



Agape Youth Ministry PROGRESS REPORT

July/August 2021

WELCOME!

It is our goal to keep you updated with the latest news about the activities of **Agape Youth Ministry (AYM)** and its various programs with hope that you may want to join us in our mission to work where God is working by helping to develop future Christian leaders from the young adults in our local communities.

PLEASE DONATE NOW!

AYM is an Arizona Corporation, as well as an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit Christian organization, which depends on donations to be able to provide programs to help our youth. If you are interested in supporting AYM / WMY's programs, donations may be made through our website: www.agapeyouth.org or mailing a check to: **Agape Youth Ministry, P.O. Box 2145, Pinetop, AZ 85935**
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.