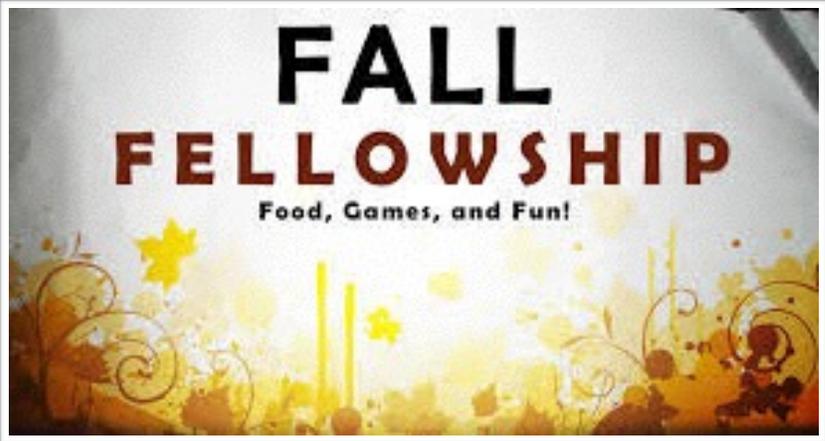


# BCM NEWS

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A big THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped with Gold Rush this past weekend! From the kitchen to the shuttle to the booth operations, the body of Christ worked with great efficiency.



Fall fellowship is coming up on **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. It will be at **Pine Valley** in place of the regular BCM meeting and will **start at 5:30**. At the event there will be the annual chili cook-off and bake-off so come ready with some great recipes! Also since it will be Halloween there will be a costume contest. Winners of each will be awarded a prize. For those who want a little competition there will be a corn-hole tournament that will begin at 6pm. In addition there will be other yard games and board games just for fun. Come join us for a time of fellowship and an annual BCM tradition. We hope to see you all there!

Pine Valley Address: 3935 Dawsonville Highway Dahlonega, GA  
Look for the BCM Flag Banner

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### *Thoughts From Your Peers*

Ecclesiastes 3:1 states "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven". Many of us have heard this passage before. The first time I heard it read was at a funeral, and I never would have thought that it would become such an important scripture in my life. For me, Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 has become my life song. Reading the opening line of this chapter gives me comfort and reminds me that no matter what 'season' of life I am in, the Lord is good and is still in control; he still reigns over my life. We all find ourselves different 'seasons' of life. I don't mean the literal 4 seasons that God lets us enjoy. I mean the condition of our heart and circumstances currently in our life. Perhaps you find yourself in a season of peace and tranquility. Maybe everything is going so well and the presence of God is so prevalent in your life that you don't see how it could get any better. It is my prayer, that many of you reading this can say, "That's right! My life is so good right now!" In reality, I understand many of us are not experiencing a tranquil or peaceful season in life right now. I encourage you to look at Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 for comfort. We see a contrast of 'seasons' all throughout this passage. Verse 2-8 reads "a time to be born, and a time to die. A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what was planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to cast away. A time to hear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace". (Holy Bible ESV).

That is a lot of different times for a lot of different seasons; but for me, this passage offers me so much comfort, because it shows God's promise that all of our 'seasons' are temporary. If you are in a season which causes you to weep, God promises us that there will be a time to laugh and be joyful again even after our tribulations. God promises us at the very beginning of this chapter that there is a purpose "and a time for every matter under heaven". If you feel as if you are in a time of "break down", do not fear because God's Word says there will also be a time to "build up". Our troubles and trials are but temporary, just like the seasons God allows us to experience here on earth. We may be enjoying the beauty and the vivid colors that come with the autumn season right now, but this is all temporary. Before we know it, the leaves will fade to brown, fall off, and leave us with a barren scenery as we enter the season of winter. These earthly seasons are temporary, as is our suffering. Ecclesiastes 3:11 leaves us with the declaration that God "has made everything beautiful in its time". Note it doesn't say our time. It doesn't say that God will make everything beautiful the first time you ask him to. It says that He will make everything beautiful in His time. Consider the colors of fall. These color changes do not happen overnight. The mountains are made up of thousands and thousands of trees. Each of these trees have thousands and thousands of leaves. The first sign of fall appears when we first spot that one tree fading from green to a hint of red. Then maybe we spot another tree a few days later that looks like it is starting to change colors. Then, maybe we spot two more trees somewhere close by that are starting to change colors. Before we know it, all the leaves on the trees are now melting from green to the rich reds, oranges, and yellows that we love. See, everything is beautiful in its time. Every tree does not turn all at once. If that were the case, we would not appreciate the beauty that comes with the careful process of the green leaves changing into the fiery colors of fall that we love. The mountains become a rich color pallet and offer evidence that we have a creator who can make even the most mundane and ordinary things beautiful. Just as God makes the trees and the colors of fall beautiful in His time, He will do the same for us. The seasons and our struggles are temporary, but God is eternal. -Sidney Rowan

## Upcoming Events:

### *Monday Night's*

October 17: BCM House

October 24: BCM House

October 31: Fall Fellowship at Pine Valley

### *Outreach/Fellowship*

October 31: Fall Fellowship at Pine Valley

November 11th: Battle of the Sexes: Stay tune for more details.

### *Men's Ministry*

November 4-5: Men's Retreat

### *Women's Ministry*

November 4-5: Engage Conference; Cost is \$49, if your interested contact Morgan Sanford or Katie Cargle (937.232.7766)

### *Missions*

Every Monday and Tuesday: In His Name after school program see MaryRuth for details (678-570-6975)



Hey BCM Family!! In these three months that we've been in school, you've probably heard us talk and talk and talk about Send Me Now missions. For those of you who haven't heard about it or those who just want to know more, this is for you, so listen up! Send Me Now is an incredible opportunity to get involved with missions during the summer. Students may be sent anywhere from working at a camp here in Georgia to teaching English in China and the trips vary in time with some being a week long and others being 2 months. As a BCM we fundraise all year long in order to send students into these mission fields. Last summer, we had 33 students go out all over the world to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We have already been commanded to go and share the gospel and it is our job to be obedient to that command. The due date for the SMN application is November 1st so it's coming up quickly and we hope that you will prayerfully considerer spending your summer in this way! You can find the application by searching Send Me Now in Google and clicking on the 'How to Apply' tab. You can also click on the following link to get to the application: <http://sendmenow.net/how-to-apply/>

We'll be having a Send Me Now application party Wednesday October 26th at the BCM house at 7:00 pm! Bring your laptops and any questions you may have about SMN. We look forward to walking along side you during this exciting process!

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and surely, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” - Matthew 28:19-20



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**ENGAGE CONFERENCE**  
Missions Discipleship Weekend for Young Women 18-35  
**NOVEMBER 4-5**  
Metro Atlanta Area  
**\$49** More information and registration available August 2016 at [georgiawmu.org](http://georgiawmu.org)  
Hosted by Rehoboth Baptist Church, Tucker



Mary Jo Sharp  
Christian author and apologist

Missions Discipleship Weekend for Young Women to: Engage. Serve. Learn. Engage with God's Desire to redeem all people. Serve by meeting needs in Atlanta with an open heart to discover how you can do the same in your community. Learn more about what you believe and how to engage others in spiritual conversations. The cost is \$49 dollars which includes meals, lodging, conference fee, and a t-shirt. If you are interested in going please talk to Morgan Sanford or Katie Cargle.



**Iron Sharpens Iron**  
Proverbs 27:17

**MEN'S RETREAT  
NOVEMBER 4-5**

**SPEAKER: JASON TEAL**      **6PM: DINNER**  
**7PM: SESSION**

**COST: FREE EXCEPT FOR ACTIVITY ON SATURDAY. BRING \$15 FOR THIS ACTIVITY**      **WHAT TO EXPECT: FREE FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT KEITH WADE AT 678.989.8614 OR AUSTIN REAVES AT 678.633-1290**