

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Spring 2020 Pastors Conference

SCHEDULE

8:00	Check-in
8:30-8:45	Nirup Alphonse Welcome & Testimony
8:45-9:15	Lee Strobel Opening Charge Stronger Salt, Brighter Light
9:15-10:15	Mark Mittelberg Creating a Good News Culture
10:15-10:45	Coffee Break (Book Table Open)
10:45-11:45	Greg Stier The Case for Youth Ministry
II:45-I2:00	Dr. David Kotter Announcements
12:00-1:00	Lunch Billy Graham Exhibit and Book Table Open
1:00-2:00	Lee Strobel Unleashing Effective Outreach
2:00-2:45	Speaker Panel Discussion with Nirup Alphonse
2:45-3:00	Conclusion and Final Call to Action
3:00-5:00	Billy Graham Exhibit Open Book Table Open Book Signing with Lee, Mark, and Greg



LEE STROBEL

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 40 books and curricula that have sold over 14 million copies. He has been described in the Washington Post as "one of the evangelical community's most popular apologists."

After probing the evidence for Jesus for nearly two years, Strobel became a Christian in 1981. He subsequently became a teaching pastor at three of America's largest churches and hosted the 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. Currently, Lee is Founding Director of the Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics at Colorado Christian University.



MARK MITTELBERG

Mark Mittelberg is a best-selling author, international speaker, and leading strategist in evangelism and apologetics. His published materials include the Becoming a Contagious Christian training course, and The Case for Christ Daily Moment of Truth devotional (both with Lee Strobel), and The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask (With Answers).

After receiving an undergraduate degree in business, Mittelberg earned an M.A. in Philosophy of Religion from Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois. He also received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Southern Evangelical Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina. Today, he serves as Executive Director of the recently-announced Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics at CCU. Mittelberg and his wife, Heidi, live near Denver and are the parents of Emma Jean and Matthew, both of whom serve in full-time ministry roles.



GREG STIER

Greg Stier is the Founder of Dare 2 Share. He loves coffee, working nun chucks, watching movies and hanging with his wife and two teenage kids. After graduating from Colorado Christian University in 1988 he planted and co-pastored a thriving church in the Denver area. Following the mass shooting at Columbine High School in 1999 he felt called of God to lead Dare 2 Share full-time. Since then, Greg has trained well over a million teenagers to share their faith, been interviewed by CNN, TBN, and Fox and Friends, written twenty books and spoken at countless churches, conferences and events across the nation. Greg is widely considered an expert on reaching and mobilizing Generation Z with and for the Gospel. He will not stop until every teen everywhere hears the Gospel from a friend.



NIRUP ALPHONSE

Pastor Nirup was born and raised in India before moving to Chicago for high school and his time of study at Trinity College and Liberty Seminary where he earned his Masters of Theology. He married his college sweetheart, Hannah, and they served as Worship Pastors until God called them to plant a church in Denver.

Nirup Alphonse is the Founding Pastor of Lifegate Church located in Denver, Colorado. Lifegate is a dynamic church teaching mainly millennials and other young people. As the Lead Pastor, Nirup is primarily responsible for the preaching of God's Word. He is a dynamic communicator of the Gospel and is sought out around the country.

Other than preaching God's Word, Nirup is an avid reader who travels many places to speak and teach. He loves his wife of 12 years and is the father of three very busy energetic boys.

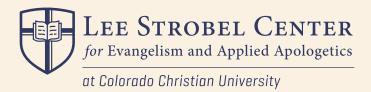


The Thriving Church Initiative serves the church by helping students to find healthy churches, pastors to thrive in ministry, and churches to grow in preaching, worship, and community.

As part of this initiative, CCU supports the church by providing pastoral training opportunities, including workshops for ministry leaders at our annual symposium, and hosting regional conferences aimed at pastors. Please watch for information on our upcoming events:

- CCU Symposium on September 21-22, 2020
 "Broken and Beautiful: The Church as the Bride of Jesus Christ"
- Spring 2021 Pastor's Conference
 "Preach the Word: Expository Preaching for the Local Church"

For more information ThrivingChurch@ccu.edu





A Strategic Priority of Colorado Christian University is to share the love of Christ on campus and around the world, and to teach our students to be evangelists. The Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics at CCU is an incredible vehicle to make new strides to achieve these priorities.

The Strobel Center will focus on applied apologetics — equipping a vast network of Christians who are actively engaged in the marketplace of ideas in local churches and communities, in the media, in the entertainment world, on the internet, and throughout popular culture. The center will also offer accredited undergraduate and graduate degrees designed to help churches, ministries, and individual Christians share and defend their faith naturally and effectively.

For more information ccu.edu/strobelcenter/