

ONPURPOSE ROOM B202

The OnPurpose ABF (a 20- to 30-something class) is wrapping up a series on Adulthood. Over the next year, the class plans to explore several other topics, such as "Everything Starts with an 'If,'" Leadership, Finances, Bible Study, etc. The class starts with casual conversation, sharing about our week, and a "Demotivator" for the week. And, yes, a breakfast snack is usually part of it. You are invited to join us as we look to live life OnPurpose.

THE UPPER ROOM ROOM B104

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.

WRESTLING WITH TRUTH ROOM B101

The Wrestling with Truth ABF digs deeply into scripture to discuss what we know about God and how we can live and share the life-giving Truth. We focus on the biblical text, emphasize discussion, and usually address a chapter each week. We also have a significant interest in mission work and hymns of the church. We plan fun social times and have a vibrant ministry of prayer and encouragement. Melanie Kierstead is the primary teacher of this ABF, assisted regularly by Art Brown. We are currently wrestling in the Gospel of John.

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES ACADEMY (YMCA) ROOM C202

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



MEMBERSHIP/ORIENTATION CLASS ROOM A200 OR 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. 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.

CONNECTIONS ROOM A200

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

ADULT EDUCATION 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—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.**

CAFÉ BEREÀ ROOM B100 + ZOOM

Café Berea takes its name from Acts 17:11 where it is said that the people of Berea “received the message with great eagerness and searched the Scriptures daily.” The focus of the class is on direct study of the Scripture. Before the present virus attack, class members brought snacks that were enjoyed by all (“café”), and it is hoped we can do that again in the future. The present study is of the book of Psalms. Dr. John Oswalt is the teacher. Study questions are passed out in advance, and class discussion is an important feature. Glen Ellwood opens the class with a devotional thought and leads in prayer for requests that have been voiced. Later in the week Nancy Ellwood sends out the list of requests so that we can continue to be connected with one another. The class meets in B100 and is also Zoom-connected.

ALWAYS BE PREPARED ROOM B102

To creatively defend and uphold the faith after the death of truth and the accelerating decay of culture—that is the goal of this ABF with presentations and dialog on worldview, cultural and civilizational apologetics, reaching those who think differently, recognizing verbal seduction and deception, last days, seeing God’s fingerprint, and much more. The group also enjoys monthly fellowship times. Doug and Carol Matthews lead this ABF.

EXPLORERS ROOM B103

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 ABF 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. In 2021 we will use Madeleine L’Engle’s book, *Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith and Art*, as a topical guide. Led by the attendees of the class.

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

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.