

The PRISM



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Remember, It Is Fiction—If Not Fable

The **DaVinci Code** (book or movie) is fiction. It is based on ancient Gnostic writings which, Dan Brown, the author, tells us that he believes are true. When his sources are challenged, the author dodges the dispute by saying, "It's a book of fiction—you don't put footnotes in a book of fiction." I add, "if not fable." If only people would remember that.

A lot of people get their Bible from the movies or popular stories about the Bible. I recently heard a remark on "how the people laughed and made fun of Noah when he was building the ark." Close students of the Bible know that such a statement is not in the Bible. A minor point, and it might have happened, but when people come to believe erroneous things about Jesus, it becomes serious. Our source must be the Bible.

The sources for the DaVinci Code come from the Gnostic Gospels, which began to issue in the second century. The Gnostics claimed a superior knowledge, even superior to the apostles, who originally told the story of Jesus. Fantastic Gnostic tales of Jesus circulated. (As a child, Jesus molded birds from mud and then made them fly away). Not all Gnostics agreed with each other, but it is from Gnostic sources that the thesis of the DaVinci Code comes—that Jesus married Mary Magdalene and fathered a daughter by her, born after the Crucifixion, Brown believes. Jesus intended for mother and child to be the true rulers over the church. He implies that the "true story" was hidden by death threats and murder to keep the male clergy in control.

Most of the apostles died for the gospel they wrote and preached. Only John was not martyred and lived for sixty years after the death of Jesus. Even before Catholicism arose, he warned of the coming Gnostics in his letters, as did Paul and Peter. "*Avoid godless chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge (Gnoseon in Greek) (1 Timothy 6:20).* Ancient and modern Gnostics oppose these great and good eyewitnesses of Jesus. However, it is with those eyewitnesses, and not with fiction, that our loyalty is lodged.

J.D.Cash

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Prayer Requests

For those in the gulf area that are still suffering from the effects of Katrina and Rita

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

For the ban on partial birth abortion to stand as law.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For Tim and Jennifer in the adoption process.

Zane Sims has been referred to a specialist and is having an ultrasound June 21.

Arlene Knore is home now having her rehab from the shoulder repair surgery.

Mary Collins is being tested for possible cancer in the throat area.

Becky Wooten (friend of the Millers in Detroit) is being tested for leukemia.

Dick Havens was admitted to SOMC on Wednesday and is being treated for irregular heart beat and medication adjustment. He is expected to be released today.

Ronnie Hodge (friend of Jayma Rase) is suffering with brain cancer and is not expected to live.

Lillian Knore is now in Golden Years for a few weeks of rehab.

Jenny Dyer (friend of Eric McLaughlin, suffering with severe complications from an accident) has shown some improvement recently.

Born Again

Thursday evening, **Eric Miller** confessed Jesus as his Lord and was baptized in His name. Let us rejoice in Eric's new birth, welcome him to the kingdom of God and pray for God's strength and blessing to fill his life.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

6/17 Derek Marion & Meaghan DeCamp Wedding

6/19-24 Impact

6/24 VBS Decoration Day

6/26-30 VBS at Sunshine

7/8 Reception for Caleb & Meaghan Miller

7/16-22 Camp Time at Fort Hill

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Alva Warner** (grandfather to Aaron and Nate Franke) who passed away Saturday. Arrangements are pending at the Daehler Funeral Home in Portsmouth.

To the family of **Martha Ganss** (Julie Miller's great aunt in West Point, Miss) who passed away on Saturday.

Changes in Deacons

Over the last few months some changes have occurred with deacon assignments. **Mike Coriell** has requested a leave of absence from his work as deacon and has turned over the work of **benevolence** to **Jason Coriell**. Sunshine thanks Mike for his many years of faithful service as a deacon in the area of benevolence.

Spirit Club Big Bash Coming

Ask any Spirit Club member... a great time was had by all at our Home Stretch Party. The Spirit Club Big Bash in September will be better! The Big Bash is a year-end party for any student who has memorized their verses for the year (preschool students need to be working on memory work consistently to be included, but do not need to have every item completed). If you are just joining the Spirit Club, you can still be included by jumping in where you are with 6 verses for the year. If you missed a month or two, review those months and make them up any time between now and September. Questions? Pull out your Spirit Club Handbook, see the church website, or ask Kristi or Kendra. There is a table in the foyer with teaching aids for the Spirit Club. Please add any that you have so that we can share. Soon there will be some teaching aides added to the website as well. Tentative Big Bash Plans: Saturday, September 30 with a carnival theme, games and 'jumpy' inflatables, picnic dinner and scripture recital/video presentation. Ideas? Let us know!!

Teen Devo

Terry and Debbie's house, Tuesday, 6:30 pm. No devos on the 20th (Impact) or 27th (VBS).

Skit Practice

The Lord's Army will practice today at 4:30.

Junior Devo Hosts Needed

Please see the sheet on the bulletin board to sign up for hosting a Junior Devo. Many dates are open at this point.

Next Junior Devo

At Sean and Kiley Berry's house, June 22, 6:30 pm

Sunday PM Services

Tonight something special planned by Scott Gampp.

Wedding Invitation

The church is invited to attend the wedding of Megan Decamp and Derek Marion on Saturday, June 17, at 5 pm here at the church building. The invitation is posted.

HMT Fitness Class

The HMT is sponsoring fitness classes at the church building starting this Tuesday, June 13, every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00-6:30 for Low Impact and 6:30-7:15 for Cardio-Mix. **There will be a meeting right after the AM services today to explain classes and equipment needed.** Kristin Riley

Reception for Newly Weds

Since most of us cannot attend the wedding of **Caleb Miller and Meaghan Mattiuz** in Cornwall, Ontario, on June 24, we are having a reception for them here at Sunshine on Saturday, July 8, at 5 pm. Church, family and friends are invited to come and congratulate the newly weds. If you can come, **please** sign the sheet in the foyer. They are registered at Wal-Mart, but the gift that Caleb and Meaghan would appreciate the most are your prayers and any job leads you may know about. They are coming home on a "wing and prayer."

Bible Curriculum

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
6/11 1 Jn 1-2	6/14 1 Sam 8-11
6/18 1 Jn 3-4	6/21 1 Sam 12-13
6/25 1 Jn 5	6/28 1 Sam 14-15
7/2 2 & 3 Jn	7/5 1 Sam 16
7/9 Jude	7/12 1 Sam 17

VBS Sign Up Time

We are beginning today to sign up workers for VBS and students for VBS. The pads for the students are laid out on the table in the foyer. The worker sign up place is on the big chart on the wall. The theme for this year's VBS is **SUPER POWERS OF THE KINGDOM**. Flyers for VBS are laid out for you to use to invite students to VBS.

Cookies for VBS

It takes lots of cookies to have a VBS. If you are willing to supply some for our VBS this year, please sign up in the foyer for the days and the numbers of cookies you can bring.

Babies Scheduled for Arrival

This week two of our mothers are due to give birth to their babies: Heather Gragg and Stephanie Miller. Prayers for the mothers and the babies this week.

VBS Decoration Day

Saturday, June 24. We will begin the day with prayer asking the Lord to bless our VBS. After prayer time and lunch, "projects" will be available for those who do not already have a room to decorate. You do not need anything prepared to participate, but if you have ideas please let Kerri Davis or Kendra Cram know. Please sign up in the foyer and mark this day on your calendar!

IMPACT!

We will be leaving the building for Impact next Monday (19th) at 7:30 a.m. Be sure to bring \$20 for your key deposit (returned at the end of the week) and money for meals on the way down and back. Bring bedding, toiletries and a light jacket in case it turns cold. We should be back around 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text
Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper - Server 6
Server 5
Server 4
Wine
Bread
Server 3
Server 2
Server 1
Message
Closing Prayer

June 11

1 John 1-2
Jon Coriell
Shawn McCray
Josh Coriell
Rich Book
Harold Gamp
Barry Hayward
Ike Hardin
Shawn Gragg
Dewey Cordle
Travis Scott
Ira Coriell
Matt Cram
Steve Miller
Terry Sullivan

June 18

1 John 3-4
Wayne Gamp
Scott Gamp
Tim Coriell
David Gamp
Matt Hoskins
Jack Jennings
Jim Jacobs, Sr.
Mark Gamp
Gary Glispie
John Gamp
Ed McLaughlin
Jerry Gamp
Steve Miller
Aaron Kallner

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Zach Coriell
Mike Gamp
Greg Coriell
Jason Coriell

Aaron McCray
Mike Coriell
Terry Sullivan
Don Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

June 14

Gabe Coriell
John Berry
1 Samuel 8-11

June 21

Jeff Hayward
Tim Gamp
1 Samuel 12-13

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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