



THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL —OF APOLOGETICS—

Thank you for downloading our information packet. We hope this information will help you get to know who we are and what we are about. When you have finished reviewing it, please call or email us if you have any questions. Finally, we hope that you will invite us to come to your church to do one of our seminars to encourage your congregation.



In Him,
Aaron Wentz

“Training Christians to become confident in what they believe.”

“Why Christianity is true and defensible.”

“Growing witnesses for Christ.”

Host The Michigan School of Apologetics to come to your church today!

What is The Michigan School of Apologetics?

The Michigan School of Apologetics (MSOA) is a traveling apologetic seminar to area churches in Michigan. Each church that hosts the school will have Aaron come and teach once a week for six weeks. Each class will consist of two hours of teaching with one fifteen minute break. The purpose of The Michigan School of Apologetics is to train Christians to become confident in what they believe, show that Christianity is true and defensible, and to grow confident witnesses for Christ. The teaching style is instructional teaching, group discussions, dialogue, questions and answers, and the use of short videos. When the school is completed, students will have been taught twelve hours of theological, evangelism and apologetic training. The school is flexible on times and dates, can be held on a week night for six weeks, or possibly on the weekend. Students are encouraged to accomplish minimal homework during the week, and a graduation certificate will be given upon completion.

The requirement to attend the MSOA is to sign, in good conscience, the MSOA's doctrinal statement, due by the first class. A small tuition fee of \$30.00 for the six week school is due on the first day of class. Ages sixteen and older are encouraged to attend. If you are interested, please call 774-826-7286 or write michigansoa.org.

Aaron's Biography

Aaron Wentz was born again in 1992 while attending the music school Interlochen Arts Academy in northern Michigan. In 1994 he enrolled at Moody Bible Institute and graduated in 1998 with a B.A. degree in evangelism. While attending Moody Aaron met his wife, Tonya, and they married in 1996.

While at Moody, Aaron and Tonya learned about the mission organization Open Air Campaigners (OAC). OAC focuses on sharing the gospel publicly on the streets, college campuses, boardwalks, beaches, public parks and housing developments, using a creative method of painting on a sketch board while preaching the gospel. OAC ministers in ten major cities in America and in thirty countries around the world.

In 1997, Aaron and Tonya began to raise financial support to join the staff of OAC and become interns in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1998 they moved to Massachusetts and Aaron became a full time open air evangelist. In 2001 he became the director of the OAC Boston branch, remaining so until the summer of 2013.

While serving in Boston, Aaron enrolled at BIOLA University to study apologetics, and had the privilege of studying under men like Lee Strobel, Greg Koukl, J.P. Moreland, Gary Habermas,

and Frank Turek. In 2011 he graduated from BIOLA University with a Master's degree in Christian apologetics.

For over fifteen years, Aaron has shared Christ and defended the faith on university campuses, both in one-on-one conversations and in large open air settings. In the summer of 2013, he and his family moved back to Michigan, both to help grow OAC Michigan and to be closer to family. Aaron's current ministry partner in OAC Michigan is Brian Harmon, the son of evangelist Tom Harmon. Aaron and Tonya have two children, Ky'el and Kasiah.

In 2014, Aaron started the Michigan School of Apologetics, believing his fifteen years of street evangelism experience along with his apologetic training could be used to strengthen Christians, families, and churches in Michigan to better understand what they believe and why Christianity is true. The Wentzs currently attend Graham church in Lainsburg, Michigan.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Bible:

The Bible contains both Old and New Testaments inspired, or "breathed out" by God through men. Therefore, the Scriptures are God's very words, inerrant, true, and the authority in all matters of Christian life and practice. Because the Bible was originally written down in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, English translations do their best to translate accurately from these other languages. The Michigan School of Apologetics accepts good English translations like the King James, New King James, English Standard Version, New American Standard, and the New International Version.

God:

God is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. God is unique in that the Scriptures reveal God is one Spirit or essence, but exists in three persons named the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God is not three things or modes, but actually three persons that talk and interact with each other. Christians call this the doctrine of the Trinity.

Jesus Christ:

Jesus is both God and man. Jesus is not less than the Father, but equal. Jesus is the Son of God, uncreated, and possesses all the attributes of God. One day, every knee will bow to Jesus Christ in the presence of God the Father, and God the Father and God the Son will be given glory and praise. God the Son took on flesh to die for sinners, but never stopped being fully God as He was and currently is in Heaven. One day, Jesus will return and take believers to Himself. False religions, cults, and false denominations lower Jesus to less than God. The Scriptures teach Jesus is our great God and Savior.

Creation:

God is smart and powerful and doesn't need any help such as Darwinian evolution. God created all things as written in Genesis 1-2.

Sin:

Sin is the breaking of God's moral laws, the Ten Commandments. People know what sin is by judging their life by what God has written down in His law. The Scriptures teach all people have sinned and have fallen short of God's perfection. In fact, God says no one is righteous because of sin. Therefore, no one can be good enough to go to heaven. The consequence for disobeying God is death.

Hell:

Hell exists because Jesus said so. If Hell doesn't exist why would we need Jesus our Savior? If someone dies in their sins, they will be in Hell. Hell is a holding place until Jesus returns and those in hell will be given their final judgment sentence and be thrown into the Lake of Fire forever. (If this sounds awful to you, who was the last person you shared the gospel with?)

The Gospel:

The Gospel means good news! 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 defines the gospel as: Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, was buried, and was raised from the dead.

Salvation:

Trying to be a good person, going to church, being baptized, keeping the Ten Commandments, obeying the Sabbath, speaking in tongues etc. will not save anyone! Going to heaven is not based on what we do for God, but on what God has done for us by sending Jesus His Son to take away our sins on the cross and then rising from the dead. Believing any good works, or human effort can get a person to heaven is a denial of the work of Jesus on our behalf. When a sinner believes the Gospel and trusts in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, they are forgiven, reconciled with God, justified, adopted, made a child of God, and given eternal life. This is what the Scriptures refer to as salvation. The Scriptures also call this grace because it is not something we earn or deserve.