



Dear Lifelong Learners,

Welcome to the Fall 2025 term for Endeavor University!

As a ministry of Lakeway Church, Endeavor University strives to reflect the purpose and mission of our church through its courses. Endeavor University also relies wholly on course fees and volunteers produce and sustain this fun and educational program, as we are a non-profit entity.

Please explore the Fall 2025 courses and register for all you are interested in by October 6th! Classes will begin the week of October 13th and—at the latest—end November 20th.

If you have any recommendations for Spring 2026 course offerings, or are interested in volunteering with Endeavor University, please contact my assistant, Jackie Albright, at Jackie@LakewayChurch.net.

We hope you enjoy becoming a Learner for Life!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Brent Graham

The mission of Endeavor University is to
create learners for life through authentic fellowship,
a sense of community, and spiritual growth.

SCHOOL OF BIBILICAL STUDIES

Out of the Shadows: Seeing Advent in a New Light!

Pete Sirotkin

Monday, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

In this class, you will go beyond the familiar telling of Jesus' nativity, which can often be a bit shrouded in modern western tradition. Students will explore the historical, geographical, and political context that Jesus was born into; discuss how New Testament authors invoke Old Testament texts; examine some of the story's fascinating (yet often overlooked) characters; consider the theological implications of the Incarnation plus much more. This class is taught by Pete Sirotkin, who graduated with a master's degree in business from the University of Wisconsin. Pete (a member of both the Evangelical Theological Society and the Society of Biblical Literature) also has considerable graduate coursework in biblical studies and has taught several adult classes on the Bible and church history.

CLASS DATES: OCT 13-NOV 3

No additional fees/bring a Bible & note-taking materials to class.

The Genealogy of Jesus – the Women

Carl Johnson

Tuesday, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

The Bible is a miraculous book filled with histories, wisdom, and commands that enrich our lives and teach us about God. In this five-week course, students will zoom in on Matthew 1:1-16 and take a look at the women named in the Genealogy of Jesus: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary of Nazareth. Led by Carl Johnson, a former Lakeway Church elder, a current Lakeway Church choir member, and a long-time Endeavor University Class teacher, this is a class you don't want to miss!

CLASS DATES: OCT 14-NOV 11

No additional fees/bring a Bible & note-taking materials to class.

The Life and Times of Paul the Apostle

Brent Graham

Wednesday, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

The Apostle Paul is one of the most influential writers of the New Testament. In this study students will seek to learn more about his life and learn what life may have been like in the early first century. Who was Paul? What made him tick? Why did his missionary journeys have such a profound influence on the Greek and Roman world of the first century? This class will be taught by Pastor Brent Graham who has been in ministry for nearly 40 years and has faithfully served Lakeway Church for the past 25! Brent did his undergraduate work at Howard Payne University in Brownwood and earned a Master's Degree in Christian Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX.

CLASS DATES: OCT 15-NOV 19

No additional fees/bring a Bible & note-taking materials to class.

The Parables of Jesus – New Reflections and Insights on These Old Familiar Stories

Craig Butler

Thursday, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

The parables of Jesus have been a popular topic for Biblical scholars for many years. Jesus used realistic events and scenes to create life-like stories for His many followers. These stories intrigued the crowds, and his listeners were captivated by His illustrations. Do these time-tested stories continue to uncover powerful messages for us still? Come alongside Rev. Craig Butler, a former biblical instructor, campus minister, and hospital chaplain, as he refreshes your study of the parables and teaches you to look for possible ways to make them relevant to you today. His post graduate studies include the Pacific School of Religion – Berkely, Golden Gate Seminary – San Francisco, Northwestern University – Chicago, Regent College – Vancouver and he holds a Master of Divinity degree.

CLASS DATES: OCT 16-NOV 13

No additional fees/bring a Bible & note-taking materials to class.

SCHOOL OF CREATIVE ARTS

Can a Thriller Be Righteous Too?

Exploring the Role of Fiction Literature in God's Kingdom

Charles Besondy

Monday, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

As an award-winning author of Christian thrillers, Charles Besondy states, "Jesus knew that well-told stories did much to reveal truth to the 'blind.'" Using excerpts from varying novels – including some of the spiritual battles for our hearts authored by Besondy – you will discover how stories can awaken and inspire, just like the parables of Jesus. Students will also explore how Christian fiction can use literary elements of conflict, character development, and metaphor to bring to life, in the reader's mind, the deadly, complex, and deceit-laden battle of good vs evil. The course is designed for anyone who loves to read good, Christian-themed stories or who is considering writing a fiction novel.

CLASS DATES: OCT 13-NOV 3

Additional fees for 1-2 books (purchased directly from Amazon).

Knitting for Beginners

Marcie Wendrock

Tuesday, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Do you enjoy crafts and working with your hands? Have you ever wanted to learn to knit? Maybe you want to make a scarf for a Christmas present or a baby blanket. Led by the capable Marcie Wendrock, who has been knitting for over 60 years and currently leads the Lakeway Church Prayer Shawl Ministry, students will make a simple project where they will learn the basic stitches of knitting, and she promises that you will have fun along the way!

CLASS DATES: OCT 14-NOV 18

No additional fees & all supplies will be provided.

SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

AI for Christians

Brian Hill

Wednesday, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Join this class and see Chat GPT being used live by Brian Hill, as well as learn the new tech language of AI, GEMINI, Chat GPT, and more; no materials needed, and no experience required. Brian, who has been a science reporter on the radio and TV for over 20 years and known to many as "The Explainer", will show students how Chat GPT can be useful in their spiritual journey.

CLASS DATES: OCT 15-OCT 22

No additional fees.