

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

- ◆ Prayer Meeting at 6.00pm in Hilltown.
- ◆ Evening Service at 6.30pm in Hilltown. Speaker: Rev. Damien Boyle.

MONDAY

- ◆ Prayer Meeting at 7.00pm in Clonduff.

TUESDAY

- ◆ Daniel's Band in Clonduff Church Hall from 7.00pm to 8.15pm.
- ◆ Meeting of Clonduff Finance Committee at 7.30pm in Hilltown.
- ◆ Meeting of Hilltown Finance Committee at 8.15pm in Hilltown.

WEDNESDAY

- ◆ Midweek Fellowship and Prayer Time in Clonduff at 8.00pm.

FRIDAY

- ◆ Girl's Brigade in Clonduff Church Hall as follows:

Explorer Section (age 3-8)	6.45pm to 8.00pm
Company Section (age 9 upwards)	7.00pm to 9.30pm.

SATURDAY

- ◆ Prayer Meeting at 8.00am in Clonduff.
- ◆ Youth Club in Clonduff Church Hall from 7.30pm to 10.00pm.

SUNDAY

- ◆ Sunday School in Clonduff at 9.45am.
- ◆ Morning Worship in Clonduff at 10.45am. Speaker: Rev. Damien Boyle.
- ◆ Sunday School in Hilltown at 11.00am.
- ◆ Morning Worship in Hilltown at 12.15pm. Speaker: Rev. Damien Boyle.
- ◆ Prayer Time at 6.00pm in Clonduff.
- ◆ Evening Service at 6.30pm in Clonduff. Speaker: Rev. Damien Boyle.

TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY

- ◆ Meeting of Clonduff Congregational Committee at 8.00pm in Clonduff.

MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

- ◆ Our "*Week of Prayer*" will commence in Hilltown at 8.00pm and take place on alternate nights in Hilltown and Clonduff at 8.00pm (finishing Thursday, 11th February in Clonduff).

Hilltown and Clonduff Presbyterian Churches

Morning Worship

17th January 2010

Speaker: Rev. Damien Boyle



*"Tell the righteous it will be well with them,
for they will enjoy the fruits of their deeds."*

Isaiah 3 v 10

WELCOME

If you are a visitor to our congregation today, we extend to you a warm welcome. 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.

Dr. Cliff Arnall, a British psychologist, has developed a formula to determine the worst day of the year. One factor is the time elapsed since Christmas, when the holiday glow has given way to the reality of credit-card bills. Gloomy winter weather, short days, and the failure to keep New Year's resolutions are also a part of Dr. Arnall's calculations. Last year, January 24 received the dubious distinction of being "the most depressing day of the year."

Christians are not immune to the effects of weather and post-holiday letdown, but we do have a resource that can change our approach to any day. Psalm 118 recounts a list of difficulties including personal distress (v.5), national insecurity (v.10), and spiritual discipline (v.18), yet it goes on to declare, "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (v.24).

The psalm is filled with a celebration of God's goodness and mercy in the midst of trouble and pain. Verse 14 comes as a shout of triumph: "*The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.*"

Even when circumstances hang a sign on our calendar saying "Bad Day!" the Creator enables us to thank Him for the gift of life and to receive each day with joy.

ANNUAL REPORT

As the Church financial year has just ended, we would like to remind all organisational treasurers of the need to have their accounts prepared as soon as possible for the year ended 31st December 2009. It is planned to have all the accounts reviewed by a finance committee, as per the recommendations of Presbytery, and therefore all accounts will need to be supported with bank statements, cheque stubs, lodgement counterfoils, invoices and any other relevant records. ***To this end, please ensure all information is with Myra Stewart (Clonduff) or James Ervine (Hilltown) today.*** Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

CLONDUFF FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of Clonduff Finance Committee has been organised for this Tuesday, 19th January at 7.30pm in Hilltown. At this meeting **all** organisation accounts will be reviewed.

HILLTOWN FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Hilltown Finance Committee has been organised for this Tuesday, 19th January at 8.15pm in Hilltown. At this meeting **all** organisation accounts will be reviewed.

ELDERS MEETINGS

The Elders meetings have now been re-arranged as follows:

Clonduff

- ◆ Clonduff Elders meeting and prayer time at 8.00pm on Monday, 25th January in Clonduff.

Hilltown

- ◆ Hilltown Elders meeting and prayer time at 8.00pm pm Monday, 1st February in the Manse.

FIELDS OF LIFE – HOPE BUILDERS

Please continue to remember Joe and Shirley, Keith and Lorraine, and Leonard and Margaret and their families, as the men are serving with Hope Builders in Uganda.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome / Announcements

Call to Worship

Cong. Praise... Mission Praise 40 - "*Ascribe greatness*"

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 3 v 1 - 12

Children's Talk

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving / Intercession

Cong. Praise... "*Draw me close to the Cross*"

(Children will leave for Children's Church during this hymn)

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2 v 1 - 14

Ministry of the Word

Cong. Praise... "*Pass me not O gentle Saviour*"

Benediction
