



Churches Under Christ Newsletter

September 1, 2019

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

A ministry under the authority of Pastor Ben Hickam and Charity Baptist Tabernacle, Amarillo TX.

Purpose of the ministry: To Glorify God in helping churches organize totally under the Lord Jesus Christ and operate according to New Testament Church Doctrine.

- 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.**"
- Acts 5:29 "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men." This conflict between the establishment and God's people and churches has always been one of authority.

A BRIEF REVIEW OF SOME DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING June 2019

Note: To view a resource linked to (an article, book, etc.) which is referenced in the Newsletter, you can copy and paste the link into your browser address window, or simply open this Newsletter online and left click the name of the article, book or website address. Feel free to give me a call at 512-785-8445 if you cannot access a resource in the Newsletter.

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

1. August 2, 2019: E-mails from a pastor which said "I run a church in Kerrville, Texas and want to organize it properly. Can you help?" I called the pastor. He had just a few minutes, but I gave him a nutshell explanation of what this ministry does and how we do it, explaining that there are no charges, that the ministry accepts but does not require gifts, that all we do is for the glory of God. He wanted more info. I sent him the August 1, 2019 Newsletter, and put him on the e-mail list.
2. August 2, 2019: Talked with Massachusetts pastor. His church just organized a trust relationship with property and I have advised him as to bank account (which he opened in the name of the trust, not in the name of the church), and purchasing property and executing a quitclaim deed, the property owner to be the trust, and the

true owner of the trust estate the Lord Jesus Christ. See August 1, 2019 Newsletter on the [Archived Newsletters Page](#) for more on this.

3. August 5, 2019: Call from a Virginia pastor who wishes to get the church he pastors out from under 501(c)(3). We talked at length. On August 10, 2019 I e-mailed him the initial letter; Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines; and Questionnaire. He returned the Questionnaire and we had further discussion. **On August 31, mailed him sample documents for establishing a Bible trust relationship.**
4. August 8, 2020: Received call from a lady concerning getting a parachurch ministry out from under 501(c)(3). We had a friendly and lengthy discussion. I kindly told her that I only help churches. I have received three of four such calls over the last few months. She was not interested in getting out of the corporate status, only 501(c)(3). I explained that both put the organization under man's law and that, for churches, that is not acceptable to our Lord according to New Testament Church doctrine. I also explained that her organization likely would not have the same First Amendment protections as does a church. Etc.
5. August 20, 2019: Published [I Cannot Lose My Faith](#). The articles linked to in that short essay point out the inevitable consequences of churches leaving the Lord Jesus Christ, their first love, and resorting to man's "practical" techniques in getting people "churched." I first delved into the march toward heresy and apostasy in [God Betrayed](#).
6. August 21, 2019: Conference call with Elders of an Indiana church to whom I had sent sample documents on July 20, 2019.
7. August 13, 2019: Published [Reply to inquiry from a pastor in Denmark about setting up a "free and unincorporated church" in Denmark](#). I am now in discussions with this church, although I have made clear that I am not an authority on Denmark law. August 22, 2019: Conference call with pastors in Denmark concerning church setting up a trust relationship. We talked 1 ½ hours. I prepared and sent to them the initial letter, Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines attachment, and a Questionnaire for them to fill out. They e-mailed me the following (I include this for anyone interested):

I am hereby sending you the Constitutional act of Denmark for you to have a look at in case you want to see how the danisht constitutional act was put together by our King called Christian the 7th and amended 3 times latly in 1953, the first link is the website of our government and the second is the acts themselves in by the theater calling themselves the rulers of the State. <https://www.thedanishparliament.dk/en/democracy/the-constitutional-act-of-denmark> and https://www.thedanishparliament.dk/~media/pdf/publikationer/english/my_constitutional_act_with_explanations.ashx if i may ake your attention to the section 67 it is the section that covers the religios freedom of congregation, i hope you find it usefull and are looking forward to hearing what you think about it, Your brother in Christ, _____

8. **Notified on August 30 that a church in Nebraska which I have counseled with since June is going to execute documents establishing a Bible trust on Sunday August 31.**
9. I continue to preach and display signs and banners on the sidewalk outside Trinity Fellowship Church. I do this in love as led by the Lord. See the [May 1, 2019 Newsletter](#) for more on this ministry. See also, [Doing God's Work God's Way: A Bible Call To Preach Outside The Typical American Church Explained](#) (050919).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS MINISTRY.

Featured Sermons, Essays, and Books

Sermons: Go to [Bible Studies which explain the Doctrine of the Church](#). A born again church member who understands that doctrine will never be satisfied with corporate 501(c)(3) status or any other legal status which compromises a church's love for the Savior. The main thrust of these studies is to show that a church who claims to be a church under Christ should never become part of the legal system (a church established under man's law). One may disagree with these studies on some non-essential matters as related to the Bible doctrine of the church, the Bible doctrine of government, and/or the Bible doctrine of separation of church and state; but we can still work together if we agree that a church should refuse to subject herself to man's law through incorporation, 501(c)(3) or 508 status, unincorporated association status, or by any other means.

Articles: [Is it illegal for a church in America not to incorporate? Does a church have to be a 501c3?; Does God Care if our Church is Incorporated?; For more such articles see, Short Answers to Some Important Questions.](#)

For answers to false arguments given by uninformed pastors and "Christian" Attorneys for church corporate 501(c)(3) status, see [Separation of Church and State/God's Churches: Spiritual or Legal Entities?](#)

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For the Glory of God,

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