



Churches Under Christ Newsletter

March 1, 2020

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

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

Purpose: To Glorify God by helping churches organize totally under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 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."

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Feel free to give me a call at 512-785-8445 if you cannot access a resource in the Newsletter.

UPCOMING MEETINGS RECOMMENDED BY THIS MINISTRY

Old Paths Baptist Church of Washburn TX, Pastor Rusty Bradbury, is hosting a Camp Meeting on **June 5-6, 2020**.

Old Paths Baptist Church is a church plant out of Charity Baptist Tabernacle of Amarillo TX, Pastor Ben Hickam. This Churches under Christ Ministry is under the authority of Charity Baptist Tabernacle. If you come, be prepared to preach. The following letter is from Pastor Bradbury:

Dear Brothers,

Another year has gone past and we are making preparations for the campmeeting here at Old Paths Baptist Church in Washburn, Tx. We hope to find all is well with you. We have had a good year here. We would like to invite you to come to our camp meeting on June 5th and 6th 2020. Food and lodging will be provided for everyone. We are always encouraged and blessed to have you join us. Please let us know if you will be able to come. I always look forward to hearing from everyone even if you can't come. We will be sending out a reminder letter in April, so be looking for it. Thank you for your prayers looking forward to seeing you in June.

God Bless

Rusty Bradbury

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[Pastor Dan Hardin and Gateway Baptist Church of Monroe, Michigan](#) has founded the [The Non-registered Bible Baptist Fellowship](#), “Encouraging and enabling Baptist preachers to have a Bible based ministry, and “that ye should earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints.”

[The Non-registered Bible Baptist Fellowship](#) will host a conference July 1-2, 2020. See: [Non-Registered Baptist Bible Fellowship Meeting July 1, 2020 – July 2, 2020: 10AM-1PM, 6PM-9PM](#).

Basics of the love story between Christ and His churches, and the common law Bible trust and false reasons for church legal entity status (1-5):

1. [Christ and His Local Visible Churches: A Love Story](#)
2. [One Church Under God](#)
3. [Common Law Bible Trust Explained - Resources](#)
4. [Bible Basics - The Trust Relationship of Churches under Christ](#)
5. [False Reasons of "Christian" Lawyers and Pastors for Corporate, 501\(c\)\(3\) Status or Legal Status of Any Kind](#)

How a church can establish a common law (Bible) trust (5-10):

6. [Need Help?](#)
7. [Initial Mailing](#)
8. [Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines of the Churches Under Christ Ministry](#)
9. [Questionnaire 1](#)
10. [Questionnaire 2](#)
11. [Documents Used To Establish a Church under Christ and Christ alone](#)

A BRIEF REVIEW OF SOME DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING FEBRUARY 2020

In February 2020, this ministry worked with pastors, churches, and other believers on various matters included in the following list of activities:

1. **February 6, 2020:** Published [Reply to e-mail asking, “How does my church get out of the Southern Baptist Convention?”](#)
2. **February 6, 2020:** Modified the webpage, “[From Queer to Christ](#).” Added links to the videos, “What Gay Marriage Did to Massachusetts” and “The Truth about Same Sex Marriage.” Also added links to some essays on that webpage:
 - [The Proper Response by believers and churches to Obergefell, the United States Supreme Court same sex marriage decision \(063015\)](#)
 - [The Republican Response to Obergefell Wrong!!!!!! \(070715\)](#)

- [The Hierarchy of Law as it relates to sodomy and sodomite marriage \(060115\)](#)
 - [Will Churches in America Have a Choice about Sodomite Marriage: A short critique of the Article "Christian schools will have no choice about gay marriage: Column" as it relates to churches \(052315\)](#)
 - [Preaching on Sodomy in a Hate Crime Atmosphere \(061610\)](#)
 - [Romans 13:18-32 Lessons Learned from Street Preaching Encounter with a Reprobate \(121117\)](#)
3. **February 10, 2020:** Call from a believer in Kansas. He and 25 others have been having a Bible study on Sundays and Wednesdays. They wish to start and organize a church. A lady told them to give me a call about church organization. They are meeting in loaded space. They pay no salary to the pastor. Give \$100/month to a mission. Have a family concerned about tax deduction for contributions. We set up a conference call for February 12 at 3:00 p.m. **February 12, 2020:** Conference call with this brother and another church member.
 4. **February 10, 2020:** Call from a church member from Minnesota with whom the ministry has been communicating for 2 or 3 months. We set up a conference call for February 11, 2019.
 5. **February 10, 2020:** Published [Letters to pastors interested in organizing churches under Christ and Christ alone](#).
 6. **February 11, 2020:** Conference call with men from a Minnesota Church with whom the ministry has been working since December. We discussed property tax (the church now holds property in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ), execution of a new deed (which they will need to do), bank account, liability insurance on the Lord's property, etc. We went over their completed Questionnaire 1 and also discussed their questions concerning Questionnaire 2. They are to complete Questionnaire 2 and e-mail it to the ministry. Once the ministry has gone over and discussed that Questionnaire with them, they will be ready to execute documents.
 7. **February 12, 2020:** [Published More lies of "Christian" law firms and lawyers concerning church organization](#). Added the [False Reasons of "Christian" Lawyers and Pastors for Corporate, 501\(c\)\(3\) Status or Legal Status of Any Kind](#) page below the [CUCM Bible Trust](#) parent page.
 8. **February 12, 2020:** Call from a pastor in Kansas. I had gone up to Wichita and put on a seminar for his church 12 years ago. He now wants to go forward with the documents. There has no need for doing so to this point. Put him on the e-mail list and sent him an e-mail with link to the website. **On February 13, 2020**, I prepared and e-mailed him the initial letter; Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines; and Questionnaire 1.
 9. **February 13, 2020:** Pastor from Georgia, with whom the ministry has been working for some time, called about executing the DOT and related docs, opening a bank account, purchasing real property, etc.
 10. **February 18, 2020:** Sent sample trust docs to church in Wisconsin, with whom ministry has been working for several months. I had received completed Questionnaire 2 from the pastor on February 14 and discussed it with him.
 11. **February 20, 2020:** Published [Ministry Response to Inquiry concerning organization of a "Ministry" which Seeks To Unify All Believers Nationwide](#)
 12. **February 25, 2020:** Prepared sample revised common law trust documents for a Georgia church which had originally established a common law trust in 2012. Also, prepared and emailed an initial letter, "Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines," and Questionnaire to that church. All the churches which are now proceeding under the old documents may wish to consider updating their documents. Feel free to give this ministry a call at the e-mail address below.
 13. **Published:** [February 25, 2020 Announcement Concerning Revisions to Existing Trust Documents](#)
 14. **Last week of February, 2020:** The ministry received inquiries from two churches who wish their trust documents reviewed.

Featured Activities, Sermons, Essays, and Books

Featured Short Course Studies: [Bible Doctrine Concerning the Relationship Between Church and State](#).

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Links to short teachings on questions important to churches under Christ: [Short Answers to Some Important Questions](#).

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PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US FOR ANY REASON. YOUR COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

For the Glory of God,

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