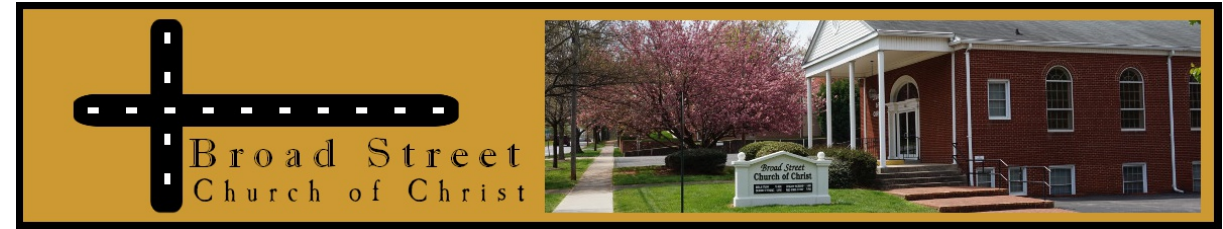


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The Selfie Generation Won't Win Olympic Gold

I didn't believe it when I first heard the news. A college student was sharing with me how no one in one of her classes could fail. She went on to explain how the school had adopted the new "no zero" policy, and one professor had made it a "no fail" policy. She said if students didn't turn in their work or literally copied their research papers word-for-word from the Internet, the student would receive a C-. I was dumbfounded. I wanted to clarify: "You mean to tell me if you don't do anything, or turn in someone else's paper from the internet word-for-word then you still pass?" She responded, "You got it!" Welcome to the new age, where participation trophies and building up self-esteem is all that really matters.

We have raised a generation of individuals who definitely have a high self-esteem. But at what cost? These young people are not like Olympians who spend long hours training and working hard. No, these are lazy teens who believe they should be rewarded simply because they exist. They are not willing to put in the time or energy to reach a specific goal. As a result, we are beginning to reap other fruits from this messed up style of parenting. For instance, most modern parents believe their little "angel" is gifted or brilliant—and any problems that arise must be the fault of someone else (i.e., the teacher), not their child.

Add to this the children have bought into the parents' lies, and they have become the most narcissistic generation in the history of man. These are the young people who think nothing of taking 40-60 selfies per day, and believe they are entitled to a life of luxury without having to work hard. They have grown up believing life is all about being entertained and as a result they show little to no work ethic.

I fully recognize narcissism has always been around—but not to this degree. We hear it in song lyrics and see it emphasized in the media. Young people wear clothing that literally says, "It's all about me!" or "All me all the time." So what happens when you try to share the Gospel with individuals who believe the world literally revolves around them? They don't realize they "need" anything—because after all, it's all about them.

What must I do to be saved?

Hear the Gospel (Acts 15:7); Believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16); Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30); Confess Christ (Romans 10:9-10); Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)

Scripture Reading:	Joe Burriss
Song Leader:	Chris Smith
Opening Prayer (A.M.):	Steve Short
Closing Prayer (A.M.):	Scott Phillips
Opening Prayer (P.M.):	Steven Mozer
Closing Prayer (P.M.):	Henry Rumble
Nursery Attendant:	Joan Smith

Worship Times	
Sunday Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
Sunday A.M. Worship	10:55 A.M.
Sunday P.M. Worship	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
Elders	
John Anderson	704.592.2266
Steve Short	704.872.5440
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Bradley Speer	704.876.6986
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Building Lockup:	Billy Ellenburg
Announcements:	Billy Ellenburg
Door Greeters:	Billy and Debbie E.
Count Contribution:	John Anderson, Harry Frye
Prepare Lord's Table:	Nita Gorentz
Lord's Supper (A.M.):	John Anderson, Britt Brookshire, Bradley Speer, Landon Speer
Lord's Supper (P.M.):	Johnny Smith

Parents please think about this: If you are feeding your child's narcissism then you are directly responsible for teaching them idolatry and you are marching them away from the Almighty Creator. The idol they are now worshipping? Themselves. The inspired psalmist wrote, "The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts" (Psalm 10:4 Open in Logos Bible Software (if available)).

One would be hard pressed to find any Scripture that supports narcissism. One of the central themes that the Bible teaches against is pride. In Proverbs 16:18-19 (Open in Logos Bible Software (if available)) we read, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." Jesus routinely espoused the first shall be last and the last shall be first. He went on to declare, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Mark 8:34 Open in Logos Bible Software (if available)).

Moms and Dads, you are not doing your children any favors by constantly building them up. You are not training up servants for Christ if they are obsessed with "selfies." You are not helping them grow into faithful Christians if they believe they are entitled to a life of ease and entertainment. So of the most powerful growth opportunities come from times of failure. It may be during those times of failure that they discover just how much they need Christ. By: Brad Harrub

Welcome to Broad Street Church of Christ

A special welcome is extended to all of our guests. Please let us know if we can assist you. Please fill out a visitor's card which is located on the back of the pew in front of you. Deposit the card in the collection plate when it is passed. If you are looking for a place to worship regularly, we would love to have you here at Broad Street. Please come back and visit with us again.

SHUT-INS:

Ruby Gibson and Frances Elam.

PRAYERS:

Johnny Smith Jr., Phyllis Rumble, Stanley Sharpe, Helen Lyerly, Doris Ellenburg, Stacey Jordan, Will Winchester, Betty Smith, Jo Anne Leake, Frank Shepherd, Wanda Elam and Roy Baldwin.

- Brian Lackey had a mole removed from his leg. Doctors have determined that this mole was positive for melanoma. He will have further tests this Tuesday to see if the cancer is in they lymph nodes.

- Volney Hughes, Janice Allen's father, has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer.

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 28: Fourth Sunday evening singing. There will be a fellowship meal following evening services.

Sep. 03: Men's breakfast will meet at the RX at 8:30 A.M.

Sep. 08: Book of the month fellowship (returns)! This week we will study chapter 7 of Stronger Than Ever.

Sep. 24: Highland Acres church of Christ will host a youth day. Registration and breakfast will begin at 9:30 A.M. For more information see the flyer!

Sermons:

A.M. - Studying - Acts 17:24-29 ;

P.M. - Sunday Evening Singing