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# **July 2014 Newsletter**

# THE CHOICE IS YOURS

In Matthew 5-7, we have the greatest preacher preaching the greatest sermon that was ever preached. In this passage Jesus is preaching what we call "The Sermon on the Mount". When Jesus finished preaching this sermon, He concluded by doing what any good preacher does. He gave an invitation. In Matthew 7:13-29, Jesus calls for a decision. By the way, that is the reason I always give an invitation when I preach.

I get to attend my home church, Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, three or four times a year. On Sunday mornings, I go in at the last part of the first service for the invitation. Then I stay for the second service for the worship, sermon and the invitation. I told my pastor, Dr. Steve Gaines I come for two invitations and one sermon. I love the invitation time. That is the time when lives are changed and eternal destinies are changed.

At the conclusion of His sermon Jesus says you have to make a choice. He says you have to make this choice as it relates to four different things.

#### The Choice Is Yours Concerning Your Future - Matt. 7:13-14 Ι.

Your choice will determine destruction or life. Will you go to heaven or hell?

- II. The Choice Is Yours Concerning Your Fruit - Matt. 7:15-20 Your choice will determine if you have good fruit or corrupt fruit.
- III. The Choice Is Yours Concerning Your Faith - Matt. 7: 21-23 Your choice will determine if your faith is true or false.

#### The Choice Is Yours Concerning Your Foundation - Matt. 7:24-29 IV. Your choice will determine if you are building on sand or rock.

What is going to be your choice? Let me encourage you, make the right choice. Say yes to Jesus!!

# **Hearts Saddened**

Our heart was saddened by the passing of Glen Cantrell, the husband of Judy Cantrell who is my secretary. His death was sudden. He was a great Christian with a servant's heart. Continue to pray for Judy that she will know the grace and love of God during these days.

# Update About My Wife, Judy

Judy is in the fifth week of six weeks of her chemo and radiation treatments. These have been very difficult for her. But, thankful that we only have one more week to go. Please pray that they will be effective. I am asking that God will heal her either by the medicine or miracle, or both. Thanks for all your prayers, encouragement and support.

# PREACHING SCHEDULE

# July:

6	Harvest Day, Emmanuel BC	August:	
13	Blackshear GA Harvest Day, Green Rivers BC Waynesboro GA	3	Harvest Day, Indian Trail Baptist Church East Campus, Charlotte NC
20	Georgia Harvest Day with John Dorsey	10	Friendship Baptist Church W/BrianRobertson, Grenada MS
27	Harvest Day, New Life BC Little Rock AR	17-19	Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Skullbone TN
		24-27	Southside Baptist Church Dothan AL

Note from Judy Cantrell ~ ~ ~ As I typed Bro. Don's newsletter for June and he shared about the storm he and his wife, Judy were going through and what he had discovered from Mark 4, I never expected to suddenly be in my own storm five days later due to the sudden death of my husband. I drew strength from that scripture and that article and I know I have the promise that I will make it to the other shore. In a different way, Clen made it to the other shore and was instantly in the presence of the Lord. I may not understand but I can trust the heart of God! Thank you so much for every prayer, gift, and act of kindness. That and God's amazing grace is my strength. Thanks!