

2020



Upcoming Events

- May 7
National Day of Prayer
- May 10
Happy Mother's Day
- May 17
Communion
Last Day of Sunday School
- May 21
Ascension Day
- May 25
Memorial Day
- May 31
Pentecost Sunday



May 7th

Memorial Day
Monday, May 25th



REMEMBER OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS
REMEMBR OUR MISSING IN ACTION
REMEMBER OUR PRISONERS OF WAR
REMEMBER OUR WOUNDED WARRIORS



Happy Mother's Day

Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Proverbs 31:31



SUNSHINE CORNER



Raymond CRC has a YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJa2-MhthcVjt9ULul275OA?reload=9>





The committee of Raymond Community Vacation Bible School will be deciding by May 15th if VBS will be held this summer.

Open House Bridal Shower Drive-Thru

Erica Bonnema

Bride-elect Bryce Bradford

May 2nd
10:00 to 11:30 am

There will be a table outside the church for gifts to be dropped off. Erica will be outside saying hello and thank you (at a safe distance, of course) and you will get a little "thank you" gift for stopping by.

If you cannot make it but would like to send a gift, the mailing address is PO Box 352 Raymond, MN, 56282.

The couple is registered at Target, Amazon, The Knot.com, and Bed Bath and Beyond. If you cannot make it but would like to send a gift, the mailing address is PO Box 354 Raymond, MN, 56282.

Read: 1 Samuel 16:6-13

TAP! TAP! TAP! Two hammers thudded on the walnut shells. Alec and his dad were stripping the thick, soft outer shells from nuts they had gathered on their trip to the woods. “Ugh!” exclaimed Alec, looking at the stains on his gloves. “It was fun picking these up, but this sure is a messy job!”

“Sure is,” murmured Dad, “but just think how good Grandma’s black walnut cake will taste when she uses these nuts. When we eat the cake, we’ll know it was worth all the effort.”

As they continued working, Alec talked about school, his soccer team, and his friends. “Did I tell you about the new kid at school, Dad?” he asked. “His name is Bryce, and he’s weird!”

“Really?” asked Dad. “What’s wrong with Bryce?”

“He always talks too loud, and he thinks he’s such a tough guy,” replied Alec. “I just don’t like him.”

Dad worked in silence for a while. Then he picked up another walnut and held it out. “Maybe Bryce is a little like this nut,” he said.

“Yeah,” said Alec, “A tough nut to crack!”

“You don’t know him very well yet, do you? What’s he really like inside?” asked Dad. He tapped the nut with his hammer. “Walnuts grow with this soft, spongy covering, and after we take that off, there’s still a hard shell, so we can’t see the good nutmeat on the inside. Bryce may be like that. He may be quite different from who you think he is.”

Alec frowned, “You mean he may just be putting on a tough act?” he asked. “That he’s really a good guy?”

“Well, without Jesus, no one is really good on the inside,” replied Dad, “but he may be nicer than you think. When people are afraid or insecure, they sometimes act rough and tough to hide their feelings from other people.” Dad finished removing the outer shell from the nut. “Have you ever done that yourself?”

“Well, I don’t know,” said Alec. “Maybe.”

Dad nodded. “Well, maybe with God’s help, you could get past Bryce’s outer shell,” he suggested. “Get to know him and show him you care, then see what God will do.”



DO YOUR BEST

KEY VERSE

Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment. John 7:24

“Keys for Kids”
Devotional

Do you have trouble liking someone because of how they act? It’s possible they act that way to hide their fear or insecurity from others. Try to look beyond the act to what really matters. God loves that person, and He wants you to love them, too – and He may want to send them a friend just like you!