

ANNOUNCEMENTS

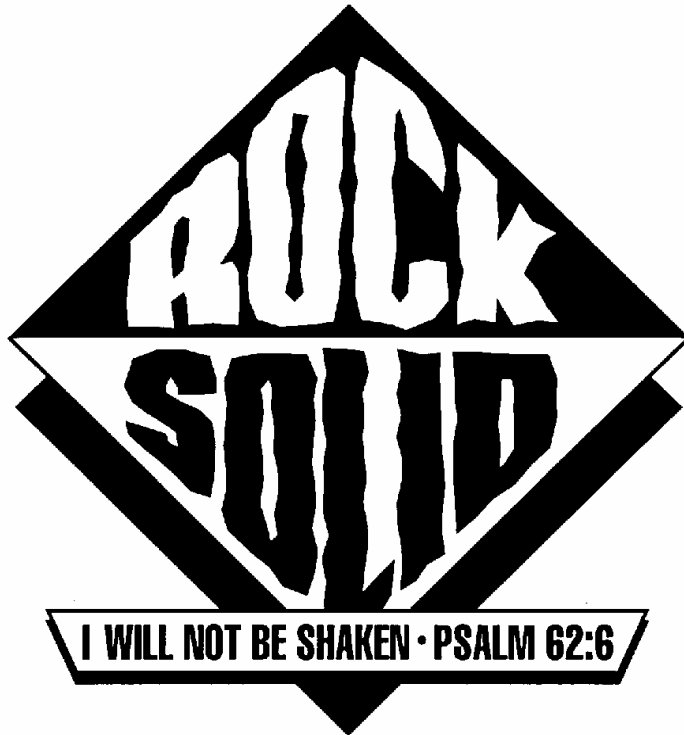
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FRIDAY

- ◆ Badminton Club from 8.00pm onwards in Clonduff Church Hall.

SUNDAY

- ◆ Morning Worship at 10.45am in Clonduff. Speaker: Mr Harry Creighton.
- ◆ Morning Worship at 12.15pm in Hilltown. Speaker: Mr Harry Creighton. [Children's Church – Yvonne Magowan & Janette Magowan; Crèche – Ellen Megaw & Cameron Magowan]



Hilltown and Clonduff Presbyterian Churches

Morning Worship

9th July 2006

Speaker: Rev. Jim Briggs



*'The Lord does not look at the things man looks
at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but
the Lord looks at the heart.'*

1 Samuel 16 v 7

WELCOME

If you are a visitor to our congregation today, we extend to you a warm welcome. We also extend a special welcome to our speaker today, Rev. Jim Briggs. We are always delighted to have visitors join with us as we worship the Lord. We hope you will be blessed, encouraged and challenged through the service. Let us encourage you to really enter into the worship with all your heart.

During the first few hours of their 30th college reunion, Mary Schmich and her friends talked mostly about how old their classmates looked. But as the event progressed, their focus began to change. Later, in her *Chicago Tribune* column, Mary wrote: "Once you get used to the fact that time has robbed every single one of you of something – or added it in the wrong places... you stop thinking about looks [and] start talking about life."



So much of our time and attention are devoted to physical appearance that it's easy to consider it the most important aspect of our lives. But the Bible reminds us that God wants us to see ourselves and others differently.

When the Lord sent Samuel to anoint a new king over Israel (1 Samuel 16 v 1), God reminded him to look deeper than physical characteristics: "*Do not look at his appearance or his physical stature... For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart*" (v 7).

God's Word has some harsh condemnation for those who show favoritism based on appearances (James 2 v 1-2). When we begin to see people through God's eyes, our focus will change from looks to life.

*God looks not at the outward form
But what is in the heart;
The beauty He is pleased to see,
His Spirit can impart.*

CALLING LIST

As almost everyone already knows, the congregations have called the Rev. Damien Boyle to fill the vacancy here in Hilltown and Clonduff. To this end everyone, no matter how young or old, are invited to sign the call sheets that are available in both churches today.

PRAISE – PRAISE – PRAISE – PRAISE - PRAISE

'I WAS ONCE IN DARKNESS'

I was once in darkness, now my eyes can see,
I was lost but Jesus sought and found me.
O what love He offers, O what peace He gives,
I will sing forever more, He lives.

Hallelujah Jesus! Hallelujah Lord!
Hallelujah Father, I am shielded by His word.
I will live forever, I will never die,
I will rise up to meet Him in the sky.

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Welcome / Announcements
- Call to Worship
- Cong. Praise...
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading
- Children's Talk
- Cong. Praise...
- Offering / Prayer
- Cong. Praise...
- (Children will leave during this hymn for Children's Church)
- Ministry of the Word
- Cong. Praise...
- Benediction.