

School Year Programs

The bustle of the school year is already beginning! New programs are starting and many programs are restarting as we enter the month of September. And with them comes many ways to be involved throughout the whole week!

Sundays we have Sunday School, Small Groups, Music Ministry, Security, Children's Ministry, Greeters and more ways to be involved! Most of these programs go on throughout the whole year.

Wednesdays ladies are invited to come to Ladies Bible Study at 9:15 AM (start date TBD), child care is provided. In the evenings join us for Adult Prayer Meeting, Rock of Grace Youth Group (7th-12th grades) and Awana (see the info in the next column).

We have also been blessed with the opportunity to reach our community at Northeast Middle school with Breakfast Clubs and an Afterschool club! Pray as we receive more details about the clubs for this year.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Meals served Wednesdays
from 5pm - 5:45pm

Sign up online or with the flier on the back table.

\$2/Child (3-11) | \$4/Adult (12 & Up)

September 14

Chicken & Rice

September 21

Meatball Sandwiches

September 28

Baked Potato Bar

AWANA



Grace Bible Fellowship is kicking off the Awana program for preschool - 6th grade kids this fall! The goal of implementing the Awana program is to share the gospel with the surrounding community in a straight-forward and Bible focused way and to build up the next generation within the church to be Christ-centered disciples. It is our desire to see the children in our church train to be servants at home, in the church, and in their communities and schools by engaging with the program's focused scripture memory incentives and for lost children in nearby neighborhoods and their families to be reached with the good news of the gospel!

The Awana program will kick off September 28th from 6-7:30 pm for preschool children (ages 3-5) through 6th grade.



Cubbies - Ages 3 - 5



Sparks - Grades K - 2nd



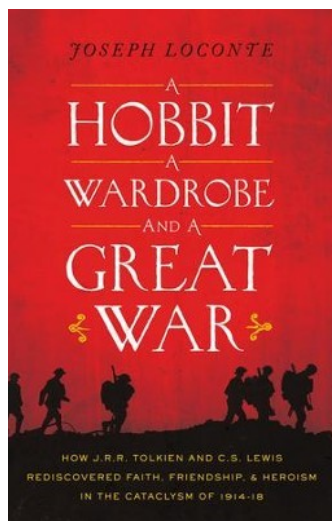
T&T - Grades 3rd - 5th

Book Review

A HOBBIT, A WARDROBE AND A GREAT WAR

By Joseph Loconte

Anyone who has read the works of J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis will greatly enjoy this short work. Loconte ties together the lives of the two as he analyzes how their experiences during World War 1 – The Great War – in the thick of battle amidst the gore of death, impacted the manner in which they wrote their fantastical tales.



Though they both spent much of their lives in and around Oxford, the two writers met after the war and became knitted together when they discovered their common enjoyment of medieval, mythical works. This led to both friendly chats and long, heated discussions. Their Christian faith was cemented in those Oxford University's halls and on their walks about the Gothic campus.

Loconte suggests Lewis' The Chronicles of Narnia and Tolkien's The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings, through the tools of fantasy and myth, present the battle between good and evil that wars within all humanity and that their writings were, at least in part, an effort to work through the horrors they had witnessed firsthand in the trenches, in the midst of the fighting.

Explore the reasons behind the writings of these works. See things from a fresh viewpoint. It will challenge and uplift.

~ Reviewed by Bev. Myers

Events

September

- 11 Small Groups restart!
- 14 Wednesday Programs restart!
- 16 ROG Back to School Party
- 17 Singles, Seniors & Saints Picnic at Joan Williams' Home
- 28 Awana Starts! Preschool - 6th Grade

October

- 21 Light the Night Trunk or Treat
- 26 OCC Packing Party
- 30 Piercing Word Presents: The Parables of Jesus | 7:00 PM

November

- 5 Fall Family Fling | Merrick Farm

Bible Studies

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday | 9:15am
Isaiah
Nancy Grossman
Fellowship Hall
Restart Date TBD

Ladies Bible Study

2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Ephesians
6:30pm
Dottie Haines' Home
Starts Sept. 20

Volunteer Opportunities

CEF Berks cefberks.com

Hannah's Hope

hannahshopeministriesreading.org

Hope Rescue Mission hopeforreading.org

Life's Choices lifeschoicessupport.org

Mercy Crisis Pregnancy Center

mercypregnancycenter.org

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritanspurse.org

Pinebrook Bible Conference pinebrook.org

Victory Valley victoryvalleycamp.org