

"Women Finding Their Way: Tulsa in the 1920s," July 12, 1:30-4 p.m., Frossard Auditorium. Genealogist Jae Jaeger uses media methods to introduce historic women of Tulsa that many have yet to meet. The times were exciting as women pressed forward after winning suffrage and began boldly, sometimes politically, to address the unmet needs of the Magic Empire citizens. In addi-

Church plans 'Singspiration'

By **Paul Waldschmidt**

and participate.

The South Sand Springs Church of God has a special worship service planned for June 29.

The church will hold a Fifth Sunday Sing, which it is calling "Singspiration," during its regular Sunday morning worship service.

The community is invited to attend

Wanda Alexander, Anne Gaffney, and other, Linda Woodward, with the church, said.

There will be congregational hymn singing and a potluck dinner after the service, she added.

For more information, call 918-245-2935. The church is located at 4700 S. 129th W. Ave.

Church's VBS to have race theme

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Revival Free Will Baptist Temple wants its Vacation Bible School to be a race.

The theme for this year's three evening sessions is "The Race of Your Life."

The community children are invited to attend the free sessions.

The three sessions will be held Thursday, June 26, Friday, June 27, and Saturday, June 28. The sessions are from 6 to 8 p.m.

The sessions will include crafts, games, snacks, and "lots of fun," Pastor Scott Edgar said.

The church is located at 1016 S. 54th W. Ave.

For more information, call 918-938-5681.

Some presentations are sponsored by the Tulsa Library Trust.

All Family History Month programs are free and will be held at the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St. in Tulsa.

"Start Your Research @ the Library," July 1, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Computer Lab. Join Lisa Hansen, Genealogy Center associate, for an overview of the many helpful services the library offers to family history researchers. Registration is required.

"An Overview of the Civil War Records on Fold3," July 10, 6:30-8 p.m.,

discuss the research methods that take the story "off the page" to unknown details. Join the journey that reveals more than a glance at the women of our past. This presentation complements Tulsa City-County Library's "One Book, One Tulsa" communitywide reading initiative.

"Explore Ancestry's Collection," July 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Computer Lab. Learn to use some of Ancestry's underutilized collections that may help your genealogy research. We will highlight directories, maps, plus military, school and tax records. Registration is required.

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