



*Happy Anniversary!*

May

Darrell & Kathe Warner 12th  
 Max & Natalie Miller 18th  
 John & Rachel Lovelace 19th  
 Steve & Rita Stoker 20th  
 Mike & Cheri Tensel 22nd  
 Will & Sarah Davids 25th  
 Scott & Debra Larkin 28th

**May Birthdays**

Liane Campbell	1st	Reese Thompson	23rd
Julie Tripp	3rd	Ciarra Carter	24th
Nikki Webb	3rd	Xerxes Tirado	26th
Kelli Hager	6th	Anna Lovelace	27th
Daniel Hunter	6th	Zane Neumann	28th
Verlin Crowe	7th	Zoe Reinhold	28th
Angie Brown	8th	Donna Brown	29th
Shelby Gordon	8th	Carol Hotrum	29th
Steven Harris	8th	Margaret Mahler	31st
Sarah Livermore	8th	Florence Oduro-Darkwa	31st
Charles Shanahan	11th		
Mason Cook	13th		
Justin Smith	13th		
Courtney Stoker	13th		
Isabel Tew	13th		
Michelle Ledford	14th		
Cali Johnson	15th		
Sophie Kitchen	17th		
Mary Razo	18th		
Katelyn Ledford	19th		
Amos Brown	20th		
Allison Suing	20th		
Melody Tew	22nd		
Zachary Crawford	23rd		
Hannah Godfrey	23rd		
Jeremiah McCarroll	23rd		
Jonas Neeser	23rd		



# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 pm Awana Award Ceremony	3	4	5
6 8:30 am Worship Service 11:00 am Worship Ser.	7	8 6:45 pm Board Meeting	9 NO YOUTH	10	11	12
13 8:30 am Worship Service 11:00 am Worship Ser.	14	15	16 NO YOUTH	17	18	19 9:00 am All Church Work Day at Chubuck Facility
20 8:30 am Worship Service 11:00 am Worship Ser.	21	22 6:45 pm Board Meeting	23 6:40 pm Youth	24	25	26
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# Missions Update

## Laying the Groundwork for Evangelism in Yakutia

A few weeks ago, SGA's Eric Mock was in the Russian region of Yakutia to participate in Bible training for missionary pastors in the region. As he relates, this time together was vitally important for these relatively new believers as they prepare for future evangelism in one of the coldest, most remote parts of the earth...



*"As I was teaching through Genesis, the questions from the brothers were both practical and theological. It was exciting to realize that I was helping to train the future pastors, missionaries and leaders that will be the ones planting and leading churches both now, and in the future across this vast and overwhelmingly unreached region. It was a joy to assist them in developing greater confidence in God's Word.*

*The purpose of this training is to help local missionary pastors and church workers to both strengthen their foundational understanding of God's Word, and to enhance their ability to search the Word as questions and situations arise in the church. They also had many questions about issues that arise day to day for pastors, and I was able to provide biblical answers to them in this regard as well. It was a wonderful two weeks, and in both classes we underscored the urgent need to take the Gospel to the many unreached villages across Yakutia. Please pray as we help them plan for monthly trips to unreached villages, and include youth ministry as well as other prospective outreaches. These faithful believers are so wonderful! What a joy it is that we can serve them in not only preparing, but also sending the first general of believers here. God be praised!"*

We are thankful for the prayers and support of SGA partners who help make outreaches like this possible. You are truly having eternal impact in these towns and villages that have been so difficult to reach because of their remoteness and limited resources. Please join us in praying for more opportunities to advance the Gospel in Yakutia and the rest of Far East Russia.

In His love and service,

Michael Johnson  
President, SGA

## Bob & Susette Smith—CEF

Dear University Bible Church,  
The first "After-School Good News Club" started in Middleton, April 9 with ten children. Rich has been working with a local church. On March 26, Susette and I conducted a six hour "Quick Start" training for the volunteers. The following week we conducted a "Curriculum Workshop." The children's pastor is leading the club. He would like to encourage another church in Middleton to adopt a second school for a Good New Club, prayerfully that could happen next fall. Also this spring two ladies have been conducting neighborhood seasonal parties in Middleton and are helping with GNC.

We held the Board/Committee Retreat April 12-14. I had been praying for 20 to be able to attend. We ended up with 36 registered to attend or help, and ended up with 29 average attendance at the sessions. I was overjoyed with the response. We had seven folks attend who are not on a local committee or the state board and two said they would be praying about it and one completed a questionnaire Saturday. The responses have been very positive for those attending. Jeff Kiser, the district director from Washington State, lead the "Blue Print" training on Friday with my support in several sessions. Beverly Wisdom, the local director for the "Treasure Valley," shared his vision for 5 Day Clubs across the valley. Linda and Lowell from our church also gave us a challenge on Prayer Walking as we think about the schools and churches in our communities. Later this year I will be meeting with the local chapter and Jeff will be meeting with the State Board to follow up with a "ROUNDtable" assessment, which is a more detailed introspection to help the members see what additional training would be helpful.

On Thursday night of the retreat we recognized Brent Carter for his years of service giving leadership to CEF. Brent served on a local committee in California in the late 60's and then on the state board of Idaho until his resignation in February of 2018. The President of CEF, Reese Kauffman, sent a letter and 80-Anniversary Bible, which we presented, to Brent.

Later this month you should be receiving an "Impact" magazine from us. The magazine is produced quarterly from CEF Head Quarters in Warrenton, MO. This issue includes an article about two of our summer missionaries. Their mother is now on the local committee and all three of them of help with a Good News Club.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts this past month. We covet your prayers for us and the ministry as we continue to reach the children of Idaho.

Bob & Susette

## Kris Cain—InFaith

Dear Friends and Partners,

As most of you know, one of our ministries focuses on reaching those who feel suicidal. Tate, a 22-year-old man, had gone through two different drug addiction rehab programs and a battery of counseling services over the years. When he first came in our doors, he was still battling addiction, going to an AA group three times a week, and seeing a counselor. He was on his last straw with the law, as the courts had made it clear that if he didn't stay sober, report to his parole officer, and attend counseling sessions and support groups, he would be sent back to prison.

Tate would often show up to our meetings late, sit as close to the back as he could, and leave as quickly as possible afterwards. Finally, on his fourth visit, I was able to catch him before he bolted out the door. I thanked him for coming, gave him my card, and let him know he could call me anytime. It's not usual for people to observe us for a while and wait to decide whether they can trust me and our group. For people who are hurting, trusting someone is a super big deal!

On his sixth visit, he finally shared his situation with the group, and his fear of finding himself back in court. He told us that he often felt restless at nights and suicidal. Sharing this was a huge step for Tate! After the meeting, one of our older gentlemen visited with Tate for a while, and offered to pray with him. This was the first time Tate didn't jump up and run out the door as soon as we finished.

The next week, after a lesson on forgiveness, Tate stuck around. He approached me as I began cleaning up and putting chairs away. "I don't think I can forgive," he said. "Forgive who?" I asked. He paused for a moment, looking down at his shoes. "Forgive myself and God," he said. At that point I stopped what I was doing and pulled two chairs into a corner. "Can you tell me why you can't forgive yourself?" I asked. This led to a long conversation about his upbringing. Tate had felt unable to live up to his father's expectations, and having been told that he wasn't good enough, he rebelled at a young age. This had led him down the road of self-destruction, self-medication, self-abuse, and eventually criminal behavior.

"I just wish I could make it all go away," he said, as I watched a tear go down his face. At this point, I talked to him about how God gives us a new slate to write our life story on each morning when we wake up; that our history from this point forward is yet to be written; and that if we ask God to help us, he will give us the strength to write a better story of our lives. Then Tate asked me to pray with him. As he left, I told him that he wasn't alone, I encouraged him to start reading the book of John, and I reminded him that he could call me if he needed to.

Two weeks ago, Tate asked Jesus to be his Lord and Savior! He has made a few friends within our group, and so far he has kept his sobriety, hasn't missed an appointment with his parole officer, and seems happier. At last week's Bible study, Tate announced to the group, "I haven't felt suicidal for the past two weeks. I asked Jesus to help me and give me peace – and he did!" Hooray for Tate for stepping out in faith! I am so grateful to a God who forgives – and not just forgives, but who will actually change us if we'll let him!

Thank you for partnering with us, and helping us share the Good NEWS!  
Onward in FAITH,  
Kris Cain  
InFaith- New Hope Ministries Detroit