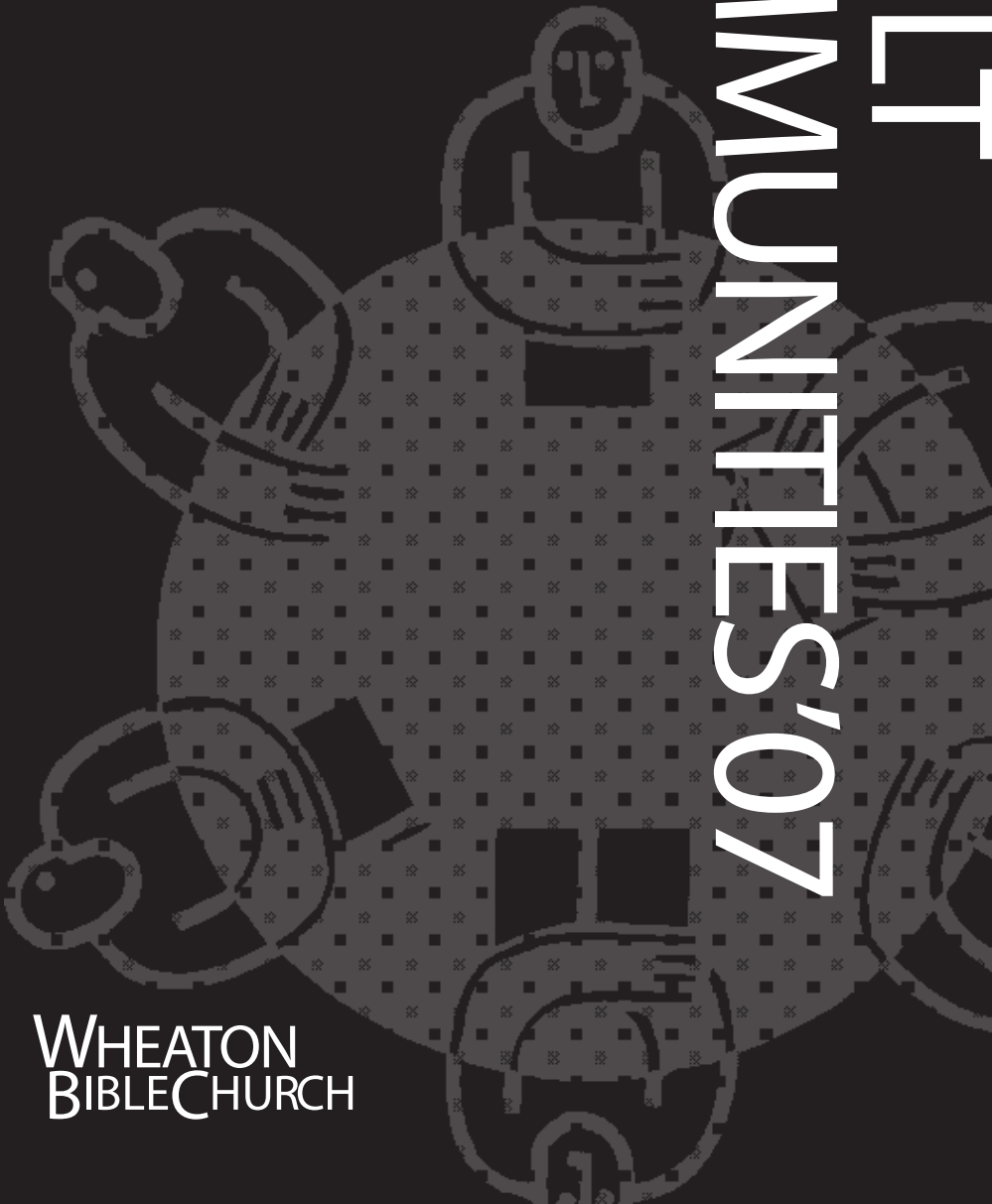


ADULT COMMUNITIES '07



WHEATON
BIBLECHURCH

Dear Friends,

Whether you have been attending for a while or you are new to Wheaton Bible Church, we are happy to have you with us. We are excited to help you get connected into the supportive and dynamic community life at WBC.

One of the best ways to enter into the life and discipleship of the church is to attend Begin@WBC, a casual, interactive time, where you can hear about the mission God has given to WBC and begin your journey here with others who are seeking to love God, grow together and reach the world.

As you complete this five-week gathering, Adult Communities can offer a great way to take a next step. Our Adult Communities are groups of 30 to 100 people who gather on our church campus on Sunday mornings to go deeper in their faith and support each other in their spiritual journey.

Most Adult Communities also offer Small Group opportunities of 10-20 people who meet off campus throughout the week to build deeper relationships with God and each other. As they seek to grow together, they are committed to encouraging each other to live lives of impact in the church, their homes and in their world.

Each Adult Community has its own distinct personality. While individuals within the communities may cross generational lines, the majority will fall in the following general categories. To help you navigate a particular life-stage, use these helpful distinctions:

Maturing Adults (The most mature generation of the church)

Communities: BEREANS, EPAPHRODITES, PEOPLE'S, HOMEBUILDERS

Middle Age Adults (May be single, divorced or married, ages of children vary from high school to young adulthood)

Communities: COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST, SOJOURNERS

Intergenerational

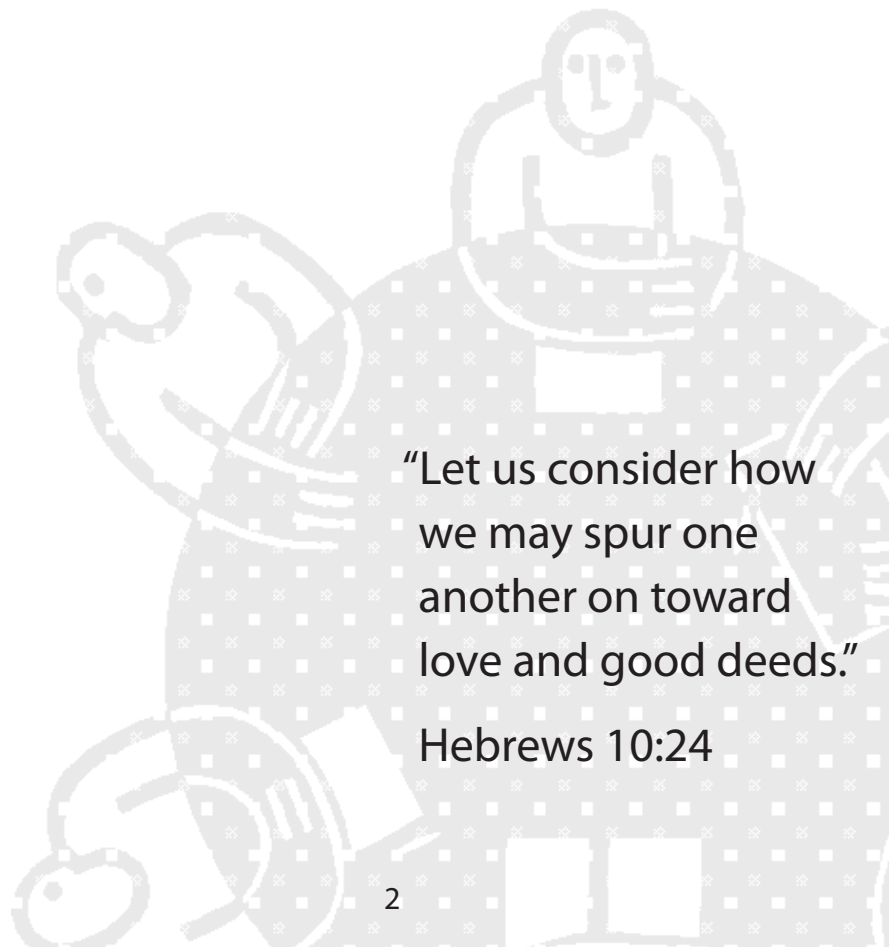
Communities: WOMAN TO WOMAN, PROVIDENCE, CONNECTIONS, KOINONIA, FOUNDATION BUILDERS

Young Adults (some single, some married, some with young children)
Communities: AMBASSADORS, GENESIS, COVENANT, 24:7

We hope this booklet will guide you on your search to find the Adult Community that is right for you. Please feel free to visit as many Adult Communities as you wish until you find the right fit.

Blessings,

Jeff Walser
Adult Discipleship Pastor



“Let us consider how
we may spur one
another on toward
love and good deeds.”

Hebrews 10:24

MATURING ADULTS

Bereans

Chapel 210, 9:40 am

As senior adults, both couples and widowed, the Bereans represent the oldest age level and the most long-term members of the church.

Every Sunday, those within the community gather beforehand to enjoy coffee and a time of fellowship with one another. The class studies a book from the Bible with Jim Draper as the anchor teacher and guest speakers occasionally speaking on their own choice of topics.

Each month, they gather with other seniors throughout the church for the Vanguard dinner. This is an evening of fellowship, followed by dinner and a program. The goal of the evening is to focus on becoming more like Christ, serving others and influencing people for Christ.

For more information, contact Jim Draper, 630.462.7210.

Epaphrodites

Fireside Room 203, 9:40 am

Epaphrodites is a fellowship of mostly retired singles and couples who enjoy weekly fellowship and teaching each Sunday, as well as regular social and service activities during the month.

The community enjoys teaching from various speakers and topics throughout the year.

For more information, contact Floyd and Martha Bruning, 630.562.4045, or Allen and Ingrid Nelson, 630.513.6365.

People's Class

Heritage Prayer Room, Room 208, 9:40 am

This community includes marrieds, singles and widowed, who assemble each Sunday for lecture and discussion-based studies led by Jack Sheaffer and a time of prayer.

Caring for one another and supporting each other through life's challenges has become such a central part of the ministry. Leaders Jack and Verna have made outreach a part of their lives for over 40 years and have become family to those around them. Their annual Bratwurst and Corned Beef Dinners have

become legendary among class members.

Holding missions as a high value, the group sacrificially supports quite a number of missionaries and participates in other mission projects during the year.

For more information, contact Millie Busse, 630.682.9378.

Homebuilders

Fellowship Hall 207, 9:40 am

This lively, maturing adult community gathers each week to gain wisdom from the biblical teaching of Dr. Paul Jordan.

Homebuilders also functions as a family, caring for and praying for one another while enjoying such social gatherings as dinner groups and class trips.

For more information, contact Mike Getz, 630.653.4361, or Joe Bean, 630.665.0519.

MIDDLE AGE ADULTS

Community for Christ

Choir Room, 9:40 am

This community of believers is comprised of 40 to 60 year-old couples with children ranging from junior high to young adult age.

They are led in Bible study on particular books of the Bible, typically verse by verse, by Pastor John White each Sunday.

Small groups meet once-a-month, gathering in homes for added depth of discussion and relationship-building.

Throughout the year, the community offers exciting occasions to get together for times of interaction and fun, including dinners, sports and theater events, and movie nights at the church.

Come see for yourself why this community is recognized as prayer-focused, warm, receptive and caring.

For more information, contact Lowell Benson, 630.293.1244.

Sojourners

Fireside Room 201, 9:40 am

Sojourners are mostly 50-year-old couples with high school and young adult-aged children who draw together in a unified effort to understand and articulate the Gospel in today's culture.

On Sundays, they delve into different books of the Bible in an interactive teaching format that provides opportunity for questions and input, which is led by Elder John Walker.

Small groups gather every other week to go a little deeper in Bible study and grant opportunity for concentrated prayer.

Periodically members enjoy times of connection through class picnics, Dinners for Eight and holiday parties.

Opportunities for service also abound as they participate in a number of projects throughout the year and play an active role in our church-wide Missions Fest. A prayer and care ministry has also developed to serve those within the community who may find themselves in the midst of crisis.

For more information, contact John or Marcia Kennedy, 630.832.9644.

INTERGENERATIONAL ADULTS

Woman to Woman

Room B1, 9:40 am

Longing for the friendship and mentorship of other women from whom you can glean wisdom and insight? This community boasts a multigenerational collection of women from all stages of life, including those who are single, married or widowed.

Sunday mornings, women gather and hear from various teachers who bring God's word to life as they conduct both Biblical surveys of the Old and New Testament as well as in-depth exposition of a particular book.

Each Sunday provides an opportunity to get connected while you find support and encouragement from other members of the community.

A Monday afternoon small group, led by Peggy Johnson, affords a time of more intimate conversation and a chance for Bible study that many women value as a fundamental aspect of their week.

Quarterly, the women join together to attend a concert or play, enjoy a potluck, or take in the sights at the arboretum.

For more information, contact Lynda Deans, 630.279.5558.

Connections

Fellowship Hall, Room 206, 9:40 am

Connections is a dynamic group of 35-55 year-old couples and singles. Many have older children—some preteen, some high school and others college age.

The group enjoys fellowship time and Bible teaching each Sunday morning, led by Elder Jim Goetz, Dave Johnson and Richard Schultz.

Small groups meet bi-monthly and are considered an integral part of relationship building, serving and caring within the community.

They connect through monthly social events, quarterly and “dine arounds.”

As a part of this community, you will care for others and be cared for yourself in times of need.

For more information, contact John Wilcox, 630.836.0911.

Koinonia

Franklin Middle School Small Gym (2nd Level), 9:40 am

Do you long for deep connection and community, based on a strong yearning to learn more of the world? Come join the diverse group of mid-30's to mid-50-year-old adults with their children of all ages that make up the body of Koinonia.

The Koinonia community gather each Sunday for a time of expository teaching from God's word. Lessons are taught by Dr. Tom Cornman, Dean of the Undergraduate School at Moody Bible Institute.

From within the class, several small groups have formed which meet in numerous homes where couples are really able to develop deeper relationships with one another in a more informal setting.

Every other month, dinner clubs, Sunday brunches and potlucks provide ample opportunity to fellowship over food and strengthen relationships.

For more information, contact Robert Hraback, 630.588.1042.

Providence

Franklin Middle School Cafeteria, 9:40 am

As a vibrant community of believers, ages 35 to 60, single and married, the members of Providence are committed to building and equipping one another in their relationship and service to Christ as well as to sharing the Gospel with others.

Sunday mornings enable individualsto enter into casual fellowship and facilitate individual development, as the committed leadership presents a wide spectrum of Biblical topics.

While a time of prayer for special needs is always a priority on Sundays, the community's bi-monthly small groups also provide a wonderful chance to enter into meaningful relationships and grow in the character of Christ through shouldering one another's burdens.

For more information, contact Mike Feltz, 630.681.0571.

Foundation Builders

Fireside Room 202, 9:40 am

Foundation Builders has a strong commitment to biblical teaching, as well as authentic fellowship, prayer and care support for the members of the community. It is a committed group of 25-55-year-old couples and singles. Children range from college graduates all the way down to newborns. Each morning after fellowship, time is dedicated to praying for the needs of the class. Teaching time follows, led by Chris Mitchell and Jonathan Volle. Occasionally, there are small group discussions in lieu of teaching.

The community has a goal of regular socials to encourage new relationships and strengthen existing bonds. Previous socials have included a Christmas party, baseball games, parties of 8, game nights, chili parties, family BBQ's and women's and men's events.

Through these bonds comes a naturally caring community, dedicated to supporting each others needs. This support could be in meals, prayer, helping hands or just a kind word. Small groups exist with the intent of creating more as interest arises.

This community is a group of believers seeking to demonstrate God's love by being grounded in and joyfully obedient to God's word, authentic in fellowship, care of others and purpose in sharing our faith and growing disciples for Christ.

For more information, contact Jeff Jacob, 630.652.4620

YOUNG ADULTS

Ambassadors
B12, 11:10 am

The Ambassadors community is a compilation of married couples, mostly in their late 20's and 30's, with children ranging from newborns to grade school age. On Sunday mornings, they are led by a variety of teachers who guide the group in both topical and Bible book studies, with a focus on marriage and family.

Throughout the year, the community serves one another by providing meals, prayer and hands-on support for families with a new baby, as well as those who are hurting and may have a need. Small groups are also an integral part of the community dynamic.

Social events, such as an adult Christmas party, guy's nights out and women's home parties, are highlights throughout the year and wonderful opportunities for visitors to get plugged in to the heart of the community.

For more information, contact Brett Lucas, 630.456.4765.

Genesis
B12, 9:40 am

This growing community encompasses couples in their 20's and 30's most of whom are remarried and starting families. Many have toddler-aged children, while others are preparing for their first. However, members welcome the diversity of older couples and singles as well.

Duane and Mary Ellen Martin and Dave and Lynne Endrody serve as shepherds for the class. Duane and Dave alternate leading themselves and bringing in guest speakers from the WBC Pastoral Staff or professors from Wheaton College and Moody Bible Institute. These knowledgeable teachers address topics such as biblical convictions, marriage, parenting, finances and specific books of the Bible.

Small groups meet bi-monthly, drawing individuals into deeper community, while Dinners for Six, Super Bowl Parties, fall and spring picnics and playgroups for families with kids, provide opportunities for relationship building and outreach to neighbors. Members also serve both the church and the community as they staff PADS shelters and act as servers for the Vanguard dinner.

If you desire to connect with others, grow together and reach out to the community, come join us.

For more information, contact Steve or Stephanie Heerdt, 630.833.3794.

Covenant

B12, 8:15 am

Covenant is comprised of young couples, engaged and married, ages 22 to 35. Many are in the career-stage, but several are beginning to have children.

As permanent teachers, Jim and Cindy Judge bring wisdom and encouragement to young couples through their years of committed marriage experience. Small groups allow couples to delve into relationships on a deeper level, many of the women meet for Bible study every other week, and several men gather each Thursday morning for the Men's Huddle.

Couples enjoy once-a-month, pre-planned activities, such as progressive dinners, BBQ's, bonfires and lake days, as well as many other informal gatherings in each other's homes.

Opportunities for service also abound through this community as they partner with several WBC missionaries and ministries to serve where needed.

Come join this fun-loving group of young couples as they journey closer to Christ through one another.

For more information, contact Ryan and Jenny Linenger, 630.408.7894.

24:7 (Young Adults, 21-34)

Fireside 203, 11:10 am

24:7 is a community of faith, committed to growing and learning together as they engage questions of career, relationships and purpose in their lives. Small groups also meet throughout the week. 24:7 also gets together regularly for a variety of social events and service projects. A fall schedule is available at www.wheatonbible.org/?p=463.

For more information, call 630.260.1600 and ask for Jeff Payne.

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