



# BLC Newsletter

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

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- 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

Many new names have been added to the BLC mailing list during the last month. Two new articles and one updated and revised article were published on the BLC Separation of Church and State website—see “Featured Sermons, Articles, and Books” section below.

I continue to receive and respond to e-mails and calls from various persons: pastors who wish to organize churches under the Lord Jesus Christ only, believers 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/>. I referred one Spanish only speaking pastor from Texas to Pastor Orlando Pineda to answer questions about church organization. One pastor from Arkansas wished to start teaching the material on the website, because it is, as he said, “So vital.” Of course, I told him he has my blessings. The church he pastors was organized under the DOT in 2014.

In October 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: Pennsylvania, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, South Dakota, Ohio, California, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, North Carolina. Those calls were very encouraging and positive. One pastor is definitely on board to begin the process of moving from corporate to New Testament status.

Here is one of numerous examples of BLC contacts and activities: Calls and e-mails from a pastor in Ohio whose church adopted the Resolution and Declaration of Trust in 2017. Here is a summary of what we discussed:

- I answered his questions and talked to him for some time concerning bank account, EIN vs. SSAN, whether member could claim a tax deduction for tithes/offerings/gifts to the Lord (to the trust estate). I sent him an e-mail with links to the Trump/501c3 article and other articles of interest.
- He told me his father in law was the prior pastor of the church. His father in law fully supports what he is doing. Two members oppose what is being done, but the other members fully support. His landlord has been causing some problems, so they will be using a room at a motel for meetings. He and I fully agree that we would meet under a tree rather than compromise God’s church (leave our first love). After the Lord had revealed to him that a church should not be incorporated or 501c3, and after he has already adopted the Resolution and Declaration of

Trust, he also heard about the 501c3 issue from Mark Taylor. He and I are on the same Bible pages as led by Holy Spirit teaching of the Word of God.

- Praise the Lord for what He is doing for this Ohio church and other believers and churches! God will give no more light to those “churches” who reject the light when presented. God will continue to send light to those churches and believers who receive and apply new light from God.

I attended the UBF and BLC National Conferences hosted by Pastor Tom Chestnut and Fairland Baptist Church in Fairland, Indiana, October 16-19, 2018. Most at the UBF and all at the BLC conference were very supportive of the New Testament church position; some-for example, Pastor Tom Chestnut, Pastor Martin Jones, and Pastor Ernie Sanders have been soldiers for the cause since the 1970s and 1980s, and others were interested in learning more about church organization according to Bible principles.

### **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 and/or online conferences 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 communcations. 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.
- Classes here in Amarillo covering the Doctrine of the Church and church corporate 501c3 status.

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.

### **Featured Sermons, Essays, and Books**

**Sermons:** Go to the sermons page of the Biblical Law Center: Separation of Church and State/The Biblical Principles and the American Application website (<https://jeraldfinney.com/miscellaneous/sermons/>) for links to great relevant sermons such as Dr. Greg Dixon 2005 sermon "**Authority, The Greatest Thing In The Universe,**", Jerald Finney’s message, "**Is an Incorporated 501(c)3 Church a Church of Christ?**" etc.

**Essays:** Two new articles were published and one revised 2015 article was published on the Biblical Law Center: Separation of Church and State website (<https://jeraldfinney.com/miscellaneous-articles/>). Go to that page for links to those and other essays:

- (1) Essay No. 95 on the above webpage: “**The New Testament of Jesus Christ: His Executor Named and Empowered**” (100418);
- (2) Essay No. 95 on the webpage: “**THE HYPOCRISY OF PASTORS WHO ASK THEIR HIGHEST AUTHORITY TO OVERTURN LGBT NONDISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE**” (101218);
- (3) Essay No. 56 on the webpage: “**Questions Which Reveal Whether One Is A Dispensationalist**” (112215)(Revised 102918).

**Books:** 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. Free downloadable audio of that book: <https://jeraldfinney.com/2017/01/24/audio-audio-separation-of-church-and-stategods-churches-spiritual-or-legal-entities/>
- 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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