

nourishing the life of a believer. The Upper Room ABF seeks to better understand how fellowship around God's word makes a difference in personal discipleship, our closest relationships, and in the marketplace.

This year our particular focus is the role fellowship plays in our various relationships. We are eager to explore how deliberate relationships with the next generation, with other races, and with those who do not follow Jesus can have a transforming effect on the challenges facing the North American Church. Sam Lamiy leads this ABF.

RELIANCE (ROOM B202)

The Reliance ABF is a diverse group that includes college students, those working and retirees, the single and married, and from various life situations. This diversity practically guarantees that wherever one is in his or her spiritual journey or whatever hurdles currently being encountered in one's life, someone in this class is either there or has been there. Some bring great knowledge of scripture while others have limited knowledge but, together, they help each other grow in their love for Jesus. Members enjoy a systematic, in-depth study of God's word and take an active role discussing the meaning of the Word and ways to apply it to their lives. This group also has occasional potluck get-togethers. Bring your Bibles and join this friendly group. Bob Thurman leads this ABF.

MEMBERSHIP/ORIENTATION CLASS (B106)

Church membership can be a significant and meaningful part of your personal spiritual growth. Membership classes are offered several times each year and are designed to introduce what the Wilmore Free Methodist Church believes about God, the Bible, salvation, and life lived in intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and the mission and organization of the church. Charlie and Patti Fiskeaux are the leaders. This class meets 4-5 times throughout the year. Check the Worship Folder or "The Plumblin'" newsletter for current dates and times.

CONNECTIONS (A200)

This elective meets the first Sunday morning of each month and offers a brief introduction to our church's ministries, beliefs, staff, and facilities, and is led by the Belonging Team. This elective is designed to be a one-time, get-acquainted opportunity for visitors. If you are new to our church, please join us!



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Adult Bible Fellowship at WFMC

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES: WHAT ARE THEY?

ABF stands for a group of *Adults*, gathering to study the *Bible*, and working toward developing *Fellowship* in community. The Adult Bible Fellowship offerings are long-term, ongoing classes, designed to provide a place for learning, discussion, and relationship and community building. If you are looking for a place where you can know and be known by others, connect yourself to an ABF. If you are looking for a place to learn and grow, connect yourself to an ABF. If you are looking for a group of people who will care about you, connect yourself to an ABF.

Electives are occasional offerings that help supplement our adult Christian education experience. Electives are short-term classes (up to one year) that cover specific material. They are not designed to provide the pastoral care and social elements that ABFs do. Often, people choose to be permanently connected to ABFs while occasionally taking advantage of electives.

*All Adult Bible Fellowship classes meet from 9:40–10:40 a.m. on Sunday mornings, unless otherwise noted.

CAFÉ BEREA (ROOM B100)

One of the most under-studied books of the Old Testament is the book of Numbers. Yet this book, like all the rest, is filled with gems of truth. To be sure, the "mining" may have to go a little deeper than with some other books, but the finds will well repay the effort. What is God about in his world and what is our part in it? How do we go forward in faith and what will prevent us from going forward? These are some of the deep questions the book of Numbers explores, and faithful "miners" will find rewarding answers.

John Oswalt leads this ABF.

EXPLORERS (ROOM B102)

The Explorers ABF is a class intended for those who have a strong desire to explore the scriptures. The teacher, Brian Kidwell, is strongly committed to the inductive method and so will not only closely examine individual passages but will also evaluate how the overall structure of each book/section contributes to its interpretation. Class participation—though not required—is highly valued and encouraged.

HOMEBUILDERS (ROOM B201)

The vision of the Homebuilders ABF is to study how God's Word speaks practically to present-day families. Each week the class begins with fellowship over breakfast, followed by a time of prayer. The study portion of class alternates between Bible book studies and topical studies. The class hosts monthly fellowship opportunities for members and their families to get together. Ben Riffell leads this ABF.

LAYMAN'S CLASS (ROOM B200)

The Layman's ABF is attended by singles and marrieds in age ranges from the 20's to the 80's. This fall we'll start a study of Paul's personal letters, beginning with Philemon and continuing to Titus and the two letters to Timothy. These personal letters offer a glimpse into the heart and soul of a great missionary, as well as capturing some doctrine and timeless leadership principles. As always, our study will be interactive, with a focus on what the scripture has to say to Christians living in a world that looks, culturally, more and more like it must have looked in the first century.

Coffee is always available and heavily partaken of. Food and snacks, rarely. John Swaim leads this ABF.

GETTING STARTED (ROOM B103)

The goal of this ABF is to deepen our understanding of Scripture and its application to our daily lives. This year we will be studying 40 key passages from the Bible and how they shape Christian thought and our daily walk. This class is open to all young adults and beyond. Simple snacks, prayer, and fellowship provided. Bill and Karen Jamison lead this ABF.

WRESTLING WITH TRUTH (WWT) (ROOM B101)

The Wrestling with Truth ABF endeavors to examine the big picture of the scriptures. It addresses such questions as: What do we know about God? What can we learn about mankind and the need for salvation? How should Christians live each day? We focus on the scriptural text, emphasize discussion, and usually address a chapter each week. We have a significant interest in the hymns of the church and in missions. Periodically, we plan wonderful get-togethers for fun and encouragement. We praise God for His blessings, and we share in and pray for the needs of our members and the world. Timothy Thomas and Melanie Kierstead are the primary teachers. Others lead in music, prayer, and caring ministries.

UPPER ROOM (ROOM B104)

Fellowship is a common theme in the New Testament, and the Apostle Paul held fellowship to be critically important in