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From the Pulpit

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Connecting with God through Prayer

Prayer is human communication with God. Our prayers may assume any form of communication, such as;

Thanks	2 Cor 2:14
Praise	Acts 2:47
Confession of Sin	Psalm 51:1-4
Petition	Rom 1:9-10
Intercession	John 17:9
Expression of Reliance	2 Chr 14:11
Holy Argument	Ex 32:11-13
Question	Psalm 10:1
Complaint	Jonah 4:1-3
Fellowship	Luke 6:12
	1 John 1:7
Dedication	Isa 6:8
Expression of Salvation Faith	Rom 10:13

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Meet Your Brethren

An interview with the Dan Andela Family

Dan and Karen Andela, along with their three children, are faithful attendees at RSBC. Dan is a truckdriver/farmer while Karen is a homeschool mom. While learning the trade of driving in the family business, Dan met Karen on one of the many horse farms he visited. Since joining in marriage in 1996, RSBC has been the church they call home. Dan has a longer history with RSBC, as it was, and continues to be, the family church for generations.

Benjamin, Lora and Lena are the next generation of Andela Christians Dan and Karen are raising up. Karen is a full-time mom and homeschools the children. Through the blessing homeschooling brings them, Dan and Karen take full advantage of the opportunity to incorporate God and His Word in the daily schoolwork.

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Our Purpose:

The collective worship of God, the proclamation of the Good News of the Gospel, and the mutual building up of believers in the faith.

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Each of us is invited to communicate with God through prayer. We can share all that is in our hearts, all that concerns us, including

- Problems
- Desires
- Disappointment
- Duties
- Fears
- Pleasures
- Affection
- Weakness
- Sin

We can be candid because our Father in Heaven knows all about us.
Psalm 139:1-6

You're not just a number computers can trace; Christ knows your need, your name and your face.

Call to Worship

- Sunday** 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Evening Service
- Wednesday** 3:00 p.m. Olympians
7:00 p.m. Prayer and Praise Service
- Thanksgiving Service** – Wednesday, Nov 22
7:00 p.m.
- Church Christmas Party** – December 8th

RSBC T-shirts are here! Two different styles are available in several colors, at high quality and low cost. See Bob Craft for details or call Pastor Miller.

The Parable of the Spoons

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what heaven and hell are like." The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms. Each person found it possible to reach the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back to their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was large table with a large pot of stew and the people had the same long handled spoons. But here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand."

"It's simple," said the Lord, "it required but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves."

Memory Verse

John 15:7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 15:7

Our Thinking vs God's Promise

We think; "Nobody really loves me."

God says, "I love you!" (John 3:16 & 13:34)

IN HIS STEPS

"The road is too rough, dear Lord," I cried
"There are stones that hurt me so."
And He said, "Dear Child, I understand,
I walked it long ago."

"But there is a cool green path," I said
"Let me walk there for a time."
"No, child," He gently answered me,
"The green road does not climb."

"But I wish that there were friends with me,
Who would make my way their own."
"Ay, yes," He said.
"Gethsemane was hard to bear alone."

And so I climbed the stony path
Content at last to know,
That where my Master had not gone
I would not have to go.

And strangely then, I found new friends;
The burden grew less sore;
As I remembered long ago,
He went that way before

The Key to Salvation

Are you a good person? Do you think you are good enough in God's eyes to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven? Can you honestly say you have never broken any of the 10 Commandments? The answer is **NO** because the Bible says we *ALL* sin and fall short of the Glory of God (Rom 3:23). So what hope do we have?

The **ONLY** hope we have is in Jesus, who lived the perfect, sinless life and freely gave that life as a sacrifice for us so we can stand before God blameless (Rom 5:8).

If you confess with your mouth that you are a sinner, repent (turn from sin) and trust in Jesus, God will grant you everlasting life! (Acts 16:31)

What are you waiting for? Accept the Gift of Life!

You can't repent too soon, because you don't know how soon it will be too late.

YOU WILL FIND IF YOU SHARE YOUR FRIEND'S BURDEN, BOTH OF YOU WILL WALK A LITTLE STRAIGHTER.

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