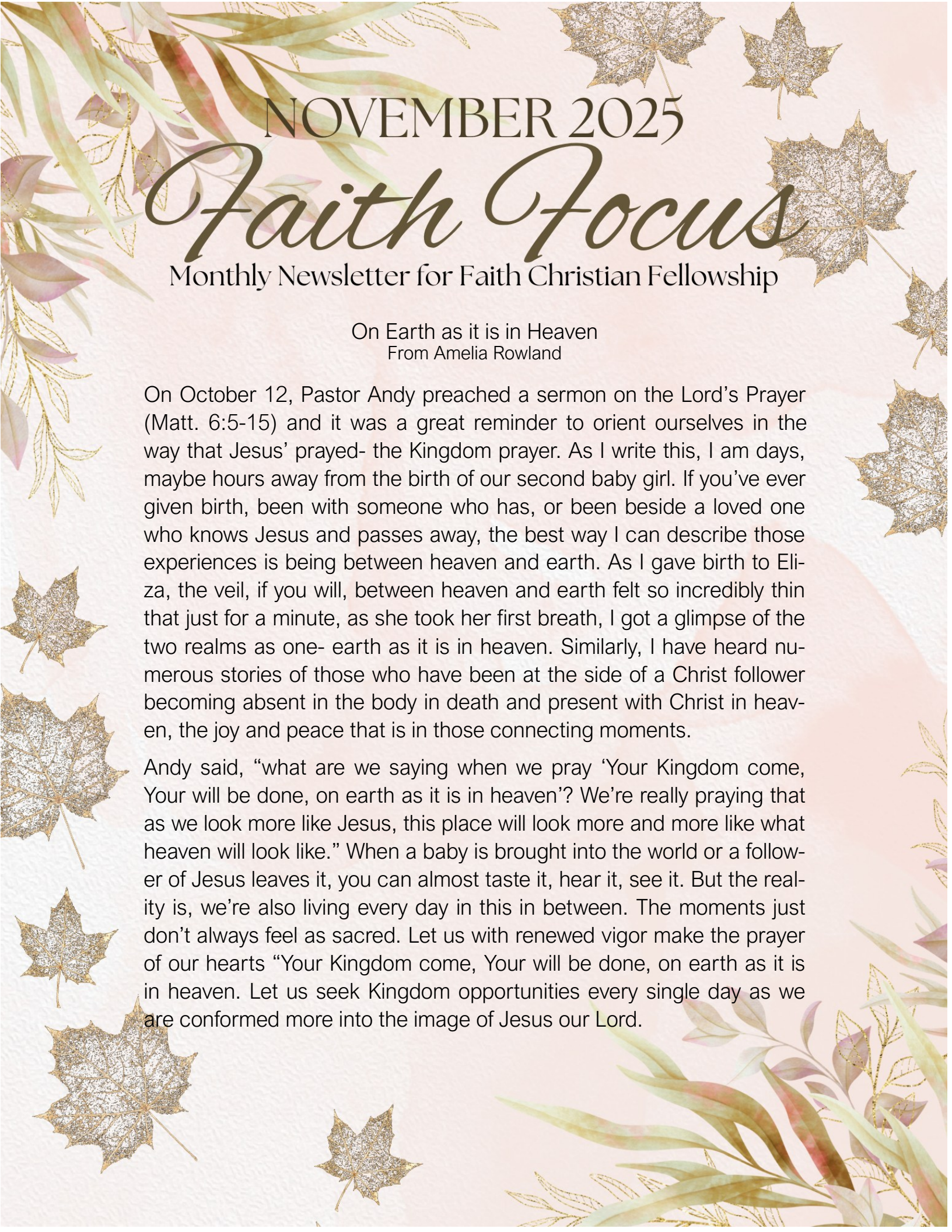




NOVEMBER 2025

Faith Focus

Monthly Newsletter for Faith Christian Fellowship

On Earth as it is in Heaven
From Amelia Rowland

On October 12, Pastor Andy preached a sermon on the Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:5-15) and it was a great reminder to orient ourselves in the way that Jesus' prayed- the Kingdom prayer. As I write this, I am days, maybe hours away from the birth of our second baby girl. If you've ever given birth, been with someone who has, or been beside a loved one who knows Jesus and passes away, the best way I can describe those experiences is being between heaven and earth. As I gave birth to Eliza, the veil, if you will, between heaven and earth felt so incredibly thin that just for a minute, as she took her first breath, I got a glimpse of the two realms as one- earth as it is in heaven. Similarly, I have heard numerous stories of those who have been at the side of a Christ follower becoming absent in the body in death and present with Christ in heaven, the joy and peace that is in those connecting moments.

Andy said, "what are we saying when we pray 'Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven'? We're really praying that as we look more like Jesus, this place will look more and more like what heaven will look like." When a baby is brought into the world or a follower of Jesus leaves it, you can almost taste it, hear it, see it. But the reality is, we're also living every day in this in between. The moments just don't always feel as sacred. Let us with renewed vigor make the prayer of our hearts "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Let us seek Kingdom opportunities every single day as we are conformed more into the image of Jesus our Lord.



Thank You!

Thank you to our FCF family for your gifts,
notes and prayers shared during
Pastor Appreciation Month.

We are honored and blessed to be part of the
Faith Christian Fellowship Family and look forward
to what God is doing at FCF.

The Pastoral Staff of FCF

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

December 21
at the end of the 9am Gathering

Faith Kids Christmas Singing Practice

**Sundays during Second Hour
beginning October 26**

**We will be singing a
couple songs
during
Worship on
December 7**

**Contact the
FCF Office
for more details.**



SUNDAYS

Just a reminder –
Fifth Sundays are like any
other Sunday for Faith Kids.
We gather together to
Worship together.
Faith Kids are dismissed to
their classes following the
last Worship Song.



FAMILY ADVENT GUIDES AVAILABLE NOW



A NOTE ON CHRISTMAS

**25
DEC**

Live
missionally
this holiday
season!



FAITH KIDS
Have friends or
family join you!

As Pastor Andy encourages us to look at the holiday season through missional lenses, we are opening up space on our calendar for you to invest in those around you, neighbors, fellow dance or sports families, the community you live in etc. Our calendar may look a little more sparse than past years. We encourage you to use the time to throw a Christmas for the kids on your street or carol in a local nursing home. The possibilities are endless of ways to shine Jesus' light to those who don't know Him this season.



SHILOH CHRISTMAS TREE

India has the largest population of lepers in the world. They have over half of the total leprosy population in the world! Shiloh Ministries ministers to the people in these colonies. Pastor David Glaze was able to meet with representatives from Shiloh Ministries during his trip to India last October. While he was there, they shared with him a ministry opportunity—for \$10, they could provide one care package to a member of the leper colony at Christmas. Last year we were able to send over \$3500 for the care packages!

November 9 through December 29, the tree will be set up in the foyer, separate from the rest of the decorations. Like last year, it will start out with no decorations on it, with the hope that by December 29 (or before!) it will be fully decorated!

We need your help decorating the tree! \$10 = 1 ornament; \$50 = snowflake ornament

Stop by the table and tree through December 28 to make the donation and put an ornament or snowflake on the tree.

If you have any questions, please contact the FCF Office. We're looking forward to seeing the tree fully decorated. Can we meet or pass last year's total?

Help us Decorate
our Tree
for Shiloh Ministries

Each \$10 donation
will allow
Shiloh Ministries to
provide a gift bag for
one leper in India



\$10 donation = 1 ornament

\$50 donation = 1 snowflake



Don't forget to set
your clocks
BACK one hour
November 2



THANK YOU, VETERANS

November 11, 2025



NOVEMBER 30
is our Annual
"Bring Down the
Christmas Decorations
From the Attic" Day

Meet at the Faith Kids Welcome Center after the
9am Worship Gathering to help get the decorations
from the attic to the foyer.



Fellowship, Prayer Time, and Bible Study for the 55+

How You Can Avoid Spiritual Immaturity

For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel. - Ezra 7:10

In a survey conducted by the Barna Research Group, nearly 1/3 of all born-again Christians stated that all good people will go to heaven, whether they have embraced Jesus Christ or not.

Another astonishing fact found was that while 88% in a recent poll believe Jesus Christ was a real person, what they believe about Him differs sharply from Scriptural teaching. About 42% (even a quarter of the “born again” Christians) believe that while on earth, Jesus sinned just like other people. Around 61% believe the devil is just a symbol of evil, not a living being. And 54% think that if people are good enough, they will earn a place in heaven regardless of their religious beliefs.

As shocking as many of those statistics are, especially those that deal with “born-again” Christians, there’s a very important inference that can be made from them: people aren’t growing in their faith.

You see, many people who are raised in a “Christian” home learn the basics of the faith. Then, when they’re about 10 to 12 years old, they begin coasting spiritually. And very often they coast for decades, until one day when they’re 50, and they realize they have the biblical knowledge of a 10-year-old.

Don’t allow yourself to coast in the spiritual life. Instead, like the prophet Ezra, grow deeper in God’s Word by devoting yourself to studying and observing it every day!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our October Potluck. We enjoyed delicious meatball subs, delicious sides and tasty desserts. Our November potluck will be Thursday, November 19. Our theme is “Counting Our Blessings.”

Bobbi Pryor spent time with us on October 22 to talk about a ministry she is involved with, “Better Life Ministry.” They help children in need in this area, providing them with Christmas gifts. There are 149 children who have been approved for assistance this year. Better Life Ministry is reaching out for assistance to meet this need. If you are able to help, please contact Bobbi. You can give a monetary gift and she will do the shopping, or if you would like, she can provide you with information on a child and you can shop for gifts. If you need assistance with contacting Bobbi, please contact Ron or Beth.

We will be filling Blessing Bags again this year. We have plenty of blankets, but will need hats, gloves, etc. Contact Carol Gaynor for more information.

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Faith Cafe

Open Sundays from 8:45am-10:30am

Serving Hot Nicaraguan and Folgers Coffee,
Iced Coffee, Water, Sunny D, and Snacks
Cost is by donation and funds support FCF ministries



Our Nicaraguan Coffee Beans are available for
purchase - \$10 for 500 grams/1.1lbs



Here's a glimpse into the process that
makes our Nicaraguan coffee so good!



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PRAYER
GATHERING

TUESDAYS AT 7PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM

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November 2025

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2 9am Worship Gathering 10:30am Second Hour	3	4 7 pm Prayer Gathering 7pm Meal & Service at the Mission	5 10am Young at Heart 6pm Switchback	6	7	8
9 9am Worship Gathering 10:30am Second Hour	10	11 7 pm Prayer Gathering	12 10am Young at Heart 6pm Switchback	13	14	15 6pm Switchback Bonfire
16 9am Worship Gathering 10:30am Second Hour	17	18 7 pm Prayer Gathering	19 10am Young at Heart/Potluck 6pm Switchback	20	21	22 1pm Switchback Girls Paint Day
23 9am Worship Gathering 10:30am Second Hour	24	25 7 pm Prayer Gathering	26 10am Young at Heart No Switchback	27 Happy Thanksgiving FCF Office Closed	28	29
30 9am Worship Gathering No Second Hour Bring down Christmas decorations from the attic						