# "Take Heed" Ministries:

**January 2023 – June 2023** 

### Dear praying friends and supporters of 'Take Heed',

As happened with my June 2022 ministry update letter, this current one will run to 4 pages and not the normal 2 because of the amount of information that I have to report. I'll begin, as I did last year, by giving an update on our connection with **Pastor 'JJ'** in Malawi. In my December 2022 ministry letter I told of how we had been able to fund the printing of a further 10,000 '**Dear Muslim neighbour'** booklets in the **CHICHEWA** language and I also wrote – '**Please pray that as a ministry we may be able to fund the 'Purgatory' and 'Jehovah's Witnesses' booklets early in 2023 (DV)'**. I am delighted to say that we were able to do that (at a cost of £3000.00) in early January. On 14<sup>th</sup> April, **Pastor 'JJ'** posted the following message and photo on Facebook –

As we continue to labour in Christ, it was a blessed morning at the Reformed Theological College where among other things, I have distributed books, calendars and tracts by Equipping Pastors Worldwide, HHK Mission, TBS, Take Heed Ministries, CARM etc. These students are pursuing their studies with MINTS at BA level. Join us in prayers as I am preparing for several long trips to various places in Africa.



It is a privilege to be able to partner with **Pastor 'JJ'** as he labours in Malawi and surrounding countries. In May, his car 'gave up the ghost,' and, as a ministry, through the generosity of a number of our supporters, we were able to send about 50% (£1200.00) of the funds needed to help with the purchase of a suitable replacement vehicle. Please pray that the remaining funds would be forthcoming.

From January I have spoken/preached on 14 occasions both locally and also in the Republic of Ireland. However, health issues relating to a 'grumbling' gall-bladder and feverish infection meant I had to cancel a number of engagements and eventually on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April I underwent surgery for its removal. The operation was at 9.00 AM and I was back home again that day in my own bed by 6.00 PM.

I can honestly say that I experienced no major painful after-effects, my recovery went very smoothly, and even allowing then for the extraction of 2 teeth on 10<sup>th</sup> May, within a month I was back 'fighting-fit' – all praise and thanks to the Lord and to the many who prayed. Articlewise I have penned 8 new articles that were posted to the ministry web site and initially I will give details of 3 that were prompted by me clearly having 'rattled a few cages'.

### **RODNEY HOWARD-BROWNE**

Confronting his evil influence'.

Just after I became unwell in December (2022) I received an email from a Mr Major who had obviously taken exception to various articles I had written about **Rodney Howard-Browne**, particularly as they related to his involvement in the so-called '**Toronto Blessing**' and even his 'ministry' subsequent to that. Here are a few extracts from our email exchanges

Mr Major: I'm writing in response to your video and a clear lack of understanding of the anointing ... Have you ever sat under or operated in the anointing, I would say no, especially to operating in the anointing! I'm trying to address you nicely but you have a huge ignorance on the anointing and the power of God ... I challenge you to come to a Rodney Howard Browne camp meeting, leave your arrogance and pride at the door, and ask the Lord if this is real

<u>Cecil:</u> I don't need to attend an RHB meeting - over the years I have watched countless hours of video of him 'ministering'. My counter-challenge to you is to watch 2 short video segments (links given) of RHB and Kenneth Copeland 'ministering' together and if you believe that what takes place is through an 'anointing' of the Holy Spirit then I do truly fear for you.

Mr Major: It sounds like you just have dead religion with no power or demonstration to back it ... I DONT need to watch videos and I have eye-witness experiences first-hand

In response to Mr Major I quoted Matthew 7:21-23 and he replied as follows – Right that's the verse that applies to you! Clearly, you're so spiritually dense and dead ... You're a dead religious devil sadly, who was brainwashed at whatever cemetery you attended!

I assessed that response from Mr Major by saying – 'Mr Major accused me of being 'spiritually dense and dead' and yet he was the one who failed to understand that the verses I cited don't apply to me as I am not the one claiming to 'prophesy' or to 'cast out devils' or to do 'many wonderful works' which of course are the types of claims made by Rodney Howard-Browne.

## **BETHEL SCHOOL of SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY:**

MEETINGS to AVOID. Facebook posts. APPENDIX added 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The initial article related to a visitation in March by a team of 60 from the **BETHEL** Church in Redding, CA, as guests of the **Journey Community Church** in Antrim, to host meetings linked to their so-called 'Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry' – basically an 'occult initiation'. The **APPENDIX** of 13<sup>th</sup> March was prompted by comments made publicly by the **Journey Community** pastor, **JOHN ASHE** in advance of those meetings - his 'cage' had obviously 'been rattled'. Here are some extracts from the **APPENDIX**.

'during their Sunday morning service on 12<sup>th</sup> March their 'pastor, John Ashe, made mention of myself and others who he referred to as 'heresy hunters' ... CECIL, if you're watching, come join us, we'd love to have you, love to pray for you, hope the spirit of God touches your life (background laughter) Good ... some of the stuff the heresy hunters don't believe in, you see they're very critical about supernatural signs and wonders – now, I don't understand why they are critical because ... you're meant to be like Jesus and that's what he did. He commissioned the disciples to go into the world, teaching them to obey everything that he had commanded them to do and the 4 things he instructed them at the great commission was to 'heal the sick', 'cast out demons', 'raise the dead' and 'preach the gospel'. In response I wrote –

'So, where do 'heal the sick', 'cast out demons' and 'raise the dead' come from? Perhaps John Ashe is referring to the commission given exclusively to the "twelve disciples" and the powers given to them that we read about in Matthew 10:1-8. This was a 'limited' commission confined to reaching the people of Israel and not the gentiles (v 5-6) and even the terms of it are referred to and subsequently amended as we read in Luke 22:35-36. Then perhaps John Ashe is referring to Mark 16:17-18 and teaching that the 'powers' mentioned apply to 'believers in general' today – but do they?

I then quoted from 'Charting A Course Through Charismatic Waters' which I wrote many years ago and my conclusion was 'To teach that 'believers in general' should expect to be able to do miraculous things (as John Ashe appears to do) on the basis of this passage is I believe an incorrect interpretation of this passage'. I also quoted from 'The Charismatic Phenomenon' chapter 11, titled 'What About the Signs of Mark 16' and written by Dr Peter Masters (Pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, - Spurgeon's old church) and Dr Masters takes exactly the same view as myself.

I concluded my article with these words – 'John Ashe's version of the Great Commission – 'to 'heal the sick', 'cast out demons', 'raise the dead' and 'preach the gospel' - represents false teaching of the highest order. May God be pleased to deliver many who sit under his 'ministry' from the deceptions that he and the **BSSM** vigorously promote.'

# **'Pastor' STEVE AMES:** 'Progressive Dishonesty'

On 17<sup>th</sup> March **Steve Ames** of the **Harbour Faith Community** in Carrickfergus posted this on Facebook – 'So I know there are plenty of self-appointed "heresy hunters" out there and I normally wouldn't comment or draw attention to them ... however, we have a man whose practice is to deliver sombre talks ... where he denounces virtually any expression of Christianity other than his own ... Duly warning against those "dangerous progressives", he gravely asserts "We are NOT all beloved children of God" ... This post by Steve Ames was linked to a very short video extract that he had selected from a talk I gave in April 2021 on the subject of so-called 'Progressive Christianity' ... for maximum effect Mr Ames twice more reruns me saying those particular words. The 'Dishonesty' was that Steve Ames stopped his video clip then, BUT, if he had gone on for another 16 seconds, I did say -

'When we are born into this world, we are born in sin and shapen in iniquity (Psalm 51:5) cut off from God (Ephesians 4:17-18: Colossians 1:21) and it's only when we are "born again" (John 3:3) and "saved" (Ephesians 2:1-5) that we are ADOPTED (Romans 8:14-15; Galatians 4:3-5); Ephesians 1:5) into the family of God and AT THAT POINT we become His children'.

Further articles covered topics such as (1) an American-based British 'evangelist' called GRAHAM JONES coming to Ireland for a 'mission' - this is a man who in response to a question 'How do I grow in faith for finances'? responded by recommending people to read 'The Laws of Prosperity' by Kenneth Copeland. In reply to the question 'Is the prosperity message biblical'? his answer was 'yes'. (2) The launch of an 'INCLUSIVE FAITH' web site featuring contributions by and links to the growing number of so-called 'Progressive Christian' outlets all pushing their abominable pro-LGBT agenda. (3) ALPHA Concerns highlighting official 'Papal Blessing' and the high Roman Catholic input into ALPHA's annual Leadership Conference held in the Royal Albert Hall no less. (4) A university campus meeting in Coleraine featuring **FRANCIS CHAN** – a now wayward former so-called 'evangelical' who promotes ecumenical unity at the expense of God's truth. I quoted Mr Chan who, concerning the elements of bread and wine said I didn't know that for the first 1,500 years of Church history, everyone saw it as the literal body and blood of Christ. And it wasn't until 500 years ago that someone popularized the thought that it's just a symbol and nothing more. I refuted that by saying 'it is simply just not true and is in fact a lie' and then gave many quotes showing how countless early Christians prior to the Reformation rejected any 'transubstantiation notion'. Space limitations prevent me from mentioning the other article.

#### Encouragements received have included -

I just want to say how much you have blessed me with your faithful teaching. It is so hard to find a preacher who is obedient to God's word giving full glory to Christ. In that narrow road that leads to life. May the Lord encourage you greatly in your service to Him.

A Many thanks, dear brother. Your ministry has been greatly needed and greatly beneficial in defence of the gospel.

I do want to say that I really appreciate your ministry and find it, not only very informative but also a blessing as you encourage the saints be vigilant and aware of the many wolves in sheep's clothing. The Lord bless and keep you as you labour for Him.

S Cecil, from the bottom of my heart thank you. Both the young people and the leaders got so much from your teaching last night. I even received a message from a mother to say that the whole family had sat around the table discussing the assurance of heaven in the finished work of Christ.

Points for Prayer Please: (1) Health and strength to continue to "earnestly contend" (2) Resources to help maintain support for Pastor 'JJ' in Malawi (3) The Lord's blessing as Margaret and I go to Scotland in August (DV) for serval weeks where I am covering pulpit supply for a friend and also speaking at other meetings.

When I issued my December 2022 Ministry Update Letter it was at a time when there were many postal strikes and delays and I know a number of folks did not receive the letter. As a result there was some understandable decline in support at that time. Then, with my health issues there was a period when I spoke at no meetings, so, enclosed with this letter is an optional yellow support letter (see page 5) for your prayerful consideration. Other support options available on <a href="https://www.takeheed.info/donations/">https://www.takeheed.info/donations/</a> and <a href="https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20036241">https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20036241</a>

Spiritually, the days are dark, the battle is intense, but our confidence is in the One who loved us and gave Himself for us. Margaret and I send our love and gratitude in Him.

#### **Cecil Andrews**

# Take Heed" Ministries 'Support Letter'

Dear Cecil,
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