



BLC Newsletter

October 1, 2018



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and one and only head of **HIS** churches.

- Matthew 16:18 "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock **I** will build **my** church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
- Ephesians 1:22 "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave **him to be the head over all things to the church.**"

A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

My pastor, Ben Hickam, his brother and evangelist Caleb Hickam and I attended the September 16-19, 2017 Liberty Baptist Church of Albuquerque, NM Southwest Baptist Heritage Camp Meeting hosted by Pastor Orlando Pineda and the other members of LBC. The meeting had some great preaching on important Baptist principles and distinctives, including some teaching on church organization. Some great friendships were made as we joined together in the spirit of Christian love and learned from one another from preaching, teaching, and roundtable discussions. We want to thank Liberty Baptist Church for planning and implementing this first of many, Lord willing, annual Baptist Heritage Camp Meetings! Everything was great – the teaching, the fellowship, the food. We really enjoyed going door to door on Sunday September 16 and attending services at the first church plant of LBC in Albuquerque. We especially thank the ladies and men of Liberty Baptist for all their hard work and for their spirit of Christian love. If you can come next year, you will be blessed. Left [Click here to go to the page with links to all the messages preached at that camp meeting.](#)

As the Lord leads, hopefully more BLC churches will host similar camp meetings.

On September 27, 2017 I received the following e-mail from the Pastor of a California church which the BLC helped to organize as a non-legal entity under Christ and Christ alone:

Dear Bro. Jerald,

I'm grateful to you for all your help in setting up our trust.

The bank account is now finally opened and we are moving forward without encumbrance.

I had already made hard copied of the trust for you so I am still sending it to you along with a check to BLC for \$_____ as we discussed.

I look forward to seeing you in Indiana next month.

IHS,

Note: The bank account was not opened in the name of the church, nor was the church the holder of the bank account through a trustee. If you have questions about this, do not hesitate to call me.

The BLC drafted the new and improved DOT documents for a Texas church which had established a trust relationship using the old documents. That church is in the process of executing the new and improved documents.

Many new names have been added to the BLC mailing list during the last month.

I continue to receive and respond to e-mails from various persons who are talking to their pastors about church corporate 501(c)(3) status, and from others concerning 501(c)(3), non-profit corporation, and other matters. You can see some of the latest important questions and answers at: <https://jeraldfinney.com/blc-newsletters/questions-and-answers-on-various-topics/>.

In September 2018, I received calls and emails from and responded at length to inquiries about New Testament church organization from pastors and other believers in the following states: Florida, Washington, Texas (3 inquiries), Oklahoma, Kansas (2 inquiries), California, Alaska, and Missouri.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE BLC

Working together with you, we can continue to educate and help knowledgeable churches who want to organize under the Lord Jesus Christ and Him only.

The BLC and CBT, with Jerald Finney walking point for the BLC ministry, will be available at all times for calls, questions, comments, suggestions, etc. from churches and interested believers. We will daily be doing the Lord's BLC work: writing, researching, studying, teaching, discussing, counseling, helping, organizing, etc.

Some specific activities which we have begun to consider include:

- Opening communication between those in the BLC circle of believers.
- Conference calls to actively include church members whose churches are already organized under the Declaration of Trust and other interested parties. For example I would love any BLC pastor or other church member who wants to share his story to have a forum such commincations. I have been privy to some amazing stories which blessed me and would bless and inspire others.
- A yearly church organization conference at CBT or some other central location.
- State and regional organization as well as national organization.
- Podcasts.

We will go forward as the Lord leads. We are convinced that the He is going to continue to do great things through the BLC ministry. Your comments, suggestions, teachings, and testimonials are helpful to the cause and greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Upcoming Events

October 15-17, 2018: UBF 34TH National Meeting hosted by Fairland Baptist Temple, 7051 N 600 W., Fairland, Indiana 46126, 867-697-6598, Tom Chestnut/Host Pastor. **See the last page of "The Trumpet" which is attached to the e-mail for the UBF schedule for more information or go to www.unregisteredbaptistfellowship.org.**

One day BLC meeting on **October 18, 2018** hosted by the same church at the same location following the October 15-17 National UBF meeting. Both will be at Fairland Baptist Temple, 7051 N 600 W., Fairland, Indiana 46126, Tom Chestnut/Host Pastor; 317-502-4871 (Bro. Tom's Cell); 317-502-4873 (Sister Barbara Chestnut's wife); 317-862-3816 (Bro. Tom's home). The schedule of events will be sent out soon to all on the e-mail list.

Featured Sermons, Articles, and Books

Sermons: [Left click here to go to all the messages preached at the Liberty Baptist Church of Albuquerque NM on September 16-19, 2018 Camp Meeting.](#) These messages will challenge you as to Bible teaching on not only

church organization but also other important New Testament Church doctrines. Should you disagree with any of the teachings, please call and tell us why, from the KJB, you disagree.

Here is the link to my teaching at that meeting: [Is an Incorporated 501\(c\)3 Church a Church of Christ?](#) That teaching included the testimony of an evangelist and former pastor who verifies that a church which is not a legal entity such as a corporation and/or 501(c)(3) or 508 church cannot be sued was removed from the presentation and was put on as a separate video: [Why a Church Is Not a Business](#). This, for one thing, proves that a New Testament church has more protection than an incorporated 501(c)(3) church. **NOTE:** I mentioned talking to the pastor of “Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.” That was incorrect: The person I talked to was pastor of Caprock Baptist Church.

Articles:

[HOW A CHURCH CAN ORGANIZE TO REMAIN A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH \(HOLDING PROPERTY IN TRUST FOR GOD IS A SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLE RECOGNIZED BY THE LEGAL SYSTEM\)](#)

[WHAT GOD HAS COMMITTED TO MAN’S TRUST: “YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON”:](#)
[STEWARD OR TRUSTEE?](#)

The following and other books by Jerald Finney are free online in PDF, online form, and Kindle, and may be ordered. Go to the [free online, PDF and order page for books by Jerald Finney](#).

PDF of short but comprehensive book: [Separation of Church and State/God’s Churches: Spiritual or Legal Entities?](#) A great resource which explains church non-profit corporate 501c3 and 508 status and addresses many of the excuses for choosing church legal entity status.

PDF of booklet: [The Most Important Thing: Loving God or Winning Souls?](#) Of course, if one loves God, he will seek to win souls. But many pastors state that the most important thing is winning souls, so just forget about the church corporate 501c3 issue, realizing that they have left their first love when they submit to any other authority other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

PDF of Booklet: [Render Unto God the Things that Are His: A Systematic Study of Romans 13 and Related Verses](#). This 50 page book exposes the lie that certain verses and American law require churches to become legal entities such as corporate 501c3 and 508 entities.

BLC websites

<https://jeraldfinney.com/> (Browse this page for a wealth of informational resources)
<http://biblicallawcenter.com/>

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