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*The Worship of God
Twenty First Sunday after
Pentecost*

*I Samuel 28:3-25
2 Timothy 1:1-7
Mark 4:35-41*



*Facing Fear and
Desperation
Rev. Dallas Flippin*



**Series: Facing the Dark
October 18-Nov. 1**

We all have things we're afraid to face. Sometimes fear drives us toward choices we know are wrong. Sometimes we worry that the truth will finally catch up with us. And sometimes we fear that an ending really is the end.

In this three-week mini-series, **Facing the Dark**, we'll explore how some of the Bible's strangest and most haunting stories and learn about fear, courage, and hope.

The Way

October 13, 2026

From the Pastor

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend a conference in Fort Lauderdale with our Finance Chair, John Beasley. For the past two years, I've participated in MMBB Financial Services' three-year *Strategic Pastoral Excellence Program (SPEP)*, which helps pastors excel in personal finances and church financial leadership. MMBB, best known for providing retirement benefits to ministers, generously covered the costs for both John and me to attend.



With McGill preparing its budget for the coming year, the timing was especially helpful. We attended sessions on clergy taxes, estate planning, church financial management, and cultivating generosity. There was plenty of useful information, but one conversation particularly stood out to me: **What does generosity actually look like?**

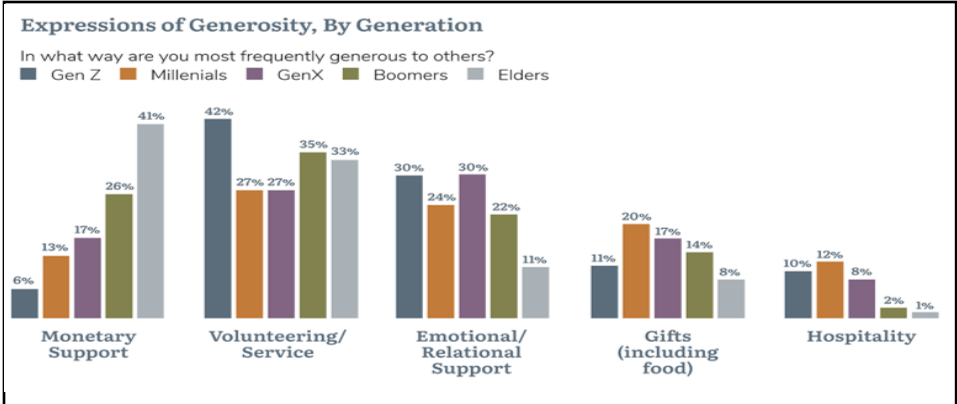
We often think of generosity in terms of financial gifts, but it can also look like volunteering our time, sharing our talents, offering hospitality, or providing emotional support. One study presented at the conference explored how different generations most frequently express generosity. Older generations were more likely to identify with financial giving as their form of generosity, while Gen Z particularly emphasized volunteering and service. Millennials stood out in hospitality and gifts, including food – which certainly fits my own inclination to bake desserts for people! Of course, as the chart (**on page 2**) shows, no generation has a monopoly on any particular kind of generosity.

The conference also made me think about our personal finances. As our church prepares its budget for next year, I'd encourage you to spend some time reflecting on your own. When we're not paying attention to our spending, it's easy for our money to disappear on things that don't really matter to us. But taking time to consider where our money goes helps us recognize what we truly value. Personally, finding room in my budget to take friends out to eat, send someone a gift, or support a cause I believe in brings me much more satisfaction than whatever random item Amazon or TikTok Shop wants me to buy!

Of course, financial generosity remains important. As rising costs put pressure on households and churches alike, your giving makes McGill's worship, learning, missions, and community outreach possible. Thank you for the many ways you support our church's ministry! But if you're experiencing financial stress, that doesn't mean you have nothing to give. Your generous gifts of time, encouragement, hospitality, and talents can make an enormous difference in someone's life.

One of my hopes coming out of this conference is that we'll continue thinking about our church's finances as more than simply balancing a budget. **Our resources should help us accomplish our mission, not just maintain our institution.** As John and I bring ideas from the conference into future conversations, I hope we'll keep asking what kind of impact God is calling McGill to make and how we can use our resources to make that possible.

Generosity begins when we recognize what matters to us and choose to invest ourselves in it. And how much more can we accomplish when we join our resources, talents, and efforts together! May God's generosity toward us continue to overflow through us for the good of Concord and beyond.



Trunk-R-Treat
October 30-6-8 pm

Invite your friends and join us for a fun evening of games, food, candy, costumes and trunk ‘r treat.

We still need more volunteers to decorate their trunks and more to help lead the games.

To make this a success, we need volunteers and your help!

__I will bring my car and decorate my trunk and give us out candy

__I will donate a cake for the cake walk

__I will donate candy (container in foyer)

__I can donate my time to supervise games or activities.

Please see Rene’ Caudell with questions or to volunteer.

Hot Dogs
Every Friday-10am until 2 pm

Thanks to all who came and supported the hot dog sale. This past Friday we sold 170 hot dogs, 30 BBQ sandwiches and 15 bologna sandwiches! This totaled \$860.00 including \$192 of delicious desserts. You bakers outdid yourselves with at least 12 different choices of pies and cakes.

We have 1 pound and 5 pounds of BBQ available and also Brunswick Stew by the quart or pint.

Come and be a part of this mission at McGill.

Blood Drive Results
September 28

The recent blood drive collected seven units of whole blood.

In 2026 McGill Baptist’s gave: 25 units of whole blood 6 units of double red blood cells for a total of 31 units.

Thank you to all of you for donating. Each unit was appreciated so much and will do so much good.

Ether Ashe Stocking Drive

McGill will be a collection site for the 2nd annual Ether Ashe Stocking Drive hosted by the Cabarrus County EMS.

We will be collecting hygiene items to put in stockings for unsheltered folks and people battling addiction around the community. Here are a few suggested items:

Deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes, shampoo and conditioner, tissues, lip balm and socks.

There are collection bins located in the foyer. They hope to exceed last year’s count of 100 stockings.

If you have questions, please see Maria or Brianna Arrowood for more information.

Thank You

Thank you, our friends at McGill, for your continued support of the frozen meal ministry begun by The Advocate that helps feed many at the Salvation Army Shelter. Your ongoing donations make a difference.

Second Presbyterian Church in Kannapolis.

Please say a prayer and send a card to our homebound and those in care facilities:

Mrs. Sybil Lytle
2642 Kinsley Avenue
Concord, NC 28027

Mrs. June McKinnon
1378 Chalmers Ct. NW
Concord, NC 28027

Mr. Larry Miller
602 Camrose Circle
Concord, NC 28025
(Birthday 10/23)

In Service
TSgt. Bailey Gunter
SrA. Eric J. Wojcik

Canned Food Drive

The McGill Youth have entered the Can Sculpture Competition with 1Can.

We are using canned foods to create a unique sculpture, and competing with other businesses, school and churches. In the end, 1Can is the true winner as they will collect all the food used in these sculptures.

We need lots of cans. You can use the bins located in the foyer and by the kitchen entrance to drop off your donations.

Thank you for supporting 1Can as they provide food for Cabarrus County.

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes and information will be available this Sunday to begin our shoebox packing. A blessing of the shoeboxes will be on November 15.

By packing a shoebox full of toys and other items these children may be receiving their first gift ever.

Thank You

Your continued love, prayers, service and support is greatly appreciated.

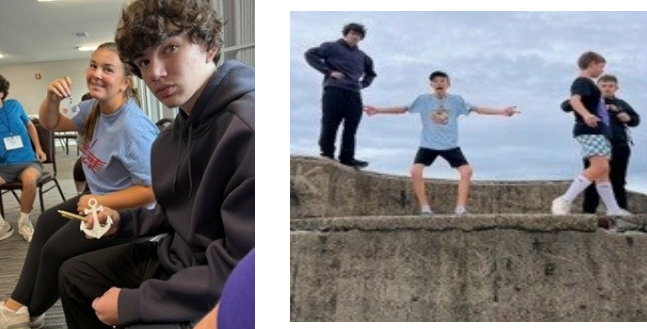
Your donations of peanut butter, crackers and canned meats are much needed items.

Forever grateful,

The Esther’s Heart Team

MINISTER OF MUSIC AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Caswell 2026



DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Our Sunday School Unit this past month has allowed us to focus on reconciliation, and the lessons that the life of Joseph can teach us. Our curriculum encourages children to “wonder” about the bible stories we read together and make connections to their own modern lives. Here are a few questions we considered as we created art projects, played games and acted out events from Joseph’s story:

-What does jealousy feel like?

-Do you have a special gift you can use to help others?

-How is forgiveness different than reconciliation?

-Do you think it was easy or difficult for Joseph to forgive his brothers?

-How do you think God feels when you forgive someone?

What can we learn from Joseph?

But forgiveness is with you—that’s why you are honored.
Psalm 130:4

JOSEPH III
The love Joseph felt led him to love and forgive his brothers.

STORY AT A GLANCE

Joseph

- Proved himself worthy of Pharaoh's trust with Gilead's help.
- Responsible for gathering plenty of food so that Egypt wouldn't starve.
- Had a choice to be cruel or forgiving when his brothers came for food.
- Wanted to reveal his identity to his brothers but didn't want to reveal his identity to his brothers.

Joseph's brothers

- Joseph's brothers were jealous of him.
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Joseph spoke. He said, "Your dream is a warning. Egypt will experience seven good years. But after that, there will be no food."