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Home Bible Studies

**Benevolence:**

N. Ala. Christian Children's Home  
Disaster Relief  
Romanian Eye Glasses Donation  
Food Pantry

**Edification:**

Bible classes for all ages  
Shepherd's class  
W.I.N.G.S. Ladies' Ministry  
Youth Group for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Vacation Bible School  
Focus Groups  
USM Christian Student Center  
Godz Girlz  
Monthly Men's Breakfast  
KneEmail  
5th Sunday Night Singing  
Gulf Coast Bible Camp

**July 19, 2009**

*"If a man has a soul, and he has, and if that soul can be won or lost for eternity, and it can, then the most important thing in the world is to bring a man to Jesus Christ."*



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# FAMILY TREE

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Speaker: Derek Raulerson

## KW Summer Series

*"Christianity is a Great Way of Life!"*

**Lesson #8: July 22, 2009**

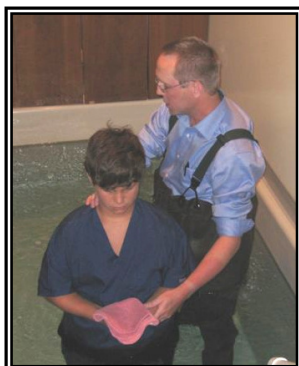
### The Blessings of Prayer Which Christians Enjoy

DEREK C. RAULERSON has been laboring with God's people in Jacksonville, Alabama for seven years and a ten year career in human resources management. He currently serves as an administrator with House to House/Heart to Heart which reaches nearly three million households on a bi-monthly basis. He frequently speaks at brotherhood lectureships and also helps congregations evangelize in their communities. Derek is married to the former Amanda Anderson. They have two children, Brooke and Conner. He was recently elected to public office serving on Jacksonville's city council.



## Teacher's Appreciation Banquet

**Sunday—following the  
Morning worship assembly**



### Our New Brother in Christ

**Johnny Ford—07-12-09**

# The Lost Bible

by Mike Benson

E. T. GACKENHEIMER LAID his preaching Bible on top of his car and then drove off...

When he arrived at the church where he was scheduled to speak in Barbados some time later, he realized what he had done. By then it was too late to try to backtrack and find it.

E. T. never saw his Bible again. It was lost forever—or so he thought.

Twenty years after E. T.'s death and more than five decades after his Bible slid off the top of his automobile, the volume found its way back into his families' possession this past June. It was a gift from a stranger who had found it in a moldy, dusty stack of books in Chile, South America.



Stephanie Garcia, a missionary herself, decided one day to stop by a local junk store. As she perused the dilapidated merchandise, she stumbled across a leather-bound Bible with a cursive name written inside—E. T. Gackenheimer. She didn't purchase the book initially. Instead, she went home and did a Google search on the web. To her surprise, she found considerable information about the life and ministry of Mr. Gackenheimer. Eventually she was able to contact his relatives and then mail his Bible to them up in North Georgia.

A scratch on the front and the unique handwritten signature on the inside confirmed the Bible's authenticity. Audrey Henson, E. T.'s 76-year-old daughter said seeing her daddy's Bible for the first time after all of those years was "very meaningful, very emotional" (*Chattanooga Times Free Press*, July 9, 2009, A1, A7).

"Very meaningful, very emotional." Ponder those words and then go back with me in your memory to an ancient ruler of Judah and another lost Bible.

Josiah had reigned for eighteen years (2 Kgs. 22:3). At this particular juncture in his administration, the young king ordered repairs to the temple and an accounting of the monies therein (vv. 3-7). During this period of "house-cleaning," the high priest Hilkiah, somewhat like Stephanie Garcia, happened upon the Law (v. 8) of Moses. The book had been missing for perhaps as many as fifty-seven-years. Hilkiah then passed the once lost text on to a scribe by the name of Shaphan, who in turn read it before Josiah (v. 10).

When the monarch heard God's Word, Scripture says he wept (v. 19) and tore his clothes (v. 11). Think "very meaningful, very emotional." He then ordered the Book of the Law to be read aloud before the entire nation (2 Kgs. 23:1-2). Josiah recognized that Jehovah's will had not been followed and ordered that true worship be restored in Judah (vv. 3ff). He then instigated a thorough overhaul of the religious corruption of his day, and destroyed anything and everything associated with idolatry. And all of this came about because one man found a lost Bible.

How many times have you thought to yourself, "I never knew that was in the Bible!?" It was as if the sacred text had somehow finally been found in your possession. Yes, you owned a copy of the Scriptures, perhaps more than one, but you had never taken the time to sit down and really pour over them to see what they taught. Maybe your Bible laid under a layer of dust in some forgotten shelf near the TV. And only when you had heard a particular sermon, or found yourself in the throes of great adversity, did you really "find your Bible" and realize that your worship was vain and your life was not in harmony with the Law of Christ.

Restoration and legitimate change began only when folks back in Josiah's day found and read the Bible. This ought to tell us something.

Dear reader, do you know where your Bible is located right now? Can you put your hand on it at this very instant? Has it somehow been lost in stack of dusty old books and outdated reading materials in your home? When was the last time you sat down and read God's Word?

Locate your Bible and start reading. You'll find it "very meaningful, very emotional." I promise!



## **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

Week Beginning, **July 19, 2009**

**Coordinator: Robby Moorer (601-577-2115)**

Please call coordinator if you are unable to serve.

**Announcements: Brian Anderson**

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**Song Leader:** Mark Burleson

**Opening Prayer:** P.W. Underwood

**Lord's Supper: (Presiding)** Malcolm Berch

1. Steve Midgette
2. Richard Jones
3. Kevin Reynolds
4. Charles Coulter
5. Phil Rake
6. Hollis Hall
7. Clarence Naylor
8. Joshua Naylor

**Closing Prayer:** Steve Midgette

**Attendance Cards:** Reggie Neel

**Communion (July):** Kim Anderson & Jolee Russell

**Nursery:** July 19: Lori & Beth Ford

July 26: Toria Chatman & Kathy Devenport

### **SUNDAY EVENING**

**Song Leader:** Mark Burleson

**Opening Prayer:** Don Montgomery

**Lord's Supper:**

1. Steve Midgette
2. Richard Jones

**Closing Prayer:** Richard Jones

**Count Contribution:** Moorer / Pope

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**Song Leader:** Tyler Anderson

**Prayer:** Jacob Burns

### **ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION**

**July 12, 2009**

	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Avg.</b>
<b>Bible Study</b>	200	144	139
<b>Morning Worship</b>	275	212	214
<b>Evening Worship</b>	200	126	137
<b>Wednesday (7/8)</b>	200	144	151
<b>Contribution</b>	\$8,000	\$8,029	\$8,257

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### **SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday:** Prayer 8:30 a.m. • Bible Class 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. • **Wednesday:** Bible class 7 p.m. • Ladies Bible Class: 7 p.m.