

Annual Fundraising Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Thursday, October 5, 2023



We are honored to feature our keynote speaker Lee Strobel, author of *The Case for Christ*.

Atheist-turned-Christian Lee Strobel, the former award-winning legal editor of The Chicago Tribune, is a New York Times best-selling author of more than forty books and curricula that have sold fourteen million copies in total. He currently serves as Founding Director of the Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics at Colorado Christian University.

Lee has been described in the Washington Post as “one of the evangelical community’s most popular apologists.” He was educated at the University of Missouri (Bachelor of Journalism degree) and Yale Law School (Master of Studies in Law degree). He was a journalist for fourteen years at The Chicago Tribune and other newspapers, winning Illinois’ highest honors for both investigative reporting and public service journalism from United Press International.

After probing the evidence for Jesus for nearly two years, Lee became a Christian in 1981. He subsequently became a teaching pastor at three of America’s largest churches and hosted the weekly national network TV program Faith Under Fire. In addition, he taught First Amendment law at Roosevelt University and was Professor of Christian Thought at Houston Baptist University.

In 2017, Lee’s spiritual journey was depicted in an award-winning motion picture, *The Case for Christ*, which showed in theaters around the world. The movie was on Netflix for three years. Lee won national awards for his books *The Case for Christ*, *The Case for Faith*, *The Case for a Creator*, and *The Case for Grace*. His latest books are *The Case for Miracles* and *The Case for Heaven*. A documentary based on *The Case for Heaven* was shown on movie theaters nationwide in 2022.

Chrystal Gardens Banquet Center

5768 E Grand River Ave / Howell, MI 48843

Table of Ten: \$750

Individual Tickets: \$75

Sponsorship Ads Also Available

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

VIP Photo Reception at 5:30 PM

Dinner & Program at 6:30 PM



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- Platinum \$10,000
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- Bronze \$2,500

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- Dinner Sponsor \$1,500

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- Full Screen Ad \$1,000 – Full-screen ad projected prior to and during event.
- Half Screen Ad \$500 – Half-screen ad projected prior to and during event.

DINNER RESERVATIONS

- Table \$750 – Table of ten, two tickets to the VIP photo reception
- Individual \$75 – Per Reservation
- Table Sponsor \$750/table – I will sponsor _____ table(s) of ten for SSI to invite pastors, legislators, teachers, students, etc.

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SSI is a 501(c)(3) organization. The Internal Revenue Code permits that you deduct the amount you give to SSI going beyond the value of your meal. Please note that the value of a meal for this banquet is estimated at \$28 or \$280 per table. Reviewed financial statements are available upon request.