

studies and topical studies. The class hosts monthly fellowship opportunities for members and their families to get together. Ben Riffell leads this ABF.

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### **LAYMAN'S CLASS**

**ROOM B200**

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Layman's ABF is attended by singles and marrieds in age ranges from the 20's to the 80's. Our study is interactive, with a focus on what the Scriptures have to say to Christians living in a world that looks more and more like it must have looked in the first century. Coffee is always available and heavily partaken of. Food and snacks, rarely. Teaching responsibilities are shared among Matt Kinnell, John Swaim, and Larry Winkleman.

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### **ON PURPOSE**

**ROOM B105**

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For 2019, the On Purpose ABF (a 20-30 somethings class) has a slate of speakers that will help us look at the Scriptures as a source of encouragement and guidance for living our lives on purpose. These teachers are counselors, Bible scholars, history buffs, etc. Each will offer a unique perspective on how lives should be lived with purpose.

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### **THE UPPER ROOM**

**ROOM B104**

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The Upper Room ABF is a discipleship class started more than five years ago with a long journey about walking and fellowship with God. Currently we are going through the Word of God and how the Word will not just supply us with knowledge or information but also be transformational. The class depends on active participation and sharing with a round-table discussion format. Joanna Crabtree and Michael Montoya lead this ABF.

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### **WRESTLING WITH TRUTH**

**ROOM B101**

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The Wrestling with Truth ABF endeavors to examine the significant themes of Scripture. 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. We plan periodic get-togethers for fun and encouragement. We praise God and share in and pray for the needs of our members and the world. Timothy Thomas and Melanie Kierstead are the primary teachers of this ABF. During the summer, a variety of class members will be assisting in the study of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

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### **YOUNG FAMILIES**

**ROOM C202**

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This Adult Bible Fellowship is especially for you if you are a young married couple just starting out (with or without children) or are a single parent. Young Families ABF promises a laid-back atmosphere for sharing and studying God's Word together, as well as social opportunities for making long-term friendships. Dave and Carol Coulliette coordinate the leadership team.



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### **MEMBERSHIP/ORIENTATION CLASS**

**ROOM A200 OR B106**

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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. This Adult Elective meets four to five times throughout the year. Check the worship folder or "The Plumbline" newsletter for current dates and times. Charlie and Patti Fiskeaux lead this ABF.

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### **CONNECTIONS**

**ROOM A200**

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This Adult Elective meets the first Sunday morning of each month and offers a brief introduction to our church's ministries, beliefs, staff, and facilities. It 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

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## AWAKENING TO TRUTH ROOM B202

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Awakening to Truth is a class for anyone interested in studying the Scriptures with courage and humility in realization that God is continuing to reveal to us the majesty of Himself and His will for our lives. We envision our class as a lay-led “workshop” where—with up-rolled sleeves—we joyously set ourselves “to prayer and the ministry of the word” (Acts 6:4). It is our hope that serious reflection and adoration unite in worship as a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. Come join us as we, presently, take a careful look at the Gospel of Matthew! This ABF permits Chadwick Spencer to stand up at the front.

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## CAFÉ BEREÀ ROOM B100

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Café Berea is entering a long-term study of the so-called “Minor” prophets. This title implies that these prophets are not as important as the “Major” prophets. Actually, these prophets are just more concise. What these prophets have to say is equally important. We will see that what these men had to say long ago is still relevant for us today. All those who want to know more about the Old Testament message and how it relates to us today are invited to join us. Class begins with Glen Ellwood leading us in a time of praying for one another. Later in the week, Nancy Ellwood emails those requests so that we can remain connected through the week. John Oswalt leads this ABF.

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## CHARIS ROOM B203

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Now that you’re on your own, how do you do life? Charis, an ABF for post-high school/college/20-30 somethings will endeavor to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord” so that “we may know the hope to which He has called us.” *Charis is a Wednesday night ABF, meeting from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.* A light supper (free) is included. Charis is designed to pair well with the Sunday morning “On Purpose” ABF. Charlie and Kaye Payne lead this ABF.

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## CURRENT CONVERSATIONS, ANCIENT FAITH ROOM B102

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Would you like to talk about today's issues through a biblical and historical (Free Methodist) lens? Join us for this new discussion-oriented ABF. In the first year, expect topics around social issues, justice, race, gender identity, women in leadership, church and state, parenting concerns, and technology challenges. Many of these issues and more can be found at <https://freemethodistconversations.com/>. To quote the Free Methodist Church's website, these conversations “are intended to be open and respectful discussions on various present-day topics. Our intention is not to limit discussion but to elevate it by assuring that God's love and respect is always expressed.” This new ABF also intends to take the conversation into action with monthly service events and other community activities. Discussion will be led by a variety of women and men in our church. For more information, contact Sarah Beth Baldwin, Jason Johnston, or Amanda Reifsnnyder, facilitators for this ABF.

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## EXPLORERS ROOM B103

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From Charlie Brown to the Psalms, from *Mr. Holland's Opus* to the letters of Paul, from *To Kill a Mockingbird* to the stoning of the adulterous woman: The Explorers is the intersection of culture and the Bible. We look at what our culture is saying—through film, TV, TedTalks, and more—and discuss how the culture is addressing the issues of life compared with how the Bible and Christian tradition speak into those same issues. Led by the attendees of the class.

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## HOMEBUILDERS ROOM B201

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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

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## ADULT EDUCATION AT WFMC ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES: WHAT ARE THEY?

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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—most of varying-age members—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.

**Adult 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 connected permanently to ABFs while occasionally taking advantage of electives. A current Elective list is available on the worship folder calendar of events.

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