

Speakers at the monthly Luncheons at Carrabba's

January



Howard Hubler
Owner of several dealerships and of Toyota in St Augustine. Works all over the world with Over Seas Council Internat'l.

February



Alvin W. Barlow
Product of the Duval County Public School He received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida College of Law, 1985 An ordained minister as Evangelist.

March



David Shoar
St Johns County Sheriff since 2004 Chief of Police, St Augustine Police Dept., 2000. Retired as Major after 20 years with FL Army National Guard.

April



Cyndi Stevenson
St. Johns County Commissioner Certified Public Accountant & Auditor Graduated from Stetson University in 1981 with a BBA in Accounting.

May



Doug Stringer
Founder, Turning Point Ministries, which birthed Somebody Cares. Started his work in the inner-city of Houston, in 1981, impacting now cities all over the world.

June



Eddie Creamer
President and CEO of Prosperity Bank Serves on the Board of Directors and is Vice Chairman and COO of 1st National Bank of So FL and in the Board of Directors of Riverside Bank.

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Ken and Norma Asplund, Directors

A life together dedicated to the Lord

On March 29th 2009, when Ken spoke at our Unity Rally in St. Augustine Assembly of God Church, he strongly emphasized the team work in our city that is one Body under one main Chief Shepherd; our Lord Jesus Christ. The prophetic call they received to come to St. Augustine to see Spiritual Awakening is being fulfilled in front of our eyes.

Ken and Norma dearly understood and faithfully exercised what Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:2-3; *“to live a life worthy of the calling they have received. Being completely humble and gentle; being patient, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”*

Transformation in St Augustine

For the past three years we have been meeting in St Augustine every week as a cohesive group of pulpit and marketplace ministers, following the Biblical principles of prayer evangelism. We pray as one Church (Body of Christ) to take the Gospel to every one in the city who still does not know Him, because God wants all men to be saved and *“to come to a knowledge of the truth”* (1 Timothy 2:4).

Twenty-three years ago, when Ken and Norma Asplund were in ministry living in Springfield, Missouri a prophetic word was given to them that they would be moving to the South East. Ken and Norma had previously thought about the possibility of moving to the Florida area. But this prophetic word was very specific, they were going to move to an “historic city” where they were going to be praying with Christians from all denominations and then they were going to see “Spiritual Awakening” It was 1986 when they moved to Jacksonville, FL, without knowing that 30 miles south was St. Augustine the oldest City in the United States.



This issue is dedicated to our Directors Ken & Norma Asplund. On this year they are celebrating their 80th Birthday and their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Transformation in St Augustine (Cont.)

For many years Ken and Norma continued their ministry with an emphasis on praying and ministering to local Pastors. In addition, Ken has been the chaplain of the local jail, ministering not only to inmates, but also to lawyers, judges, and government officials. In 2001 Ken and Norma started the Marketplace Ministry organizing intercessory prayer for businesses, education and government. In 2002 they started the monthly luncheons where marketplace Christians including the Local Sheriff, the tax collector, the superintendent of schools share their testimony.

It was not until 2005 that the Marketplace Ministry took a new direction when Ken Asplund was inspired and challenged by the transformation he read in Rick Heeren's book 'the Elk River Story'. Ken's rationale was, "if in the cold weather of Minnesota a group of believers was able to transform the city's "Spiritual Climate" for Christ, how much easier would be for us to do it in our "warm" city of St Augustine?"

In February of 2006 Ken invited Rick Heeren to speak at the Marketplace CPR in St Augustine inaugurating the luncheons at Carrabbas'. At that time we started to understand in our spirits that Transformation was a reality. Since then, the fulfillment of Ken and Norma Asplund's vision and commitment to the city expressed by their coined phrase "St. Augustine for Jesus" has had tangible evidence in every area of the marketplace. In addition to the monthly luncheons and bi-monthly intercessory prayer meetings, Ken organized a monthly meeting where the influencers (local government, education, and business people) get together to pray for the city.

Since that time, always praying in holiness and not without experiencing the enemy's opposition, a spirit of unity has continued to confirm God's purpose for His Church in St Augustine. At every Christian gathering such as Marketplace Luncheons, Unity Rallies, Somebody Cares, Prayer Walks, and other occasions, the Pastors of our city have always proclaimed one Church in St Augustine under one main Chief Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ.

We can single out an event that took place about two years ago as concrete indication of transformation in St Augustine that also influenced our bigger sister city, Jacksonville. On that occasion we invited the Mayor of Elk River, a key player in her city's transformation, to speak at the breakfast Business Fellowship meeting in Jacksonville. When five pastors from St Augustine from different congregations and denominations showed up for the first time at this weekly Christian gathering, everybody knew that Transformation St. Augustine was a reality. As for Jacksonville, quoting the Apostle Paul "we might have moved them to jealousy" **Romans 11:14.**

As part of Ken and Norma's vision for St Augustine, Ken decided to proclaim on the billboard at US 1 "My City, The Oldest City, God's City" as a 24-hour, 7 days a week prayer to God; honoring Him and asking Him to transform our city for His Glory.

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In these past months, we have the realities of a multi-denominational youth event, organized by Fr. Brian Smith, helping schools in St. Johns County that was covered by the local Fox News Channel, and the Harvest Evangelism international conference "Transform our World" at the Potters House in Jacksonville, FL.

Wedding Day

50th Anniversary



October 21st 1949



October 21st 1999