



# Churches Under Christ Newsletter

**May 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. 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 APRIL 2020**

Below are some of the ministry activities. The ministry worked on the website, responded to calls and e-mails not included below, etc.

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For those who are interested, I am including the whole series of e-mails between this brother and this ministry, absent identifiers.

**April 1, 2020** (Carried forward from March): Re: Reaching out for help because I'm looking for a Brother in Christ.

**Note from Jerald Finney:** I am printing all this since I received calls and e-mails from believers who have the same convictions as this young man, who is on fire for the Lord. I deeply appreciate them. I would note that I do

not believe that the New Testament continues or teaches Nicolaitism, division of believers into laymen and clergy. We are all equal members with different roles. The Bible teaches the priesthood of the believer and the equality of members. That does not mean that each member should not respect and all other members, including the pastor in his leadership role. See, e.g., Ephesians 4:7-16.

On Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:41:53 AM CDT, \_\_\_\_\_ wrote:

Dear Brother Finney,

Hey there brother!! How are you doing?! Praying for your family as well as your church body during this crazy time.

I have a serious question for a brother in Christ.

Do you know of any churches who are Unaffiliated (no affiliations with and doesn't believe in mission boards, mission agencies, clearinghouses or church planting ministries or bible colleges) local church only Historic Baptist who are looking for a pastor who have taken the local church and historic Baptist doctrines very seriously and course the who counsel of God. They have believed only in the local church as God's body and institution for training, church planting, missions, sponsorship, support, sending out and calling men of God?

My best friend is a pastor in North Carolina and is a mailman on the side bit wants to be in the ministry full time. He wants to pastor a church that had taken the history of Baptist and the Lord's Church and the way of the work of the ministry by only supporting the churches and the men under the authority of the local church only and training and nothing else. Let's not forget whole counsel of God too of course a long with all of this. He loves the Lord's Church and wants to follow the Lord's commands and authority of how the church us to operate and those he sends out, sponsors, trains, those he has in to preach and those he supports and those he fellowships with.

I appreciate you taking the time to write me back. Please keep this as a prayer and keep contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. I appreciate you and the work you do and look up to you very highly. You are very loved in the Lord. I thank the Lord for the work you do and the convictions and stands you take. Keep on keeping on!!

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From: Jerald Finney [gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net) To: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent: Mon, Mar 30, 2020 08:10 PM Subject: Re: Reaching out for help because I'm looking for a Brother in Christ

Dear Brother \_\_\_\_\_,

It is great to hear from you brother.

I do not know of such a church that is now looking for a pastor. Why cannot he plant such a church? I know that church planting is hard work. Are you in the same town with him. Could you and he work together in starting such a church?

I would be glad to help you with the organizational documents and all related matters such as how to hold property, how to open a trust (not a church) bank account, etc.

There is a great need for such churches. I believe that a church which makes known that it is under Christ alone and honors Bible church doctrine in all matters would attract a lot of believers. Also, it would have the power (authority) of God, and God alone.

God bless you for all you do. Let me know if there is anything I can do to be of help.

For His Glory,

Brother Finney

Just published article:

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To: [gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net) Mon, Mar 30 at 7:54 PM

Boom! You absolutely nailed it! I said the same thing.. That's the only thing I would do too. You'll see why below.

I appreciate you taking the time to write me back. Please keep this as a prayer and keep contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. I appreciate you and the work you do and look up to you very highly. You are very loved in the Lord. I thank the Lord for the work you do and the convictions and stands you take. Keep on keeping on!!

Anyways I want to say also that I was telling my friend the following because this is my stand and convictions.

I was telling my friend I believe true Unaffiliated Historic Baptist Churches that are as well grounded and established in doctrine typically focus only on training someone designated to continue the pastorate of that church in the event of the loss of their pastor. It is exceptionally rare to find a church that is completely sound in doctrine who would consider a stranger to candidate. This in itself would indicate something is not sound.

Here are my words to a preacher I was speaking to the other day.

If it were me (because I have a conviction which I would never compromise one bit) I would never leave one church and pastor another church unless the church I would be leaving and would be going to was initially under the authority of and sent out of and sponsored and planted by the church I was leaving in done way. It must be a mother or sister church of my home church. Otherwise, I would always only leave to plant a new church under my home church .There must always be a connection for me to leave and go pastor another one. 100% of the time would go and plant another one under the authority of and sponsored by my home Church.

Here is where the problem arises and we continue to see it in our day non-stop.

This is why we see problems in our churches and why so many look outside of their ministry for candidates. Not training, discipling their own, and teaching doctrine. There is no understanding and no way of possibly seeing if these men are future pastors. Thus, they have to look outside of their church for men. I believe we should all be taught and trained thoroughly in all of the doctrines as if we are going to the field as a missionary, pastor, etc. even if we aren't and we are just layman. Each semester learn two different doctrines and be taught them diligently and strategically. This will also enable us all to be disciples and teach others and be one on one disciples.

I feel because this doesn't happen so many don't go out and preach and talk about Christ because they are afraid they will be asked something and not know how to respond or give an answer. Not being thoroughly trained, not just in the preaching and regular services, but also in an academic atmosphere. I don't believe being taught and trained as missionaries, pastors and etc. are just for those who are going to the field. It should be for every church member. Everyone the same way. Even if we are just layman in the church. They should be taught the same exact way and trained the same way. This is a problem in our churches and amongst our Baptist churches. And for those who do need a pastor why they have to look outside their four walls and not within. Sad!

True Unaffiliated local Historic Baptist churches always train their own men. Men not just to pastor or be an evangelist but also the layman and lay ladies are being trained the same exact way as a pastor or evangelist (not to become a pastor of course because that's against Scripture. Men are to have authority

and head over the ladies. We are all called to be ambassadors. Every person of the body of Christ (each local assembly) should whole heartedly be training as if they are going to the field even if they aren't.

We are not only to know our Bibles but also know how to give an answer, not just to our brothers and sisters but also to those who are lost. Every person should be taught and trained in all of the doctrines, not just the fundamentals and basic doctrines but all of the doctrines. Continuing to be thoroughly grounded through the preaching but just as much in an academic setting all under the authority of the local body. We see churches preaching only, but we don't see them training their body in an academic setting in all of the doctrines to ensure each and every person knows and is grounded in doctrine. We only see this from churches with the basic and fundamental doctrines, especially with new converts and basic Discipleship.

But after basic Discipleship (going over the basic doctrines in a thorough way), all that is expected of them is to be in all of the services. This is sad! Each and every member should continue to be taught more advanced doctrines in an academic way just like they were with basic Discipleship. Once they have completed the more advanced doctrines they should continue to go on and do the same with the next ones. Discipleship is ongoing! Each and every person should act as if they are going to the field and be grounded in all of the doctrines of the Bible even if they aren't going into fulltime ministry. Laymen and lay ladies should be doing and getting the same exact training as those who are going into fulltime ministry. Every church is to be their own training ground. Every church is to have their own Bible institute. Laymen and lay person's which include ladies too just as much as men train just as much in all of the doctrines as those who are going into fulltime ministry. Because this isn't the attitude and conviction of our churches today..

Guess what:. fewer and fewer people are being called; fewer and fewer churches are being planted; and fewer and fewer disciples growing to become fulltime laymen evangelist even if not called into fulltime MINISTRY. No hunger and thirst for the word of God and work of God! And why are we seeing less people go out and become soul winners and disciples making disciples even if they're just laymen and lay ladies? Because they aren't being trained and growing in and getting grounded in all of the doctrines. Being in all of the services are important but so is being taught and trained and growing in and being grounded in all of the Doctrines.

Why isn't our desire to train God's people to become effective ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ by building their spiritual character, broadening their theological knowledge, sharpening their biblical skills, and helping them apply the Divine truths of Scripture?

Why aren't out churches making and preaching and encouraging all of its members to be trained under the authority of a local NT church? This is the Bible way!

But no, instead the greatest of these tragedies of NT Christianity today is that, far too often, when church members desire a greater detailed teaching of Scripture or when a young man believes that the Lord would have him preach God's Word, these individuals begin looking (many times at the prompting of their pastor/leaders in their assembly) outside of the Lord's churches for a "Bible College/Seminary" (where "serious" or "real" Bible teaching is accomplished). This is unfortunate because one must look outside of Scripture to find a basis for doing so. Bible colleges are not in the Bible neither are mission boards, mission agencies, clearinghouses or church planting ministries and etc. It's the Lord's Church only! The church is sufficient! Churches are to be their own training ground not just for full time men but also for laymen and lay ladies. Everybody should be growing in and thoroughly trained in all of the counsel and Doctrines of God. Yes there's preaching, but I'm talking about them being trained academically in all of the Word and doctrines of God. Whether or not the person is or isn't going into fulltime ministry, the sane attitude and focus should be to be thoroughly train all church members in all of the counsel and Doctrines of God.

I believe that the center of a believer's biblical learning is solely and exclusively to be in under and through the local, NT church (Acts 18:24-28; cf. I Cor.16:19) where he/she will be taught "all the counsel of God" which is why "the house of God, which is the church of the living God" is called the "pillar and ground of the truth" (I Tim. 3:15).

We need to believe strongly and have a conviction that II Tim. 2:2 gives the practical summation of why our churches need to get this conviction and see the instruction of Paul, by way of the Holy Spirit, that "the things" which we have been taught biblically from God's Word should be committed to other "faithful men" so that they, in turn, can pass those "things" on just as they have received them! It needs to be our belief and conviction that every NT church has a vested interest in this very practical truth. Each church being its own training ground with the same focus towards the laymen and lay ladies as it should be with those who are going into fulltime ministry. We are all to be ambassadors and be able to help and train others and be able to also have an answer to others who ask us. And as a result it will enable us and give us a more passion and heart to witness to the loss. I believe because this isn't our focus and heart of churches today we are lacking tremendously and very far from God's will.

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Galatians 2:20

May the Lord Bless you! :)

Let me know what you have to say.

Thanks!

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Other communications followed.

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**Re: April 1, 2020 Churches under Christ (Biblical Law Center) Newsletter sent out**

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**April 2, 2020: Email inquiry and ministry response:**

Inquiry: Re: Need instructions on how to reorganize my ministry because I only registered with the state but no 501c.

Jerald Finney [gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net) To: \_\_\_\_\_ Thu, Apr 2 at 1:15 PM

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

In love, I ask, how can I responsibly respond to such a bare bones inquiry? However, I will give you some information that may let you know whether this ministry can be of help.

This ministry helps churches organize according to New Testament Church principles as spiritual bodies under Christ alone. The ministry does not help free wheeling "ministries" not under the authority of a local Bible believing church. The reason - the Word of God makes clear that He ordained the local church under Christ, and the members and ministries under the authority of the local church, to do his work. Does your ministry meet the Bible standard? If so, we can help your ministry and church.

God bless.

Brother Jerald Finney

I did not hear back from this person.

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On Thursday, April 2, 2020, 03:53:28 AM CDT, \_\_\_\_\_ .com wrote:

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Thank You and Bless You Bro. Finney For Your Selfless, Tireless, Diligent, Harvest Work That You Do For CHURCHES Under CHRIST, Keeping Us Well Informed and Properly Grounded For The GLORY Of The LORD ; the devil is a liar, Yours In Christ, Bro. Long

Jerald Finney [gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net) To: \_\_\_\_\_ .com Thu, Apr 2 at 1:24 PM

Thanks, Brother \_\_\_\_\_,

I cannot express how great a blessing you are to this ministry. I have not forgotten our phone conversation about a certificate. I will need a copy of your executed docs

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**April 3, 2020:** Call from Bro \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, Nebraska. Church is incorp. & 501c3. I talked with him for a long time. An elder whom the church voted out as elder is trying to take over the property of the corp. with the help of 6 other members, a minority. He had the locks changed and won't let Bro. Randy and the others who are against him in. We talked a long time. Of course, I advised him to immediately get a Nebraska attorney to take necessary legal action going to get back control of the property. I gave them my opinion, based upon what they told me about what the final outcome would be. Also explained that their church, as a corp., was an entity which had chosen the state as the authority over the church for many matters, etc. I could be making a lot of money if I would only sell out the Lord and his churches. Of course, I did not charge this pastor and church for the time I gave him. I love him even though he and his church has chosen to deny the Headship of Christ over His churches. I have counseled with numerous pastors of state churches over the years, in love, and without charge. Of course, I always use the opportunity to give them the truth concerning Bible principles for church organization and headship.

This Brother contacted me on April 16, 2020 and said the Pastor, he and another member are going to leave the whole mess behind and plant a New Testament Church

**April 16, 2020:** Called Bro. \_\_\_\_\_. They are going to be planting a new church. Pastor Russell and 2 deacons are going to plant a church and get it organized right. He only had a minute and said he will call me back this evening. I told him I would have the 1<sup>st</sup> mailing (to send to his pastor) by Thursday, April 16, at the latest, etc. To send to the pastor (see heading).

**April 19, 2020:** I sent him the initial mailing, beginning the process or New Testament Church Organization under Christ alone. He called, I explained the 1<sup>st</sup> & second mailings and attachments, etc.

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**April 4, 2020**

Call from Pastor \_\_\_\_\_, Grace Baptist Church in \_\_\_\_\_ Iowa. They set up their trust in 2015. They were incorp. with real property. Transferred property to the trust, the dissolved the corp. Small church. They are having church services. We discussed meeting in this coronavirus scare. Talked about vaccines. He recommended *Dissolving Illusions*, which exposes the problems with vaccines and lies about that (e.g. the polio vaccine). His main reason for calling—how to report the gifts to support him and family. He, like Bro. \_\_\_\_\_, has been putting it on line 1 of form 1040. I suggested putting it on other of Schedule 1, but since he has already done it the other way, to keep doing it that way, etc.

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**April 6, 2020**

Received executed Trust docs from Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ and completed (almost) SS-4.

Sent the following to Bro. \_\_\_\_\_:

Re: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church Trust

Jerald Finney [gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net) To: \_\_\_\_\_ .net Mon, Apr 6 at 9:27 PM

Dear Pastor \_\_\_\_\_,

Thanks for sending the docs. ...

Also, you have already listed the real estate in the Appendix. Has the title transferring the real estate already been executed (unlikely, since docs signed 040520? If not, the Appendix is defective, since the property is not yet being held in the name of the trust. A new title transferring the property to the trust must be executed in order for the property to be listed in the Appendix. Also, if this is not done, the property is being held by one type of trust, and is legally church property, as we discussed. That nullifies much of what you have done in executing the new trust docs. Yes, you now have a "trust" bank account, but you also have another trust holding the real estate. It is very important that this matter be taken care of asap.

Please let me know your intentions on how to get this straightened out. Give me a call and we will discuss it. If you get a VM, leave a message and I will return your call asap.

As to the SS-4, it looks great, except for, on the second line from the bottom, after your name, you need to put a comma and then type in "trustee."

God bless.

Brother Jerald

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**April 7 2020**

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RE: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church Trust

\_\_\_\_\_.net To:'Jerald Finney' Tue, Apr 7 at 4:41 AM

Brother Finney,

Thanks for your reply. ...

In regards to the Quick Claim Deed, I am sort of at a stand still because we are in lockdown, and attorneys are not considered essential. So right now they are not working. It could be another week, and it could be longer before they come back to work. I am trying to find an attorney that might be able to do this work from their home.

I will give you a call later today.

Thanks so much for your help.

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

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**April 9, 2020**

RE: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church Trust

\_\_\_\_\_.net To:'Jerald Finney' Thu, Apr 9 at 7:03 PM

Brother Finney,

I found an attorney who will work from her house during this lockdown. She is working on drawing up the quick claim deed. She is a Christian woman and she is being very helpful. Hopefully this will not take her very long. I will let you know when it is completed.

Thanks Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ -

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**April 10, 2020**



Called Bro. \_\_\_\_\_. He said he asked the attorney to e-mail the title to me once prepared. Not to execute until then.

**April 13, 2020:** Called Bro. \_\_\_\_\_. Waiting on the attny. who is doing the deed. Have to mail one to a deacon who is now living somewhere else.

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**April 8-10, 2020**

Re: Assistance Needed

\_\_\_\_\_.com To: Jerald Finney Wed, Apr 8 at 1:56 PM

Hello Brother Jerald,

Thank you for check in to see how things are going. I had be sick for the last few days so wasn't able to call at that time. I do appreciate the outline of comments to share with them. Since then, I have called. However, they have no live assistance at this time due to the Covid19. I will keep track and call again when they have live assistance available.

Hope all is well in your area.

In Christ,

Brother \_\_\_\_\_

On Tue, Mar 24, 2020 at 7:23 PM Jerald Finney <[gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

Dear Bro. \_\_\_\_\_,

Here is some info. on what to say to the IRS when you call them.

Explain that

- the corporation was dissolved (have a copy of the documentation from the state acknowledging that the corp. was dissolved);
- the church no longer organized as an entity of any kind, owns no real estate;
- the church nor has no employees, pays no salaries, and does not operate like a corporation or any kind of legal entity;
- the church established a common law trust to hold the tithes, offerings, gifts given to God to be used for purposes consistent with directives in God's Word
- the common law trust was organized solely to hold God's property in trust for the Lord Jesus Christ to be used for biblically acceptable purposes
- the trust has no employees, pays no salaries, and conducts no business of any kind;
- you are the trustee of the trust estate with a duty to use all property in the trust estate solely for the benefit of the Lord Jesus Christ ;
- none of the property in the trust estate is to be used for your benefit.

God bless.

Brother Jerald

**April 10, 2020:** Called Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ and left VM. He called me back.

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**April 10, 2020:** Published [Marriage: Civil Contract or Holy Covenant](#)

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**April 16, 2020:** Sent initial mailing to Ferritor/Saito, NE.

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**April 18, 2020** Worked on website.

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**April 21, 2020** Called \_\_\_\_\_ in response to a VM inquiring about 501c3. She has a lady's ministry that is 501(c)(3) and wants to terminated the 501c3. Told her that this ministry only helps churches, not stand alone ministries. Told her how to google to get info. on how to do so. She said she will text me her e-mail and wants to be put on the ministry mailing list.

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**On Sunday, April 26, 2020, 12:21:06 PM CDT, \_\_\_\_\_ .com wrote:**

Greetings, Brother!

We are ready to open a [trust] bank account. Last time we talked, we decided to hold off on it at the moment, because you recommended not doing the EIN #, but the pastor's social number.

The brothers decided that now would be a good time to start that process. Would you be able to guide us through that?

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**042720** Called Bro \_\_\_\_\_ at 5:58 pm. Left VM.

Re: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church

**Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: \_\_\_\_\_ Sun, Apr 26 at 5:44 PM**

Definitely. I will be busy until tomorrow later in the afternoon. I am not sure what time I will be back in. We can talk then or another time if tomorrow later in the afternoon is not good for you. God bless. Brother Jerald

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**On Monday, April 27, 2020, 06:50:02 AM CDT, \_\_\_\_\_ .com wrote:**

We have established a ministry and want to stay non 501c3 and also not incorporated as a non-profit corporation. Can you help us? We are in the process of establishing several hundred house churches and also

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Thank you,

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Re: Need legal counsel

**Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: Russ Wagner Mon, Apr 27 at 8:49 PM**

This ministry helps churches organize according to NT Church doctrine. The ministry does not help with

\_\_\_\_\_. ...  
I would be glad to discuss this with you. Give me a call at 512-785-8445.

For His Glory,

Jerald Finney

You may want to look at the website at:

[Churches Under Christ Ministry: Church organization according to Bible doctrine and the First Amendment](#)

**April 30, 2020** E-mails and call from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. The ministry is training people to plant and pastor house churches. They dissolved the corp. & are not 501c3. He also knows about 508c1a status and how it compromises the position of a church. Explained how sending out IRS acknowledgements makes a church a 508c1A organization. Explained that they should not send out IRS acknowledgements and that the church should make clear that they do not give IRS acknowledgements, that if a giver claims a deduction for the gifts on the IRS filing, it is up to him, not the church, to go forward and fight the IRS if he is audited and challenged; and the basics of the individual position in that event, etc. Put him, with permission, on email list.

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**April 27, 2020:** Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ texted me. They are changing the name of the church and moving. Want to do amended trust docs with the new name. I prepared and sent him an initial letter, "Policies..." and Questionnaire 1.

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**April 30, 2020** Call from \_\_\_\_\_, outside \_\_\_\_\_ KY. Has a young pastor friend who has started or will start a church in a downtrodden area. Does not want to do 501c3. We talked for some time. He is going to talk with his pastor about these matters. Wants to do this God's way. Put him, with permission, on email list.

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## **Featured Sermons, Essays, and Books**

**Featured Study:** [CHURCH AND STATE: GOD'S CHURCHES – SPIRITUAL OR LEGAL ENTITIES? \(DOWNLOADABLE PDF, ONLINE VERSION, SOFTBACK\)](#)

Article published this month: [Marriage: Civil Contract or Holy Covenant?](#)

Featured articles:

- [Why Understanding and Applying Church and State Law Is Important for Believers and Churches](#)
- [Obtaining a Church Common Law Trust Employee Identification Number “For Banking Purposes Only”](#)
- [Stewards of the Mystery of the Church and Arguments by Believers and Others To Support Unholy Union of Church and State](#)

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

**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.](#)

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