

# Great Harvest Church



## E-SEED

## June, 2013

E-Seed is a monthly information publication of Great Harvest Church, Pocahontas, AR.

Senior Pastor, Dr. Jeff Hamm

Associate Pastor, Bart Morrison

### ***Great Harvest Church exists***

- To glorify God and the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- To raise up disciples who will take the good news of grace and hope through Jesus Christ to Pocahontas, Randolph County, and beyond, and
- To lay the foundation of faith for future generations to raise up and teach more disciples.

We hold an unwavering belief in the authority of God's Word and its message of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone. We also prioritize passionate, Christ-centered worship that connects people with the "Living God." We are committed to leading people to maturity in Christ by building a fellowship of hope, grace, and love and by expressing the love of Christ through ministries of compassionate service.

### ***Our Mission:***

***To plant the seed of faith*** so that we can see God's Word produce a harvest of hope, purpose, and life in our own hearts and to demonstrate the power of God's Word through the Holy Spirit to change our community into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

### ***Weekly Worship Schedule***

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 a.m.
Monday Prayer	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Teaching	7:00 p.m.

Send Prayer Request to

[ghcprayer@live.com](mailto:ghcprayer@live.com)

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## MEET OUR STAFF:



### **JEFF HAMM - SENIOR PASTOR**

Pastor Jeff and his wife, Trella, have served the body of Christ for the past 36 years throughout pastorates in Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. Pastor Jeff's teaching and preaching ministry has taken him to various parts of the world as a missionary/teacher. He graduated from the Timothy Program International with a Bachelor of Biblical Studies in 2003, and a Master of Biblical Studies in

2005. He received his Doctor of Theological Studies from Biblical Life College and Seminary in 2007. He has a Pastor's heart with a deep desire to bless Great Harvest Church and Pocahontas/Randolph County with pastoral care.



### **BART MORRISON - ASSOCIATE PASTOR/YOUTH PASTOR**

Pastor Bart is Associate Pastor and Pastor of Children and Youth along with his wife, Amy. Bart accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and savior at the age of 7. He attended church in Jonesboro for several years and faithfully served God in the tech crew, teaching Children's Church, and by starting a "Widow's Might" ministry. Pastor Bart has a deep and continuing hunger

to learn more about the God he serves. He is currently working toward a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies.

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## WE ARE NETWORKED WITH THESE WONDERFUL MINISTRIES



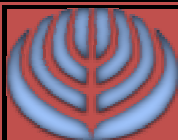
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God's Glory

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## Weekly Youth Events

*Sunday Morning Children's Church*  
*Wednesday Night-Classes For All Ages*

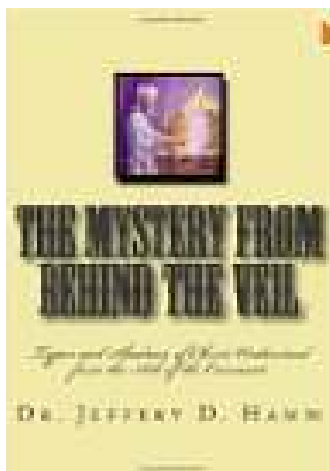


**Youth  
Worship  
Service**

If you need a ride to Great Harvest Church on Sunday morning, Please



Call 870-810-2268  
by Saturday afternoon.



Dr. Jeff Hamm has a new book just published on Amazon.com, Click on book and open hyperlink to view "THE MYSTERY FROM BEHIND THE VEIL"

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## Calendar of Events

### June:

**Sunday Worship - 10:00 & 6:00**

**Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00**

**Monday Night Prayer - 6:30**

**Home Church- To Be announced**

**Nursing Home 7th, & 21st @ 2:00 p.m.**

**Youth Band Practice Tues @ 6:00**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> VBS**



**Times:**

**6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm- 8:15 pm**  
**8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am- 1:45 pm**  
**9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

**June 10<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> Wrangler Camp**

**June 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm Wedding Shower for Meghan Leopard**



**JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**PAVILION RESERVED**

**\$7.50 PER PERSON FOR WATER PARK ONLY**

**IF YOU WANT TO STAY LONGER, COST WILL BE \$12.50**

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## KNOWING THE SHEPHERDS VOICE

DR. JEFFERY HAMM

Through life we encounter many voices. Some are positive, helpful and encouraging while others are negative depressing and harmful. As we study the WORD of God, I pray that we can better recognize the voice of the One True Shepherd of the sheep. The voice of God can be encountered through several avenues, such as through Bible study, prayer, preaching of the Word and other ways. As the children of God we should be familiar with Him and His voice so as not yield to another.

### John 10:1-5

"I can guarantee this truth: The person who doesn't enter the sheep pen through the gate but climbs in somewhere else is a thief or a robber.

Joh 10:2 But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd.

Joh 10:3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep respond to his voice. He calls his sheep by name and leads them out of the pen.

Joh 10:4 After he has brought out all his sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice.

Joh 10:5 They won't follow a stranger. Instead, they will run away from a stranger because they don't recognize his voice."

### 1. Beware of the thief and the robber... (vs. 1)

- a. Beware of false messiahs. The Christian world has been full of people who have pretended to be men of God, but are seekers of selfish gain. They claim to speak by the voice of God, but their words are deceptive and full of lies. Jesus warns the church of such false messiahs.

### Mat 24:4 -5

Jesus answered them, "Be careful not to let anyone deceive you.

Mat 24:5 Many will come using my name. They will say, 'I am the Messiah,' and they will deceive many people.

- b. For example of a false christ that has deceived millions let us consider Mohammed. Mohammed who reportedly received the "Quran" (the word of God) through Gabriel the angel has declared himself as the messenger, the light and the revealer of the book. Notice these Quran readings

### Quran 5:15

O People of the Book, indeed Our Messenger has come to you, making clear to you much of that which you concealed of the Book and passing over much. Indeed, there has come to you from Allah, a Light and a clear Book,

### Quran 33:40

Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah and the Seal of the prophets. And Allah is ever Knower of all things.

- c. Mohammad is but one of the thieves and robbers referred to by Jesus in His parable of the sheepfold. There have been men such as Jim Jones, David Koresh, and the like that have deceived the human

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race. One of the true signs of the end will be that of false messiahs and false prophets who will deceive the nations of the world and speak upon themselves glorious things.

**Matt. 24:23-24**

**"At that time don't believe anyone who tells you, 'Here is the Messiah!' or 'There he is!'**

**Mat 24:24 False messiahs and false prophets will appear. They will work spectacular, miraculous signs and do wonderful things to deceive, if possible, even those whom God has chosen. (GW)**

- d. It also important to remind the church that not everyone who calls himself a man of God is truly a bearer of truth. The church is full of wolves that draw people to themselves and are out for self-serving power over others.

**Act 20:28 -29**

**Pay attention to yourselves and to the entire flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as bishops to be shepherds for God's church which he acquired with his own blood.**

**Act 20:29 I know that fierce wolves will come to you after I leave, and they won't spare the flock.**

## **2. He Who enters through the gate is the True Shepherd... (vs. 2-3)**

**John 10:2-3**

**But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd.**

**Joh 10:3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep respond to his voice. He calls his sheep by name and leads them out of the pen.**

- a. Only true shepherds are allowed to enter by the gate into flock. Gate keepers were in place who had the capability of identify legitimate shepherds.
- b. The Old Testament prophesies are the gate keepers. Only by what is spoken in the scriptures can we be sure who the True Shepherd, the Messiah is.

**Luk 24:44**

**Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me."**

- c. The One who comes with Devine commission. The commission of Christ is confirmed by the prophetic Words of the Bible. All Scripture points to Him as the Messiah, the Son of God.
- d. One of the test of the gate keeper would have been the virgin birth. A prophetic sing of the true Messiah is that of a Child Whose Father is God, and the conception is miraculous, the Holy Child being born of the a virgin.

**Isa 7:14**

**Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.**

## **3. The sheep recognize His voice...(vs. 4-5)**

**John 10:4**

**After he has brought out all his sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice.**

**Joh 10:5 They won't follow a stranger. Instead, they will run away from a stranger because they don't recognize his voice."**

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- a. The true Shepherd brings His out of the sheep pen of the world. It is an act of His grace that we are saved and have numbered among those who have been brought out.
- b. The language is similar to that of the children of Israel being brought out of Egypt's bondage. This is a foreshadowing of the salvation of God to His people through grace by faith.

**Exod. 6:7**

**I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.**

**John 10:9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.**

- c. The sheep will follow Him. The reason that sheep follow the voice of a shepherd is that the words are consistent or never changing. They are able to recognize the sound and the words of the voice. The WORD of God is consistent, it agrees with itself, from beginning to the end God does not change. What He has said, He will continue to say.

**Heb 13:8**

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

- d. Jesus is the True Shepherd of the flock. It is His voice that we are to hear and choose to follow and not that of a stranger. Only His voice is the voice of truth.

**John 10:11**

**"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.**

- e. There are not many flocks of God, only one. The sheep may congregated in many places here on earth, but we are all in Christ. The flock of God may have lived on earth through millennia, but we are one in Christ.

**John 10:16**

**And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.**

## 4. The local pastor...

- a. The local Pastor is not the head shepherd of the flock, only Christ is the Chief Shepherd.
- b. The pastor of a local church is an under shepherd working under the anointing of the Holy Spirit as a voice that points the members in the direction of Christ.

**Act 20:28**

**Pay attention to yourselves and to the entire flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as bishops to be shepherds for God's church which he acquired with his own blood.**

- c. The scripture warns against local pastor lording there will over the life of Gods' sheep. He is called to follow God and complete the will of God in appointment and not his own.

**1Pe 5:2 -4**

**Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;**

**1Pe 5:3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;**

**1Pe 5:4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.**



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## PRAYER GUIDE

### BASED ON THE LORD'S TEACHING PRAYER

GREAT HARVEST CHURCH, POCAHONTAS, AR.

DR. JEFF HAMM, SENIOR PASTOR

#### **MAT 6:9-13**

**IN THIS MANNER, THEREFORE, PRAY: OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME. YOUR KINGDOM COME. YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS *IT IS* IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS. AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE. FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.**

#### **OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN:**

- a. Acknowledgement that God is the Creator and Parent of all. (Isa. 64: 8)
- b. In a special sense, He is the Father of all who have been adopted into His family through Jesus Christ the Son. (Rom. 8: 15)

#### **HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME:**

- a. God is pure and holy and there is none like Him. (Lev. 10: 3)
- b. He alone is to be praised. (Ps. 34: 3)
- c. At all times when we approach God it is with reverence and praise. (Ps. 100: 4, Heb. 13:15)

#### **YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN:**

- a. Seek in prayer for Surrender of your life to the reign of God. (Col. 1: 13)
- b. Seek for discernment concerning the will of God in all matters. (Acts 22: 14)

#### **GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD:**

- a. Bread represents the needs of you, your family and others.
- b. Pray for God's provisions of your needs. And the needs of others. (Matt. 7: 11)
- c. As we pray we need to seek discernment to ask according to God's Will.

#### **FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS:**

- a. Debts represent our sins against God. A great price has been paid for our redemption. (Isa. 44: 22)
- b. We are to pray also that God opens our hearts to forgive past hurts. (Mark 11: 26)

#### **AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE:**

- a. Seek for God's guidance so that we are not left to ourselves. (Isa. 42: 16)
- b. Pray for protection from the evil one and his cohorts. (Ps. 91: 3)

#### **FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER AMEN**

**LORD TEACH US TO PRAY**