



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

New names were added to the mailing list in February. Also, I am working with a few churches who are organizing or reorganizing according to King James Bible New Testament church doctrine by establishing a Bible trust relationship. Two new churches, one in North Carolina and one in South Carolina started the process of organization with preparation of trust documents.

In March I worked with pastors, churches, and other believers to include the following:

1. Counseled with a pastor of a church in Idaho organized by the BLC a few years ago using the trust relationship. The pastor called concerning purchasing a lot adjacent to the present trust property. Please pray that the purchase by the trust will go as God wills. The church has some great ideas on how to use the property for the Lord. He is already on our e-mail list.
2. Counseled with a pastor in Pennsylvania who heard about the ministry from Mark Taylor concerning getting out of church corporate 501(c)(3) status. The church owns the property free and clear. He became pastor and the church was already incorporated with 501(c)(3) status. With his permission added his email address to the mailing list.
3. Counseled with a church which organized using the DOT in Minnesota concerning church filing income tax forms. I explained that a First Amendment church like his does not have to do so, etc.

4. Counseled with a member of a church in [] state made up of Russian immigrants whose pastor was pushing corporate 501(c)(3) status. His pastor was following the lead of his brother, an attorney. He was standing against it and persuaded the church not to proceed. As well as talking with him at length over the phone, I sent materials e-mail explaining church corporate 501(c)(3) status and legal entity status in particular. I sent him the following link: [Separation of Church and State: God's Churches – Spiritual or Legal Entities](#). He studied the materials and sent it to others. His teenage sons also studied the material and also did their own online research on unincorporated association, incorporation, etc. and they told their dad, don't do it and gave reasons. Good job in bringing up your children! He also talked with the leader of the unregistered church movement in Russia who told him to hold off, etc. Praise the Lord.
5. Counseled with a pastor of an Indiana church whose church adopted and executed the Declaration of Trust. Helped him through the property tax exemption process.
6. Helped another long-standing BLC church in Indiana with an issue with the local property tax board.
7. Continued discussions with the pastor of a corporate church here in Texas as he and his church continue to prepare to reorganize as an unregistered church.

I published no articles or essays in March. Below are some educational resources for those of you who wish to understand the Declaration of Trust and related Documents used to organize according to Bible principles:

1. [The Church Bible Trust Relationship Explained and How a Church Can Nullify Her Efforts to Remain Under Christ Only](#)
2. [How a Church Can Organize to Remain a New Testament Church \(Holding Property In Trust For God Is A Scriptural Principle Recognized by American Law\)](#)
3. [What God Has Committed to Man's Trust: "Ye Cannot Serve God and Mammon": Steward or Trustee?](#)

Other resources which will be of help in understanding the concept of trust.

[Law on Church Organization \(Trusts, Property Tax, Etc.\)](#)

Links to Essays, Articles, and Other Resources:

[The Bible Trust Relationship: Links to Essays and Other Resources](#)

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 including conference calls and video conferences, 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 plan to 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.

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.**](#)

Churches Under Christ Ministry Website: <https://jeraldfinney.com/> (Browse this page for a wealth of informational resources)

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For the Glory of God,

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