

“Take Heed” Ministries:

January 2024 – June 2024

Dear praying friends and supporters of ‘Take Heed,’

Once again this mid-year June 2024 ministry update letter will run to 4 pages and not as was originally the case in times past, 2 pages, simply because of the amount of information that I have to report – the work at ‘Take Heed’, far from decreasing, seems to be constantly gathering momentum.

Opportunities to speak not only here in Northern Ireland but also in the Republic of Ireland and across in England kept me ‘on my toes.’ Locally I spoke 22 times in various churches and fellowships spread across all 6 counties. And my travels ‘down south’ saw me speaking in Killarney and Limerick. Over the weekend of 27th/28th April I spoke 3 times in Stanley Park Evangelical Church in Liverpool. In every location I was greatly heartened by the positive response and feedback received from those in attendance. The following photo montage relates to a number of those speaking engagements.



Top row L-R: With Rev Gary Goodes of Randalstown FPC on 17th January: Outside Lisburn Congregational Church on 17th March before I spoke on St Patrick: Margaret and I with Pastor Michael Robson and his wife Ninfa of Living Rock Church in Killarney on 4th April.

Bottom row L-R: Fellowshiping in Limerick City Church between services on 7th April: In Stanley Park Church Liverpool with recently retired Pastor Billy McCurrie and Pastor Eddie Roberts of Stanley Park: Some of those attending the NOON meeting in Stanley Park Church Hall on Saturday 27th April.

Despite being busy on the speaking-front I was also engaged in writing a number of articles for posting to the ministry web site and I want now to give details of some of those articles.

**HARBOUR FAITH COMMUNITY:
Outright “enemies of the cross of Christ”
(Philippians 3:18)**

In the run-up to Christmas 2023, **Harbour Faith Community**, **THE** main promoters of so-called ‘**Progressive Christianity**’ in Northern Ireland, posted an article on Facebook that basically shredded the orthodox, historically accepted understanding of why the Saviour was born and why He died on the Cross. I ‘analysed’ the following 3 portions of their article –

‘It turns out that the cross was never God’s wrath poured out on Jesus - the wrath was always ours. It was ours because we just couldn’t accept the outrageous message of grace that Jesus offered, and so we killed him to hide our own nakedness.’

I responded by writing – **As is the case with many false teachers there can be an ‘element’ of truth in what they say or write and such is the case here. Peter stated “Him (Christ) ... ye have taken and by wicked hands have crucified and slain” (Acts 2: 23). ‘Human wrath’ certainly manifested itself in the events of the crucifixion of Christ ... That’s the ‘element’ of truth BUT the ‘Harbour Faith Community’ statement denies the true reality of ‘God’s wrath’ being vented on Christ.** I then explained and quoted at great length the many Scriptures that affirm the truth of ‘**Penal substitution.**’

All you have to do is embrace the simple message that God has always loved you and the cross shows how Jesus would stop at nothing to bring you that truth. Complicated theories of atonement only muddy the water and you’re better off without them.

I responded by writing – **I want to ask this question – Was the Apostle Paul guilty of positing a ‘complicated theory of atonement’ when he wrote in 1 Corinthians 5: 7 “Christ our Passover is SACRIFICED for us”.** I then explained and again quoted many Scriptures that showed the shedding of Christ’s blood on the Cross to ‘propitiate’ the wrath of God was foreshadowed by the shedding of the ‘Passover Lamb’ blood in Egypt and summarised it in these words – **the original Passover Lamb saved those sheltering under its blood from the judgment of God and helped secure deliverance from bondage in Egypt. The ‘spiritual reality’ of Christ as “Passover” is that those trusting in and sheltering under His shed blood will be safe from the coming judgment of God and have been delivered from the bondage of sin.**

Maybe this time we can receive the Christ child not as a sacrifice waiting to be made in order to appease an angry God, but as a profound expression of the love of God we already have.

I responded by writing – **Their desire is of course to remove any notion of Christ being born to die as a substitutionary sacrifice for sinners, termed theologically as penal substitution.** I once more cited many Scriptures that affirm why the Lord was born, making particular reference to **Galatians 4:** when I wrote **Paul then outlines in verses 4 and 5 the divine intention and means for such necessary reconciliation – the birth and eventual sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus Christ.** I then concluded my article in these words that **Harbour Faith Community** were – **not only ‘muddying the water’ but utterly poisoning the life-giving waters of eternal life found solely through faith alone in the penal substitutionary death of the Lord Jesus Christ. As the sub-heading to this article reads, they are outright “enemies of the cross of Christ” (Philippians 3: 18).**

Other articles that space does not allow me to elaborate at length on were headed as follows

SAT-7 – spiritually not in evangelical ‘orbit’

Having been asked for my views on ‘SAT-7’ I concluded my article in these words –

‘SAT-7 is at best a Roman Catholic and Orthodox-dominated ecumenical group that thus far has succeeded in taking money from Protestants to fund its Roman Catholic and Orthodox programs’

CROWN JESUS MINISTRIES’

“worse and worse” (2 Timothy 3:13)

This article detailed how the leader (‘Mitch’) of this local, influential, youth-orientated ‘evangelical’ ministry, along with his wife had sat under the ‘ministry’ of **Rodney Howard-Browne** (of the so-called ‘Toronto Blessing - Holy Ghost Bartender’ infamy) for 5 days in Florida and described it as **‘a glorious, tank-filling, joyous 5 days.’** My verdict on that was summed up in these words – **‘Progressively the ‘pedigree’ of ‘Crown Jesus Ministries’ is “waxing worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived” (2 Timothy 3: 13)’.**

BELFAST BIBLE COLLEGE:

‘More Concerns’

This article referred to a Facebook post by ‘Mitch’ of **Crown Jesus Ministries** that said –

‘Thirty years ago I started studying at Belfast Bible College part-time. A bit cocky, I thought I knew everything. Now I’m back 30 years later to teach. And now I know nothing.... except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. 10-week module on the important topic of Evangelism’.

In the latter part of my article I wrote – **‘I have ‘voiced’ my concerns about ‘Mitch’ and ‘Crown Jesus Ministries’ in a number of articles, the most recent having just been completed in the last few days, dealing with ‘Mitch’ and his endorsement of and fellowship with Rodney Howard Browne of ‘Toronto Blessing-Holy Laughter’ infamy.’**

ALPHA IRELAND CONFERENCE 2024

Ecumenical to the Hilt.

This article dealt with a high-profile **ALPHA Conference** held in Dublin in March and amongst the many speakers listed I drew attention to the participation of 2 Roman Catholic priests - **Fr Conor McDonough OP, a Dominican friar** of the Irish Province ministering at St Saviour's Church in Dublin and **Fr Columba Jordan a Franciscan Friar.** A similar-type **ALPHA Conference** was also held in London on 6th-7th May and it too was **‘ecumenical to the hilt’** with participation by **FR HAYDEN WILLIAMS a Capuchin Friar** Minor living a life of prayer at the Franciscan hermitage of Le Celle di Cortona, Italy and **DR JOHANNES HARTL** Philosopher, Founder **and Catholic theologian.** Towards the end of my article I wrote these words – **‘God’s Word forewarns His people of “seducing spirits and doctrines of devils” (1st Timothy 4: 1) and for me they are certainly manifestly active in the likes of the ALPHA Course’.**

Other articles were also written but mention of them will have to wait until December (DV)

I mentioned on page one of how I had spoken in Limerick and having preached on the Sunday morning there, at a subsequent afternoon meeting I then spoke on this agreed topic - '**Patrick and Rome: The Man and The Myth**' as St Patrick's Day was still fresh in the memory of many. Video of the talk was posted to the church YouTube site and as I write this has been viewed 727 times. I have been most encouraged by feedback-comments and here are a few

Absolutely amazing teaching brother. God bless you.

Wow! What a wonderful teaching, brother Cecil. I never knew the truth.

That was awesome. Answered a lot of questions I had. Thanks for that.

You can't make it any clearer than this Preacher ... Rome has always perverted God's Word

MALAWI/PASTOR 'JJ' REPORT

In my June 2023 ministry newsletter I was able to report of how, as a ministry, we had been able to fund the printing, in the **CHICHEWA** language, of further supplies of booklets of '**Take Heed**' articles that **Pastor JJ** had translated. In Mid-May I received this message and photo

All tracts on Islam and Jehovah's Witnesses were taken by Mozambique Christian leaders. They reported that Islam and Jehovah's Witnesses are growing rapidly due to ignorance of the Word of God in Mozambique. The friend of Pastor Steven Jose collecting tracts and books this week. He comes from Angonia district of Tete province of Mozambique. Those on the ground are Islam tracts and those carried in the hands are Jehovah's Witnesses tracts. That's the last stock



Points for Prayer Please: (1) Health and strength to continue with '**Take Heed**'. (2) The Lord's blessing as I travel and speak at meetings around Northern Ireland over the rest of 2024 (DV).

The pace and prevalence of error is not slacking and constantly I am receiving questions and requests for help on a myriad of topics. If you would once more like to practically support the ministry then please utilise the yellow '**support letter**' - see page 5.

ONLINE DONATIONS in support of '**Take Heed**' can also be made by going to either of these links (donations via the 2nd link can be **GIFT AIDED**) –

<http://www.takeheed.info/donations/>
<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20036241>

Warmly in Christ
Cecil

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‘Support Letter’

Dear Cecil,

I wish to support the ongoing work and ministry of “Take Heed” Ministries and enclose herewith my gift of £

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ADDRESS: _____

Please post to
“Take Heed” Ministries
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Ballynahinch
Co Down
BT24 8AZ

Increasingly people are asking if they can support the ministry financially by making an ONLINE transfer. The answer is ‘YES’ and these are the details needed to do so.

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Sort Code: 98-00-55
Account No: 82508042
Account Name: TAKE HEED Ministries