



Agape Youth Ministry PROGRESS REPORT

July/August 2021

WELCOME!

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PLEASE DONATE NOW!

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Thank you!

Note from AYM/CEO Gordy Lange: Thanks to Dan, Coordinator for White Mountain Youth. Along with his job and other ministry work, Dan put together a great Apologetics Conference, but he could use some help. If you have been led by the Lord to impact our Christian youth, and live in the White Mountains area, please consider helping with WMY Inc. DAN COULD USE THE HELP! **Contact Dan by text: 928-892-2157**

We are still looking for strong Christian leaders in the Phoenix metro area that would like to serve on our Board of Directors, or to help establish our FELLOWSHIP-KNOWLEDGE-GO! MINISTRY in their local church community. Contact: AYM/CEO Gordy Lange at: gordylange@gmail.com.



WHITE MOUNTAIN YOUTH INC (WMY INC)

***WMY INC Holds Apologetic's
Conference on Friday, August 13!***

White Mountain Youth INC held its first summer event for the youth of White Mountain with an Apologetic's Conference on Friday, August 13th at the First Baptist Church in Show Low AZ. Guest speaker was Shwan White, who is a National speaker on Apologetics.



Shawn White
Guest Speaker



Dan Parcell, WMY INC
Coordinator

We asked some question to Shawn White about his ministry reference his passion for Apologetics:

WMY: Short version, what is Apologetics?

SW: I take apologetics to mean that you make a case for the truth of whatever one is defending. Specifically, Christian apologetics is defending and commending the truth of Christianity through a variety of means, such as philosophy, history, science, and the imagination (literature, music, film, architecture, and the like). We take hold of all our intellect and imaginative power and use those in service to God to reconcile people back to God.

WMY: How did you get involved in Apologetics?

SW: I became involved in apologetics after the men whom I respected greatly passed away within a short time of one another. They were both leaders in the church and their loss made an impact on me. In reaction to their deaths, I enrolled in some Bible classes so that I could dig deeper into the faith that I had grown up in nearly my entire life. One of the classes I took was on the reliability of the New Testament. This was information I had never encountered before and that led me down the path of going back to school to earn a B.A. in Religious Studies so that I could get my M.A. in Christian Apologetics, which I did at Biola University in 2015. But I've been actively involved in Apologetics and Worldview since 2005.

WMY: Why do you feel it's important for our youth to learn their Christian faith through Apologetics?

SW: It's important because it helps us build confidence in sharing our faith with others, as well as anchoring us in our faith when we experience spiritual or emotional crises. Apologetics can act as a lifeline back to God amid turmoil. Our emotions might be tossing us all over the place, but intellectually we can rest secure in the fact that God is our refuge, that He will take care of us, and that He has our best interest in mind.

WMY: Why the importance of knowing the evidence of the resurrection from an Apologetics position?

SW: This is such a great question. There are two reasons why I like knowing about the evidence of the resurrection. First, of all the various apologetic arguments we have at our disposal, the resurrection is the only one that I'm aware of that actually gets us back to the Judeo-Christian God. Other arguments get us to Theism, but the argument for the resurrection gets us one step further to Christianity. Second, the Apostle Paul tells us that if the resurrection never happened, then Christianity is a waste of time; we are most to be pitied, and we are still lost in our sins. Thus, the resurrection solves the problem of alienation from our Creator. If the resurrection is false, then Christianity is false; if the resurrection is true, then Christianity is true. Christianity hangs on the thread of the resurrection being actually true.



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**White Mountain Youth INC's:
'It's not too late to register for the
DDBS in the White Mountain
Community'**

Dig Deeper Bible School has begun its second round, but it is not too late for new students to join. We are dedicated in this school to teaching the true word of God. It has been our experience that young people are seeking God and want the truth of His promises.

Our school has a new location at: **1606 Burke Lane** in Pinetop. For more information go to www.Agapeyouth.org or call Dan at (928) 892-2157.

We are in need of folding tables and folding chairs as well as a good used refrigerator. If anyone knows where we can find some of these items, please let us know.

White Mountain Youth INC (In the Name of Christ) is a non-profit organization which depends on generous donations to continue our efforts in not only teaching young people the truth found in the Bible, but also sponsoring free events that provide opportunities for young Christians to meet and fellowship with like-minded youth from different Churches in our area. Your tax-deductible donation can assure that these efforts continue in the future. Please consider supporting this much needed outreach to our young people in the White Mountains with your donation of any size.

Our school provides 64 classes over a 64-week period, each class cost us approximately \$15.00 please consider sponsoring one class.

Dig deeper School has started its second round of our 4-semester course. Four graduating students from the last school decided to take the classes again. We have two new students attending as of now and two more students that are planning to

join us soon. The last school started with just three students and grew to 15 at one point, but fell back due to Covid and a couple families moving out of town. We are excited to see what God will do this time around. Regardless of the number of students attending, we will continue to teach God's Word without compromise.

We are planning an Airsoft Tournament this fall as a result of multiple requests from youth in our area youth groups. We are also looking at another Apologetics Conference possible early next year. A Bible Jeopardy event is still in our plans for the future.

We are thankful to God for the donations we have received this year, and we are praying for his continued blessings on this ministry.

Dan Parcell (WMY Coordinator)

(Note: White Mountain Youth INC is a AYM Community Youth Group in the White Mountain community)



**From Agape Youth Ministry's
CEO Gordy Lange:
Notes from the Sept 10 AYM
Board of Directors Meeting:**

AYM Board members met for their 3rd Quarter Board meeting. Following items were approved:

- 1) Moving ahead for an event in Anthem area of north Phoenix.
- 2) Bev Buddee's application as a new Board member was approved. Bev served for years as an assistant to ASU's Chancellor and now is a member of ASU's Retirement Organization.
- 3) Finances were reviewed and approved and,
- 4) A year-end meeting date was approved. An extensive review by Dan Parcell, WMY Coordinator, was made on its activities and coming events.

Get ready for later this year as the Covid restrictions relax, AYM (with God's guidance) will be going out into the church communities to establish more Community Youth Groups such as White Mountain Youth INC. AYM's programs are to striving to help add to Churches' Youth Group programs.

We are looking for individuals who believe that their church and other churches in their community would benefit in bringing these churches youth groups together to build a community of Christian Youth.

WHY? With the radical left changing our society, with many of those changes being anti-Christian, it's very important that we start developing our youth to be strong witnesses for Christ, and thus developing His Church now and in the future to prepare for His coming!

Updates on Agape Youth Ministry's Board of Directors and On White Mountain Youths' Activities and Future Events

White Mountain Youth INC. held its 1st Apologetics Conference on Aug 13th. It was quite a challenge, as we lost our venue the morning of the presentation. Show Low First Baptist Church stepped up and allowed us to use their church for the presentation. The presentation was very good and impacted many in the audience. The exposure of White Mountain Youth Inc and Agape Youth in our area has definitely impacted donation for both ministries.



Shawn White, National Speaker on Apologetics, was the main speaker at the Aug 13th Apologetics Conference. Another Apologetic's Conference is planned for the Spring of 2022.

WMY INC held a Swim and Pizza Nite on Aug 21st at the Town of Show Low's Aquatic Center. The event included a message to the kids about reading the Gospels and focusing on Jesus as they go forward with their lives.



There was plenty of pizza and drinks and fun had by all!



Dig Deeper Bible School has moved to a new location. We appreciate very much the Lakeside/Pinetop Senior Center allowing us to use their facility the past couple of years. **Our new location located at 1606 Burke Lane in Pinetop Arizona, is just around the corner from our old location, still within walking distance of Blue Ridge High School.**



We were given use of the building free of charge AND with free WIFI!

With Agape Youth Ministry's **Fellowship-Knowledge-Go!** Program, we believe God will use the program to prepare our youth. Go to our website: www.agapeyouth.org or contact Gordy at (602) 363-6387 for more information.

Our **Fellowship Program** would be a great opportunity for Youth Groups in a community to come together for a **back-to-school celebration event** supported by AYM's Community Youth Group Program for this next school year.

The **KNOWLEDGE PROGRAMS include:** -

- The Student Leadership Program, which is a 3-Year Commitment.
 - The Dig Deeper Bible School is a 2-year, 4 semester in-depth study, which is supported by our Community Youth Groups.
 - One-week World Vision Summer Camp.
 - 6- 8 Weeks with Teen Missions International, and
 - A 3-9-month Internship/Residency Program
- GO! Out into the world**

AYM's **Scholarship Program** is a great opportunity for your Church to provide financial assistance and encouragement to those students who want to attend summer programs that your Church is participating in. The AYM scholarship Program provides up to \$100.00 for each student and a maximum of 5 students per Church. Opportunities for parents and teens who have a passion to serve the Lord by providing scholarship money for students in the Student Leadership Program. Check our website: www.agapeyouth.org to print out a Scholarship application. Funding is on a first-come basis and the AYM Board of Directors may change funding requirements on an individual basis.

HELP WANTED!

Serve on the AYM Board of Directors!

We are looking for men and women who have a Godly passion for youth. BOD members must have a desire to oversee and promote (includes financial support) of AYM's programs.

*Most BOD meetings are held quarterly, in-person or by video conference, or on specific issues, by e-mail. BOD members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting in-person in January or February.

*Applications for the BOD can be printed off our web page: www.agapeyouth.org under Forms.

*Geographic location is not an issue for BOD members as long as they feel they can provide oversight and promote AYM from their geographic location.

To receive the AYM Progress Report or to send it to another, or to receive additional information on Agape Youth Ministry and its programs, send us an e-mail! Our e-mail is: agapeyouth@agapeyouth.org, or go to our website www.agapeyouth.org.