



Ambassador Andrew Young Visits St. Augustine



*Ambassador Andrew Young and his crew returned to St. Augustine to film a documentary for **Andrew Young Presents**, a quarterly series of television specials syndicated across the U.S. and focusing on positive stories overlooked by the mainstream media.*

His crew started arriving in St. Augustine on October 19th to take pictures and to set up for filming the documentary. Andrea Young in an email to yours truly said, "Ambassador Young is eager to make a documentary on St. Augustine, its role in the passage of the Civil Rights Act and his involvement".

First Baptist Church, 85 St. Francis St., Rev. Michael McConnell, Pastor, was the host church for Ambassador Young and his crew. During the two days of filming many demonstrators, chosen and invited prior to the visit, shared their incredible stories. Among those interviewed for the Documentary were **Attorney Dan Warren**, chosen by Governor Faris Bryant, during the 1964 CRM, to oversee the racial crisis and author of *If It Takes All Summer: Martin Luther King, Jr., States' Rights, and the KKK*; **Shed Dawson**, he and his wife both live in Savannah, GA; **Audrey Willis**; **Audrey Nell Edwards-Hamilton**; **Joe Ann Anderson**; **Purcell Conway**; **Janie Price**; **Cora Tyson**; **Maude Burroughs-Jackson**; **Barbara B. Allen**; St. Augustine City Commissioner **Errol Jones**; **Rick Matthews**, VP of the Northrop Grumman Corporation who sponsored all three Phases of the *Freedom Trail*; **Dr. Robert B. Hayling**, leader of the St. Augustine Civil Rights Movement; **Rev. Willie Bolden**; **Charles Al Lingo**; **Jeremy Dean**, Director and Producer of the documentary *Dare Not Walk Alone*; **David Nolan**, local historian; and **Gwendolyn Duncan**, President of ACCORD. A Brunch was provided for Ambassador Young and his crew during the two days of filming compliments of ACCORD and the First Baptist Church Family. David Nolan also gave our Atlanta visitors a tour of the Freedom Trail compliments of the Red Sightseeing Trains.

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To culminate the visit, the public was invited to attend an old fashion rally during a MEET & GREET Program, on October 21st, sponsored by ACCORD, Inc. and held at First Baptist Church. Over one hundred persons attended the program and afterwards Ambassador Young autographed copies of his books in which proceeds of the sale went to the 40th ACCORD, Inc. for its programs. Carolyn Fisher, Maude Jackson-Burroughs, and Audrey Nell Edwards Hamilton joined Ambassador Young on the podium to sing Freedom Songs. It was a night filled with love, joy, remembrance, and celebration. We all look forward to the Youngs' return visit to St. Augustine.

A special thanks to Bob O'Neill, General Manager of the Hilton Historic Bayfront Inn for the great hospitality shown to our guests. Please visit the following link for pictures of the event at: <http://spotted.staugustine.com/galleries/index.php?id=329143>



Shed Dawson, former St. Augustine Resident, now residing in Savannah, GA holds up a picture of him picketing in front of the Visitors' Information Center during the Civil Rights Movement of 1964. He is also shown in a vintage photograph to the right after being chased by some white hooligans during a non-violent demonstration.





Team Award Presented to Ambassador Young

ACCORD's Vice President Mrs. Cora Tyson, on behalf of its members, presented a **Team Award** to Ambassador Andrew Young for his participation in the St. Augustine Civil Rights Movement. The Award represented the collaborating efforts taken between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Robert B. Hayling, Rev. Andrew Young, Rev. C.T. Vivian, and Rev. Hosea Williams during the St. Augustine Movement that help pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964.



Pictured above are Gwen Duncan, Ambassador Young, Rev. Willie Bolden, Charles Al Lingo, and the First Baptist Church Choir Photo by Michael Isam



Al Lingo, Mrs. Tyson, and Ambassador Young reunited once again at her home on Bridge St.



David Nolan and Jeremy Dean get a chance to chat at The First Baptist Church

Documentary to Air in 2010



The Documentary Film on the Civil Rights Movement of St. Augustine, Florida by *Andrew Young Presents*, a quarterly series of television specials syndicated across the U.S. and focusing on positive stories overlooked by the mainstream media, will air sometime in January 2010 during Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday or in February during Black History Month. Be sure to check his website for more information at: <http://andrewyoungpresents.blogspot.com/>



Andrea Young, Director of the Andrew Young Foundation and Rick Matthews, VP of the NGC meet before his interview, for the documentary, at the First Baptist Church



Dr. Robert B. Hayling, Mrs. Janie Price, and Mrs. Carolyn Young, wife of Ambassador Young at the Brunch, First Baptist Church, St. Augustine, FL

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO ALL WHOSE BIRTHDAYS ARE IN
November and December
GOD BLESS YOU TO HAVE MANY, MANY MORE