

# Annual Fundraising Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Thursday, October 2, 2025

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**Our keynote speaker is Coach Joe Kennedy:** a former atheist, Kennedy never imagined he'd be at the forefront of the fight for religious liberty and First Amendment rights.

Coach Joe Kennedy, an eighteen-year Marine veteran, was an assistant coach for the Bremerton High School (BHS) varsity football team. Before he even coached his first game, the Marine-turned-football coach made a commitment to God that he would give thanks at the conclusion of each game for what the players had accomplished and for the opportunity to be part of their lives through football. This was met with disapproval from his school district and turned into a lengthy court battle.

On June 27, 2022, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Coach Kennedy and his First Amendment right and on March 8, 2023, Coach Kennedy was officially reinstated as assistant coach and returned to the field for one game on September 1, 2023 before resigning. Joe and his wife, Denise, are parents to four and reside currently in Pensacola. His memoir, *Average Joe*, is available wherever books are sold and a film inspired by his life released nationwide October 11, 2024. He continues to speak across the country promoting freedom of speech.

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## Crystal Gardens Banquet Center

5768 E Grand River Ave / Howell, MI 48843

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**Table of Ten: \$750**

**Individual Tickets: \$75**

**Student Tickets: \$35**

**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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- Table Sponsor \$750— Table of ten, two tickets to the VIP photo reception  
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 Table Sponsor \$750 – I will sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ table(s) of ten for SSI to invite pastors, legislators, teachers, students, etc.

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