



# Agape Youth Ministry PROGRESS REPORT

JUNE 2021

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## **AYM/CEO Gordy Lange: Agape Youth Ministry's Semi-Annual Board Meeting Notes!!**

*On July 17* the Board of Directors met in Pinetop Arizona for their semi-annual Board of Directors' meeting. Besides the AYM business meeting, the Board approved a **Rise 4 Christ event in the Fall in the Pinetop, Arizona area.**

The Board also discussed holding events in the Phoenix metro area under **the Valley of the Sun Community Young Group** now that many of the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. We will be looking for individuals and churches that will help with the events. **The Board also heard from Leah Fahrlender**, AYM's website administrator, about changes to the website.

**The students from White Mountain Youth's Dig Deeper Bible School** and AYM's Student Leadership program gave a presentation to the Board on their Worldview Academy Summer Camp in Glendale Arizona



## WHITE MOUNTAIN YOUTH INC

### WORLDVIEW ACADEMY CAMP NOTES!!!

Four students and one adult recently attended the Worldview Academy in Glendale Arizona. Three of the students spoke to the Agape Youth BOD about their experience.

The students informed the board that they attended approximately 5 lectures per day on multiple subjects. All the lectures reinforced a Biblical worldview. Activities and team sporting games were also on the agenda.

All the students agreed that their favorite part of the academy was a field trip to the ASU campus where they tried their skills as street evangelists, talking with ASU students.

All four students said that their prayer time and bible study time has increased since the academy and as a direct result of their experience at the academy. Relationships were made that have been continued with other Christian student from other areas of Arizona.



## Paula Krull Letter on World View Academy Camp Week

Well not sure where to start, so I first just wanted to say thank you for the opportunity to learn alongside these 4 other young ladies that were able to attend **Worldview Academy**. *I have attended a "youth conference/camp" in my younger years and very grateful for it because that's where I gave my life to the Lord! This was on a whole other level of young leaders!* First of all, the staff was comprised mostly of young men and women who were from the ages of 18-20's. From beginning to end they were courteous, helpful and went above what I have witnessed from our young people today. It was well organized and the staff expected these youth to follow rules that way everyone was able to enjoy themselves. And I am telling you when you expect great things from these kids, they actually jumped at the change to be challenged in an awesome way!

There were about 100 kids that I got to witness lifting their hands and standing worshipping Jesus every night.

They were given some tools to evangelize at one of the toughest campuses in Arizona, ASU and some were pretty nervous, but once they got out there and started talking to people, I know for all the young ladies that went with me, **THAT WAS THIER FAVORITE DAY!** They enjoyed talking to people and getting to know what others thought about the world and trying to establish a dialogue, and trust me they encountered some not so nice people. They were paired in groups and there was no staff or adult that helped them speak to these people. *As a mom and adult to witness these young kids engaging in great conversations with other adults, it was an awesome thing!*

I also was able to witness all the behind the scenes that go on into Worldview Academy and *they truly want to see great leaders rise up for Christ* and that is exactly what they are encouraged to do and they do it very well. *I never wanted to miss a lecture; they were all so great! From how up holding the law and becoming great leaders in our legal systems to How do we know the truth, to the “Problem with Pain”, and many more that really dig deep to some difficult questions that most adult Christians have difficulty answering and they were so engaged!* Every lecture ended on a note of leaving them with something really profound to think about and to think about it WELL. It was a great opportunity for me and the young girls that went with me. *I would highly recommend Worldview Academy!! Thanks again for the opportunity!*

## **White Mountain Youth INC Schedules Events**

\***Aug 21**- Church Youth Groups Pool/BBQ Outreach at Show Low Aquatic Center

\***August 13**-Church Youth Groups/Public Apologetic’s Conference– held at The Church in Pinetop

\***Sept. 22** – New WMY “Dig Deeper” Bible School begins.

Watch for more Events coming in the Fall!!!



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### **Agape Youth Ministry Semi-Annual Board Meeting**

Agape Youth Ministry is to hold its semi-annual Board meeting on July 17 in Pinetop, Arizona.

This is a great opportunity for those individuals who feel led to make an impact with our youth in developing future Christian leaders through our FELLOWSHIP-KNOWLEDGE-GO! program. Agape Youth Ministry has Board positions open, to see the qualification for a Board position go to our Web site, [agapeyouth.org](http://agapeyouth.org) for position qualifications and applications. Note: Geographic location not an issue for Board membership.

#### **What does being a Board Member Look Like???**

Board member commits to help oversee and direct the ministry in its mission.

Board member commits to attend quarterly meetings and annual meetings, in person or by conference (phone or Zoom type).

Board member commits to help financially raise funds for the ministry.

## **GET INVOLVED!**

Are you led to impact youth through our programs and want help start a Community Youth Group Program?

#### **What would that look like???**

**FELLOWSHIP**-Come alongside and develop a community youth group to support church youth groups in a community and help develop joint activities with AYM support.

**KNOWLEDGE**-Establish a Dig Deeper Bible School in a local community from the community youth group program and promote the Student Leadership Program with AYM support.

**GO!**- Go out into the world placing interns in church youth groups, youth ministries, college ministries, or in the work place with AYM support.

If you are interested in helping start a Community Youth Group in your community, contact AYM CEO Gordy Lange at 602-363-6387 (text) or [agpeyouth@agapeyouth.org](mailto:agpeyouth@agapeyouth.org).

### **AYM STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE**

AYM'S Scholarship program still has scholarships available to church youth for summer programs. AYM will provide up to \$100 per student, maximum \$500 per church for student summer programs. Check our web site for applications.



## **WHITE MOUNTAIN YOUTH INC**

A Community Youth Group of Agape Youth Ministry

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#### **TO SEND STUDENTS TO WORLDVIEW ACADEMY SUMMER CAMP**

White Mountain Youth INC will be sending 4 students and one adult to Worldview Academy's week-long summer camp at the end of June in Glendale, Arizona. The students are part of AYM/WMY INC Student Leadership Program and AYM's Scholarship Program.

# White Mountain Youth INC set summer/fall schedule

July-Church Youth Groups Pool/BBQ outreach-ShowLow Aquatic Center

August-Church Youth Groups/Public Apologetic's Conference

August-Church Youth Groups/Public Music Jam and outreach by AYM's Rise for Christ Program-Possible at the "Truck Stop"

September-Start new WMY Dig Deeper Bible School

Fall 2021- Bible Jeopardy Program for Church Youth Groups. (Program involves substantial prize money to winning youth groups)

## HELP WANTED!!

If you have a heart to help develop our future Christian generation and live in the White Mountain area (ShowLow, Lakeside, Pinetop, Snowflake/Taylor etc.), you might want to get involved with White Mountain Youth. They will need help in developing their summer programs and working with the local church youth groups. For more information on how you can serve, contact White Mountain Youth INC coordinator Dan Parcell at 928-892-2157 (text).

## DID JESUS START HIS MINISTRY WITH TEENAGERS??????

OR

### How did Jesus view the role of youth and young adults in the church?

Well, Jesus never came right out and gave us a direct answer to that question, however we do have some clues. Let's look a little deeper at this question. Matthew chapter 17 verses 24,25 and 27 says the following:

*24 After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?" 25 "Yes, he does," he replied. (Jesus says), 27 "But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours."*

Why is this important? As we see, the other disciples were present, however Jesus only provides the temple tax for himself and Peter. Why didn't Jesus pay the taxes for the other disciples? We learn some other key information in the Talmud, (Rabbinic writing of all aspects of the Jewish life and religious observances). 1. Temple tax is to be paid by all males over the age of 20 years. 2. At the age of about 13, a young Jewish male would begin Rabbinical studies if he was to go into religious studies. If he was unable to find a teacher to accept him he would go into his father's business. 3. A young man was expected to be married by around the age of 18. 4. A teacher would not accept a student that was older than himself.

In Luke 4:38-39 Jesus heals the mother-in-law of Peter, therefore we know Peter was married. Since Peter was also responsible to pay the Temple tax we know he was at least 20 years old. Peter is listed first in almost all of the gospels and in the book of Acts. Why? This may be because he was the oldest of the disciples. Jewish males would in most cases follow their father's career paths, yet we know of none of the disciples' sons becoming early church leaders. Could this be because they started following Jesus prior to the age of 18, dedicated their lives to Jesus and thus never married or had children? We know Peter was married but no mention of him having children either. Jewish families were expected to have children. Luke 3:23 tells us, "Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry....." This tells us that the disciples would have been at least under 30 years of age. Other information tells us they were probably much younger than that even. If the disciples were between the ages of 13 and 20 when they were called by Jesus and Jesus' ministry lasted 3 to 3 1/2 years, they would have been maybe 16 or 17 to 23 or 24 years old at the time of Matthew 28:16-20, The Great Commission!

So how did Jesus view the role of youth and young adults in the church? Well, it is very possible that he put the future of the church in the hands of 11 young people on that mountain when he delivered the Great Commission to the disciples. **Nothing is different today, as followers of Jesus, we at Agape Youth Ministry and White Mountain Youth INC. feel it is our responsibility to equip our youth with the knowledge and tools to bring about a faithful and loyal following for the Church of Jesus Christ in the future, through sound Biblical teaching, just as Jesus did!**

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## White Mountain Youth's INC, 1<sup>st</sup> Dig Deeper Bible School (DDBS) Class #1

### graduated 6 students on Saturday April 17th

Dan Parcel, the WMY Coordinator/DDBS Teacher, has arranged for graduated the first 6 students who have completed 4 semesters (64 week) plus 6 extra class for total of 87 1/2 hours of the DDBS classes. The Graduation was held on *Saturday, April 17 at 2pm at First Baptist Church of Pinetop.*

These 6 students will be moving on to DDBS's "Faith in Action" program and participating in AYM's Student Leadership Program, attending a week-long camp with World View Academy ([www.worldviewacademy.org](http://www.worldviewacademy.org)) and Summer mission trips with Teen Mission International ([www.teenmissions.org](http://www.teenmissions.org)).

The graduation was MC'd by Dan Parcell along with 4 speakers. The first speaker was Susan Rodriguez, Youth/Children Leader from **Gace Church, ShowLow**, she opened in prayer and had some encouraging words for the graduates.

In between each speaker Dan gave an over view of what was taught in each of the 4 semesters which had an impact on those in the audience on how in-depth the DDPS classes were.

The next speaker was Gordy Lange, **CEO of Agape Youth Ministry**. Gordy spoke to the graduates and audience on the achievement of the graduates.



**Note from Agape Youth Ministry's  
AYM/CEO Gordy Lange:**

**Congratulations** to the 6 students and their parents who have been so committed to complete our first Dig Deeper Bible School classes. A special thanks to Dan Parcell (White Mountain Youth Coordinator) who has been led by our loving God to develop the DDBS program.

Dan hopes to start DDBS classes in September which will include students that have missed classes.

AYM has partnered with Dan's Community Youth Group, White Mountain Youth INC to provide a template for future Community Youth Groups in Arizona and establishing more Dig Deeper Schools under AYM's Student Leadership Program in other communities.

**Get ready** for later this year as AYM with Gods direction, with the relaxing of Covid restrictions, 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 help add to the Churches Youth Group program.

**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, which a lot of it is anti-Christian, it's very important that we start developing our youth to be strong witnesses for Christ. Developing His Church to prepare His coming!

With Agape Youth Ministry's Fellowship-Knowledge-Go! Program we believe God will use the program to prepare our youth. Go to our web site [www.agapeyouth.org](http://www.agapeyouth.org) or contact Me at 602-363-6387 for more information.

Kirby Bradford, youth leader from **The Church** of Pinetop Arizona, spoke to the graduates about the pearls of living in the world.

The keynote speaker was Curtis Farhlender Senior Pastor of **Pinetop First Baptist Church**. Pastor Curtis had encouraging words and praise for the achievement of the students. He spoke on the lineage the students were establishing for future generations of strong Christian leaders that will have a positive impact on our world. Pastor Gary Wingate, Senior Pastor, **Grace Church Show Low**, finished the ceremony with the closing prayer.



**WMY/DDBS Graduation on April 17 at First Baptist Church Pinetop Az**

White Mountain Youth INC. is excited to continue with the graduating students in a program called "Faith in Action". This program will investigate the gifts of the Holy Spirit and help the students to identify their individual gifts. The students will be introducing to multiple ministry opportunities and provide encouragement in serving the Lord.

Dan will be starting new DDBS classes in the White Mountain area starting in September for more information on WMY/DDBS you can contact Dan at 928-892-2157 or e-mail, [dparcellaz@yahoo.com](mailto:dparcellaz@yahoo.com)

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.

**AYM's Scholarship Program** is a great opportunity for your Church to provide financial assistance and encouragement to those students that 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. Check our web site [www.agapeyouth.org](http://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 woman that have a Godly passion for youth. BOD members must have a desire to oversee and promote (includes financial support) 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](http://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.

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