



Churches Under Christ 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

Several new names have been added to the ministry mailing list during January 2019.

The following essays, articles, and replies to questions of direct relevance to the ministry and for those pastors and believers of churches who either want to organize the churches they are members of God’s way or have already done so were published on the Churches Under Christ Ministry:

1. [Question and reply concerning setting up a trust for a “ministry” from a “prophetess” dedicated to “the manifestation of prophecies” \(020119\)](#)
2. [Remnant Churches under Christ in America \(013019\)](#)
3. [The Indiana Board of Tax Review Determines that Property Held in Trust for the Lord Jesus Christ Must Be Granted Property Tax Exemption \(012319\)](#)
4. [My reply to pastor teaching on Matthew 16.18 and Ephesians 1.22 thereafter questioned by accountant about church non-taxable status and the First Amendment \(011419\)](#)
5. [Destroying the Bible Trust Relationship: How a Church Can Nullify Her Efforts to Remain Under Christ Only \(011119\)](#)
6. [Letter and reply to a believer who left a church that would not discuss the issue of church corporate 501\(c\)\(3\) status \(010819\)](#)

The ministry drafted documents for 4 churches in January 2019, two in Indiana, one in Texas,, and one in South Dakota. Those churches are reviewing the documents in preparation for executing them. One of the Indiana pastors executed the documents this night of February 1, 2019. I am working with the pastor, Trustee of the Trust Estate, who will be closing on trust property in a week or two. I will be coordinating with the title company to make sure they fill out and file the paperwork required by Indiana law to be filed at closing for the granting of the tax exemption on the trust property to be used by the church.

For a report on the successful litigation of Pastor Martin Jones with the help of the [Biblical Law Center](#) to get the property tax exemption on property held in the Trinity Baptist Church Trust see the article: [**The Indiana Board of Tax Review Determines that Property Held in Trust for the Lord Jesus Christ Must Be Granted Property Tax Exemption**](#) (012319)(The Indiana Property tax exemption law is copied and pasted in the Endnote to the article and specifically says, for example “The following tangible property is exempt from property taxation if it is owned by, or **held in trust for** the use of, a church or religious society:”)

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. Some of my replies are given in the articles linked to above.

In January, I did several conference calls with pastors and their members. I communicated with pastors including pastors in Texas, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Virginia, Kansas, North Carolina, Florida, Montana, California, Georgia.

Praise the Lord for using this ministry for His Glory!!!!

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.

See above for essays, articles, and replies to questions published in January 2019.

[Click here to go to Essays, Articles, and Replies to Relevant Questions.](#)

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