



## **Churches Under Christ Newsletter**

### **January 1, 2019**

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and one and only head of **HIS** churches.  
A ministry headed by Christian Attorney Jerald Finney under the authority of Pastor Ben Hickam and Charity  
Baptist Tabernacle, Amarillo TX.

- 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.**”

#### **NEW STRUCTURE: NO LONGER TO CONTINUE AS THE BIBLICAL LAW CENTER**

As I announced in last month’s Newsletter, I will now go forward in this ministry under a new structure. I will serve under the authority of Charity Baptist Tabernacle and Pastor Ben Hickam as a New Testament church organization evangelist. See The [December 1, 2018 Newsletter](#) for more information on this.

#### **A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Several new names have been added to the ministry mailing list during December 2018. During December I published on the website one new article: [\*\*LEGAL ANSWER TO PASTOR’S INQUIRY CONCERNING WHETHER A POTENTIAL DONOR OF SUBSTANTIAL GIFT AN CLAIM A TAX DEDUCTION UNDER IRC SECTION 508 EVEN THOUGH THE CHURCH WILL NOT GIVE AN IRS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.\*\*](#)

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. I have spent quite a few hours on the phone with pastors of two corporate churches. The article linked to above covers my conversations and advice given one of those pastors. I am not backsliding. I stand firm on New Testament church issues, but these two pastors were considerate, kind brothers who understand my stand on New Testament church organization. You can see some of the latest important questions and answers at: <https://jeraldfinney.com/blc-newsletters/questions-and-answers-on-various-topics/>.

## **Two churches executed trust documents in December 2019! One in California (Long), and one in Montana!**

Today, January 1, 2109, a pastor whom I have worked with several years ago is now planting a new church in South Dakota. The church will organize according to Bible principles. This pastor has been actively spreading the word to other churches and pastors for several years about New Testament church organization. **THANK YOU LORD FOR THIS GREAT START TO 2019!!!!**

## **FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

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. Hopefully many new churches as well as existing churches will become “lighthouses” for this cause.

Jerald Finney, the New Testament church organization evangelist out of Charity Baptist Tabernacle, will be available at all times for calls, questions, comments, suggestions, etc. from churches and interested believers. As long as the Lord directs, leads, and keeps my health, I will daily be fighting the Lord’s church organizational battles: writing, researching, studying, teaching, discussing, counseling, helping, organizing, etc.

Some specific activities which we have implemented or possible implement 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 communications. 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. 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?**” [The Rose of Sharon](#) (Transcript of a sermon depicting the love relationship between Christ and His local visible church, emphasizing the importance of organization under Christ only as opposed to corporate 501c3 or 508 status or legal status of any kind) etc.

**Essays:** One new essay or was published in December 2018 on the ministry website (<https://jeraldfinney.com/>). Go to that page for links to those and other essays:

**LEGAL ANSWER TO PASTOR’S INQUIRY CONCERNING WHETHER A POTENTIAL DONOR OF SUBSTANTIAL GIFT AN CLAIM A TAX DEDUCTION UNDER IRC SECTION 508 EVEN THOUGH THE CHURCH WILL NOT GIVE AN IRS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

<http://biblicallawcenter.com/>

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