



Churches Under Christ Newsletter

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The Newsletter for Churches who choose to glorify God by remaining under the sole authority of the Lord Jesus Christ; as opposed to those churches who choose to place themselves under the authority of man through incorporation (corporation sole or aggregate), Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3) or § 508(c)(1)(A) tax exempt status, charitable or business trust, etc.

- 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." [A church in America can organize so as to glorify both God and man without persecution because of the highest law of the land concerning church state relationship: the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. That alone cancels the false Romans 13 argument given by many churches for betraying God through incorporation, 501(c)(3), 508(c)(1)(A) or other "legal" status which places a church under man's laws.

When viewing this Newsletter online, left click the name of the article, book, or website address to go directly to it. Feel free to give me a call at 512-785-8445 if you cannot access a resource in the Newsletter or for any reason.

[Churches Under Christ Ministry Website](#)

[To listen to the 501\(c\)\(3\) Song, click here](#)

[Biblical Law Center Website](#)

[Short Answers to Some Important Questions.](#) Questions such as "What Does Church, Inc. Mean?," "Who Is Head of the Incorporated Church?," "What is 501(3)?," Etc.

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1. A BRIEF REVIEW OF SOME DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING JULY 2020

(For a more complete report on ministry activities, see the Activity Log on pages 5-17.)

Jul 1 Inquiry about setting up a Declaration of Trust for a church to open in 2028. I sent links to web pages which lay out CUCM policies, procedures, and guidelines

July 2: Request for assistance in getting out of church corporate 501c3 status. Pastor said he had never felt right about it, but another pastor advised him when planting the church. After spending a lot of time on the phone with him and sending him the initial letter, the policies, procedures, and guidelines, and Questionnaire 1, and receiving back Questionnaire 1, I had to inform him, on July 11, that the ministry cannot help because the church approves of women pastors, as revealed on the completed Questionnaire 1.

July 2: 070210 I received a call recently from Bro. _____. He said he had not gotten his EIN. I advised him to call to see what the problem was. He called me back and said they had no record of his application. He resubmitted the SS-4. He called me on 070220. He got the EIN. His next step is to open a trust bank account. I advised him on how to approach that.

July 3: In response to an email inquiry from a “ministry” or some type of organization, I informed the sender that this ministry only helps churches who desire to organize according to the principles of the New Testament.

Jul 3: Sent intital mailing--The initial letter; Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines; and Questionnaire 1—to a pastor who first contacted me in June.

July 6: Email for a lady who said she and her husband want to take over a church which is being separated from an incorporated 501(c)(3) ministry. They want to organized the church the Bible way. I sent her an email explaining the problem with keeping an association with the ministry, etc. Turns out, she is the pastor and her husband the “praise leader.” I explained that this ministry cannot help a church with a woman pastor in that the Bible makes clear that women pastors are out of order.

July 6, 2020 Replied to an inquiry from another church I had been talking with since June. Found out the church has a woman pastor. Ditto as to above.

Jul 7: Request from help from a lady who has a ministry of helps to ladies in need. My reply: "This ministry only helps *churches* who wish to honor Christ by remaining under His alone, or who wish to reorganize under Christ alone - completely separate from civil government through incorporation, 501c3 or 508c1A, or any other type of status which places them under an authority other than the Lord Jesus Christ. The ministry does not help other types of organizations."

Jul 7: Inquiry from a "one woman ministry" of helps to folks one on one to assist them with inner healing, deliverance, and general discipleship. My reply: "This ministry only helps *churches* who wish to honor Christ by remaining under His alone, or who wish to reorganize under Christ alone - completely separate from civil government through incorporation, 501c3 or 508c1A, or any other type of status which places them under an authority other than the Lord Jesus Christ. The ministry does not help other types of organizations."

Jul 7: Inquiry from a man (on behalf of his pastor) who wishes to call you concerning a new unincorporated church plant. He said that there is an affiliated school. Church does not exist yet. Owns no property. They have an auditorium they can use from the other ministry. Etc. We talked to him for an hour or I initially directed him to so. Put him on email list and emailed link to CUCM page. I initially directed him to the following web page for procedures (links 6-11) used by this ministry: [Churches under Christ: Church organization according to Bible doctrine and the First Amendment](#) and agreed to send the initial mailing within a week. Prepared and sent initial mailing on July 15. Received back an email stating that he received the initial mailing and will get back with me after the pastor and his wife get over their illness. On **July 22**, I received completed Questionnaire 1. Since receiving completed Questionnaire 1, my computer crashed which cost me a couple of days, and the pastor and I have been playing phone and email tag in an attempt to set up a conference call.

July 15, 2020 Prepared and sent initial mailing and Questionnaire 2 to _____ [have been working with this church for some time, and am satisfied the church will meet the qualifications on inquired about on Questionnaire 1. Nonetheless, asked that Questionnaire 1 be completed.] Received an email that: "It will be a few weeks before we respond. Our meeting to possibly vote will be July 26. On **July 15, [thepastor] wrote:** "Hello Jerald. I was reading over your questions and I am curious as to what in particular you base your KJV statements:

The principles in the King James Bible are those we rely on and must proceed with. You may wish to use an interpretation for your teachings, sermons, etc., but we cannot help you if you do not agree that the KJB will be the basis for the separation of your church from the state in all matters.

are there principles here that you apply to that are not found in NKJV? Or any of the critical texts? I happen to believe that the Textus Receptus is the reliable source text for the english bible, but I am curious as to what in particular you mean by KJB principles. Are these not evident in the modern bibles?

Thank you Jerald!

Sincerely in Christ, _____

See the detailed Activities log at the end for my reply.

July 21, 2020 Updated the article [Obtaining a Church Common Law Trust Employee Identification Number "For Banking Purposes Only" \(031720\)](#).

Jul 23: My computer had crashed and it took a couple of days to get it fixed. I replied to an inquiry by explaining this and: To get things started, you can look at the ministry procedures (pages 6-11 linked to on the following webpage) for helping churches at: [Churches under Christ: Church organization according to Bible doctrine and the First Amendment](#). Also, feel free to give me a call. If you get a voice mail, just leave a message and I will call you back asap. Call from the pastor on July 24. He listens to Mark Taylor. He has a moe group. The corp. 501c3 status belongs to the overseeing church. The overseer ordained him, but when he talked to the overseer, it was him

ministering to the overseer. The overseer is non-denominational. He oversees his own ministry. That ministry has not flourished. That ministry is incorporated. Bro. _____ is under his 501(c)(3). The overseer did all the paperwork. The ministry has been small. {They do some good work, according to the pastor.} Etc. He will talk to his overseer about terminating his corp. 501c3 status. I sent him an email (below). Put him on email list. I explained in a nutshell, the trust concept. He wants to work toward that. I sent him links to webpages for him to study out, but, to make a long story short, after learning the details of what he is doing, I had to inform him that this ministry cannot be of help.

July 23: Message received: I'm new to the 501 c 3 and I want The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to be the head of my ministry he put me to be over. Thank you and Mark Taylor for speaking the truth and spiritually educating us. I replied that he could give me a call to discuss whether this ministry can help. Also, "Perhaps you may wish to look at the ministry procedures (pages 6-11) for helping churches. See the following webpage: [Churches under Christ: Church organization according to Bible doctrine and the First Amendment](#). Etc. He replied "Thank you so much for responding to me. I'm going to get some ink for my printer and print all the information for my church and have it on hand for to educate others. I will call you soon."

July 24: Returned call to [a lady] who called about getting church out from under 501c. She was alerted to 501c3 by Mark Taylor and wants to bring it up to her pastor. I talked with her for some time. Put her on email list and sent her the email stating among other things: "The following is the webpage that you may find helpful: [Churches under Christ: Church organization according to Bible doctrine and the First Amendment](#). Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time..

July 29: Published [A Warning From God's Word to Pastor John MacArthur and Grace Community Church](#)

July 30: Returned call to _____ who texted me. He said he is with Dr, _____. Said he read an article of mine and has questions. He is not a pastor, but he wants to help his church. I left him a voicemail. Also, called another church member interested in talking to his pastor and other church members about the issues raised by this ministry. Called a pastor who is seeking to organize under Christ alone. Revised and made an addition to the article: [A Warning From God's Word to Pastor John MacArthur and Grace Community Church](#)

2. BASICS OF THE LOVE STORY BETWEEN CHRIST AND HIS CHURCHES, AND THE COMMON LAW BIBLE TRUST PLUS 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 (6-11):

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](#)

3. FEATURED SERMONS, ESSAYS, AND BOOKS

Featured Study: [An Abridged History of the First Amendment](#) **Note.** Most Christians have been misled by a revisionist history pushed by men such as David Barton, William Federer, et al. The website has additional, more detailed histories of the First Amendment based upon cited authorities. For the story of why certain “Christians” revise history, see [The Trail of Blood of the Martyrs of Jesus/Christian Revisionists on Trial](#).

Featured publications:

- [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](#).

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,

Brother Jerald Finney

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4. MORE DETAILED LOG OF MINISTRY ACTIVITIES DURING JULY 2020

On Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 11:40:03 AM CDT, _____ wrote:

Hello Jerald,

I’m contacting you concerning what the general cost might be for assistance to help a ministry in my area break away from the 501c 3 non profit status. I believe they were misled/ blinded in signing up for it. Your reply / help in anyway would be greatly appreciated.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Wed, Jul 1 at 4:40 PM

Dear Chris,

This ministry helps churches who wish to organize according to the principles of the New Testament as Churches under Christ and Christ alone. Of course, that means that they separate themselves from civil government through any type of status which makes them legal entities under the authority of civil government. In America, such churches have the protection of the First Amendment and corresponding state constitutional provisions.

See the following webpage for the ministry policies, procedures, and guidelines:

[Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines of the Churches Under Christ Ministry](#)

Let me know if you want to be on the ministry mailing list.

God bless.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald Finney

_____ **To: jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Wed, Jul 1 at 4:46 PM**

Hello Mr. Finney,

My name is _____ and I was led to your website after hearing Mark Taylor on YouTube. I have begun studying your books and listening to your recordings. I am inquiring about how to set up a declaration of trust for a New Testament Church. The church is set to open in 2028 and you are the only lawyer I have ever heard teach this. I just want to be prepared for when the time comes. I was wondering are there specific forms that you have created that I would be able to use as references? Or do you have pre written examples that are available? Also I have been trying to order the AM Jurisprudence vol 76 and it is not readily available do you know where I would be able to purchase one or be able to see the recommended parts about trust?

Thank you so much for your teachings and help,

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Wed, Jul 1 at 5:02 PM

Dear Ms. _____,

See the following web page for links to web pages which lay out the Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines for churches who are seeking help to organize under Christ and Christ alone.

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

You can find copies of American Jurisprudence in a good law library such as law school libraries, etc. The Texas and other state S.Ct., the U.S. S.Ct. and the S.Ct. law libraries will have copies. Also, it is also available on Westlaw and other online law libraries.

God bless you as you seek to please the Bridegroom in this very important matter. Let me know if you want me to put you on the ministry mailing list.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald Finney

July 2, 2020 Call from _____. We talked for some time. Wants to get church out of corporate (LLC) 501(c)(3) status. They stayed out of it 2 years, but a Pastor told them they needed these things. They prayed on it 2 years. His heart was never in it. He does not feel right about it. It bothers them to be in a contract with the government. They rent (no lease agreement). Cash, no lease. The church has a bank account.

He knows he will need to change the name of the church. I discussed with him the steps in getting out of corporate status. I told him most state statues require the assets to go to another non-profit 501c3 religious corporation on dissolution.

Personal property is (1) ...; (2) a bank account that has [] to help [Missionaries].

He said that pastors are highly accountable, and he is scared to death (he fears the Lord).

On July 2, I sent the pastor links to the web page with links to policies, procedures and guidelines.

On Jul 4, I sent the pastor the initial letter, policy statement, and Questionnaire 1.

On Monday, July 6, I the pastor attached his completed Questionnaire 1 and 2 questions for which they entered in at the end.

MY COMPUTER WENT ON THE BLINK AND IT TOOK A COUPLE OF DAYS TO GET IT FIXED.

On Jul 10, after getting my computer back up and running, I informed the pastor as follows:

I finally got my computer up and running, downloaded and printed out your questionnaire 1, and reviewed it.

... I must regretfully inform you that this ministry cannot help you in your organization because you approve of women pastors and deacons.

I have a wealth of resources on the website which will give you all the information you need to organize a church according to New Testament Church Principles.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald Finney

On Friday, July 10, 2020, 10:43:31 PM CDT, _____ wrote:

Thank you. We'll check out what you have on the website about women pastors and deacons.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Sat, Jul 11 at 3:26 PM

I do not have my Bible studies on women's God ordained role online. Any born again believer who just believes the Word of God can study that out, as led by the Holy Spirit, in the King James Bible. I was referring to church organizational studies which encompass the Bible doctrines of state, church, the relationship of church and state, the way to organize a church the Bible way, etc. God bless. Bro. Jerald.

July 2, 2020 Call from _____. Said he is getting to old to preach. The church did the trust docs in 2009. He said he cannot remember anything anymore, alzheimer's. Closing the church. He said that a lady let him build the meetinghouse on her land. He said there is a deed on the bldg. and on the land. He said he got a property tax exemption on the bldg. but that the lady was paying tax on the land. He wants to deed the bldg..to the lady, but with the stipulation that it will sold only to a church, if sold. She is going to let her son live in the building. All this did not make sense to me. I asked him to get the documents for the title to the bldg., the land, paperwork involving the property tax exemption and get back with me next week. He said he would. He did not.

July 2, 2020 070210 I received a call recently from Bro. _____. He said he had not gotten his EIN. I advised him to call to see what the problem was. He called me back and said they had no record of his application. He resubmitted the SS-4. He called me on 070220. He got the EIN. His next step is to open a trust bank account. I advised him on how to approach that.

Jim Doil jbdail411@gmail.comTo:jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Fri, Jul 3 at 3:36 PM

Please point me in the right direction. Hushmoney.com is gone.

Respectfully,

[Name of an organization, not a church]

Micah 6:8

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Fri, Jul 3 at 7:13 PM

Dear Mr. _____,

First, I must inform you that this Churches under Christ Ministry is in Bible order. It is under the authority of Charity Baptist Tabernacle of Amarillo, Texas. [The King James Bible \(the "Bible"\)](#) is the authority for all matters of faith and practice for this ministry and Jerald Finney, the head of the ministry.

This ministry helps *churches* who wish to organize under the principles of the New Testament. According to the Bible, God ordained local churches or assemblies under Him to do His work.

That said, a ministry can simply choose not to "register, unless it happens to be classified as a business or unless it makes profit. Of course, each person involved in the "ministry" will need to pay their taxes, if any is due. A "ministry" can, if incorporated, dissolve the corporation. That will end the 501(c)(3) status of the "ministry." If there is no "ministry" anymore, how can it have 501(c)(3) status? It cannot. Of course, one must consider the fate of any assets according to civil law.

A new ministry can be started without "registering." If the old ministry is no longer in existence, what is to stop a person or persons from starting a new "ministry?" Nothing.

Depending upon the nature of the organization, it may be classified as a business, even if not organized as a corporation or some other entity. Businesses are far different than "religious or charitable organizations." If the organization makes a profit, it will need to pay taxes. It may not receive some benefits which churches receive such as sales tax or property tax exemptions. See a lawyer and/or CPA in your state about those matters.

Also, Peter Kershaw offered some good information, but his techniques were very flawed. I have his books, including *Hushmoney*. He was also a very good con-artist.

If you wish to learn how a church can organize under Christ alone, begin your studies at [Churches under Christ: Church organization according to Bible doctrine and the First Amendment](#)

I hope that is of some help.

For His Glory,

Jerald Finney

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Fri, Jul 3 at 8:14 PM

THIS PASTOR CONTACTED ME IN JUNE.

Dear Brother _____,

Attached are:

- The initial letter
- Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines
- Questionnaire 1

Questionnaire 1 is in word docx format. You may download it and fill it in on your computer.

PLEASE REPLY "RECEIVED" TO THIS EMAIL SO I KNOW YOU GOT IT.

God bless.

Brother Jerald Finney

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On Monday, July 6, 2020, 10:32:36 AM CDT, _____ wrote:

Thanks for your email.

I have found out that the 501c3 was set up first as _____ Ministries by _____. The church was added later as an outreach of the ministry. My husband and I took over the church in [date].

Mr. M _____ has indicated that he would like to keep the 501c3 and break _____ Church off of it. Is that an option?

Would we then just need to reorganize with a Declaration of Trust?

The church has voted unanimously to reorganized as a New Testament church and we appreciate any help you can provide

Thank you

[Name of Lady]

_____ Church

[Phone number]

On Mon, Jul 6, 2020, 11:16 AM Jerald Finney <gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

All this ministry does is according to Bible principle. God ordained churches under Christ to do his work. All ministry is to be under the authority of a local assembly under Christ. Forming a church out of a ministry is not God's plan. In addition, a collateral or associated ministry which is established under man's law (as by incorporation, 501c3, etc.) contaminates the church by association according to God and according to man's law. One can either do things God's way or come up with his own methods which are not according to principles in God's Word.

That is it in a nutshell. If you disagree, I will certainly discuss it with you with an open mind. Have your husband give me a call should you wish to talk about these matters.

I will say that my positions are based upon years of Holy Spirit led studies of the Word of God; but I am always open examination in love. If one shows me that I am in error, I will publicly repent. I do not want to do anything which dishonors my Lord and Saviour. The purpose of the ministry is to please and glorify God.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald Finney.

To: Jerald Finney Mon, Jul 6 at 5:16 PM

I am the pastor of Eureka Community Church, my husband leads the worship. He does not have these questions, I do. Are you saying that we cannot biblically reorganize apart from the ministry that holds the 501c3? If we are no longer a part of that ministry what is the problem?

Am I being dismissed because I am a woman?

Your reply was not clear to me.

It is our deepest desire to be biblical. Holding to God's patterns is of utmost importance to us.

The original ministry which holds the 501c3 was not a church. The church was added later
I'm more confused now than before.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Mon, Jul 6 at 5:33 PM

Dear Mrs. _____,

I was pointing out that a ministry establishing a church is not God's method or plan, etc.

To save you and this ministry time, I must inform you that this ministry does not help churches who have women pastors in that it is not biblical. I have hear the arguments, but I also have studied and believe the Bible, not the arguments. No need for further comment.

For His Glory,

Jerald Finney

To: Jerald Finney Mon, Jul 6 at 5:47 PM

No problem, thanks for your time

FORWARD FROM JUNE:

On Thu, Jun 25, 2020 at 9:10 PM Jerald Finney <gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Dear Mr. _____,

I am the attorney who handles inquiries of this nature.

See the following website for information on church corporate, 501c3, or legal status of any kind.

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

Feel free to give me a call for any reason.

For His Glory,
Jerald Finney

To: Jerald Finney Mon, Jul 6 at 9:58 AM

Mr. Finney :

I have a few questions about 501 c3 I called you and left a message but thought this might be easier for both of us.

First questions can we just close the church and file a final 941 and be done?

Do we have to have a zero balance on our checking account when we close?

Do we have to do anything special when closing church?

State and local anything special we need to do when closing church?

... Thank You

And God Bless You

_____ Elder of _____ church

July 6, 2020 Called Bro. _____: _____ church. The church is incorp. 501c3, but down to ____ people, ____ of whom are children. Used to be much larger. They want to close down the church and do it God's way. They have no property. Been meeting in homes. The corp. has a bank account, but owns nothing. They support the pastor and give to various causes. He had already figured out that they need to dissolve the corporation and inform the IRS that they were no longer in existence.

I found that the church has a female pastor. The ministry cannot help them anyway beyond what has already been done.

To: jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Tue, Jul 7 at 2:00 PM

Hello,

I'm on your "Loyalty of a Bride in Waiting" page and needing to know if this will also work for a small non profit. We are convinced not to become a 501c3 but don't know another path for receiving donations. This is for [a clothing ministry to women who want to get back into the work force but may have had to flee and leave everything behind...]

Thank you so much and God bless you,

Lynn Luna

_____, TX

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net _____ Tue, Jul 7 at 7:44 PM

Dear Ms. _____,

This ministry only helps *churches* who wish to honor Christ by remaining under His alone, or who wish to reorganize under Christ alone - completely separate from civil government through incorporation, 501c3 or 508c1A, or any other type of status which places them under an authority other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

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God bless.

For His Glory,
Jerald Finney

To: Jerald Finney Sat, Jul 11 at 12:17 AM

Thank you for your response Mr. Finney. I'm sure the Lord will show us the way.
God bless,

Note. The Lord has a lot in His Word to enlighten this well-meaning lady. Amazing how ignorant many "Christians" are of the authority of and principles in the Word of God.

_____ **To: jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Tue, Jul 7 at 9:08 AM**

Hello, Mr. Finney,

I, like other folks in ministry, are taking the word of the Lord to heart which was given through Mark Taylor.

I had established my 501 late last year, and it was approved in 30 days which I thought was quite a miracle, and not finding out, perhaps not so much.

My question is, I have a one-woman ministry- me. I essentially work with folks one on one to assist them with inner healing, deliverance, and general discipleship. So for someone like me, who doesn't have a staff, a physical location, etc., what is a good structure to move to? Or should I just incorporate a regular LLC or nothing at all? My future plans for the ministry would also include some speaking engagements and selling of a book. But mostly just plain equipping.

This issue for most folks, it seems, is a lack of truly knowledgeable folks who can assist. Is this something you could assist with?

Thanks,

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To _____ Tue, Jul 7 at 7:59 PM

Dear Ms. _____,

This ministry only helps *churches* who wish to honor Christ by remaining under His alone, or who wish to reorganize under Christ alone - completely separate from civil government through incorporation, 501c3 or 508c1A, or any other type of status which places them under an authority other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

The ministry does not help other types of organizations.

For His Glory,

Jerald Finney

[Referral] This guy contacted me. I told him I'd give you his info.

[Name, contact info., etc. given.]

Starting a new unincorporated church, with Pastor _____.

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Tue, Jul 7 at 8:28 PM

Dear Mr. _____,

I just received an email from _____ saying you wish to call you concerning a new unincorporated church plant. I will give you a call in the morning.

Jerald Finney

July 8 2020 Called Mr. _____. There is a _____ School, not affiliated with the church which is in its 50th year.

Church does not exist yet. Owns no property. They have an auditorium they can use from the other ministry. Etc. We talked to him for an hour or so. Put him on email list and emailed link to CUCM page. Send initial mailing within one week.

Links to webpage with links to procedural pages Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Wed, Jul 8 at 11:34 AM

Dear Bro. _____,

It was a blessing to talk with you. Follow the links on the following web page for procedures (links 6-11) used by this ministry:

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

Again, I will get the initial mailing to you within the next week.

I have added you to the ministry email list.

God bless.

Brother Jerald Finney

_____ To:Jerald Finney Wed, Jul 8 at 11:53 AM

Thank you, Brother! Pastor _____ just texted me that he is sick today, but he is glad you and I had the conversation, and he will look at the material as soon as he's able to.

Jim Davis

July 15, 2020 Prepared and sent initial mailing. Received back an email stating that he received the initial mailing and will get back with me after the pastor and his wife get over their illness.

[from the pastor] ,gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Wed, Jul 22 at 11:03 AM

He has the material and wants to talk. On **July 22**, I received completed Questionnaire 1.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Thu, Jul 23 at 8:10 PM

Since receiving completed Questionnaire 1, my computer crashed which cost me a couple of days, and the pastor and I have been playing phone and email tag in an attempt to set up a conference call.

July 15, 2020 Prepared and sent initial mailing and Questionnaire 2 to _____ [have been working with this church for some time, and am satisfied the church will meet the qualifications on inquired about on Questionnaire 1. Nonetheless, asked that Questionnaire 1 be completed.]

Re: Initial Mailing _____ To:Jerald FinneyWed, Jul 15 at 3:21 PM

Got it thanks.

It will be a few weeks before we respond. Our meeting to possibly vote will be July 26.

Best Regards, Terry Guerrero

On Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 06:24:19 PM CDT, [the pastor] wrote:

Hello Jerald. I was reading over your questions and I am curious as to what in particular you base your KJV statements;

The principles in the King James Bible are those we rely on and must proceed with. You may wish to use an interpretation for your teachings, sermons, etc., but we cannot help you if you do not agree that the KJB will be the basis for the separation of your church from the state in all matters.

are there principles here that you apply to that are not found in NKJV? Or any of the critical texts? I happen to believe that the Textus Receptus is the reliable source text for the english bible, but I am curious as to what in particular you mean by KJB principles. Are these not evident in the modern bibles?

Thank you Jerald!
Sincerely in Christ, _____

Re: your application Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To:m moody Thu, Jul 16 at 4:05 PM

Dear Pastor _____,

All we do is based upon the KJB and no other. The ministry must have a solid authority to rely upon. They are all different, even the NKJB, so one has to be relied upon. Yes, there are significant differences in all as compared to the KJB. The NKJB is the closest to the KJB, but it is not the same. All the new Bibles differ, to one degree or another from the KJB, and most differ significantly on principles we rely upon. There is a lot more to say about this issue. [Questionnaire 1 gives more on this issue as well.]

I have several books which deal with this subject and have heard teaching by several scholars. I am convinced of my position on this matter. See, for more information:

[King James Bible](#)

I hope that explains our position satisfactorily.
God bless.
Brother Jerald

July 16, 2020 Drafted letter to the IRS regarding an IRS letter concerning filing Form 1041. Emailed it to the IRS cc the pastor of the church which has established a common law trust according to Bible principles.

July 21, 2020 Updated the article [Obtaining a Church Common Law Trust Employee Identification Number "For Banking Purposes Only" \(031720\)](#).

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Thu, Jul 23 at 8:37 PM

Dear Brother _____

My computer has been down, and when I got it back from the repair man, I had some additional problems. That is the reason for the delay in contacting you.

To get things started, you can look at the ministry procedures (pages 6-11 linked to on the following webpage) for helping churches at:

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

Also, feel free to give me a call. If you get a voice mail, just leave a message and I will call you back asap.
Jerald Finney

July 24, 2020 VM from _____. Called him. He is incorporated and 501c3. He has an overseer. Listens to Mark Taylor. Decided to research. At same time, has someone trying to get them to be part of 508c1a—explained that to him. He has been a pastor of a couple of churches and has been ministering. He has a home group. He is on his own now. The corp. 501c3 status belongs to the overseeing church. The overseer ordained him, but when he talked to the overseer, it was him ministering to the overseer. The overseer is non-denominational. He oversees his own ministry. That ministry has not flourished. That ministry is incorporated. Bro. _____ is under his 501(c)(3). The overseer did all the paperwork. The ministry has been small. {They do some good work, according to the pastor.} Etc.

He will talk to his overseer about terminating his corp. 501c3 status. I sent him an email (below). Put him on email list. I explained in a nutshell, the trust concept. He wants to work toward that.

On Friday, July 24, 2020, 04:36:07 PM CDT, Jerald Finney <jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Dear Brother _____,

It was a blessing to talk with you. The webpage below has information and links to other pages which you may, as we discussed, want to study.

God Bless.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald Finney

Webpage:

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

To make a long story short, after learning the details of what he is doing, I had to inform him that this ministry cannot be of help.

From: _____: I need to undo the 501 c 3 I'm under

Message Body:

I'm new to the 501 c 3 and I want The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to be the head of my ministry he put me to be over. Thank you and Mark Taylor for speaking the truth and spiritually educating us.

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Thu, Jul 23 at 8:45 PM

Dear _____,

My computer has been giving me problems. Thus the delay in contacting you.

Feel give me a call. I am the attorney who helps churches regarding these matters for the Biblical Law Center.

If you get a voice mail, leave a message and I will return your call asap.

Perhaps you may wish to look at the ministry procedures (pages 6-11) for helping churches. See the following webpage:

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

God bless you and yours.

Jerald Finney

_____ To:jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Tue, Jul 28 at 2:22 PM

Thank you so much for responding to me. I'm going to get some ink for my printer and print all the information for my church and have it on hand for to educate others. I will call you soon.

072420 Returned call to [a lady] who called about getting church out from under 501c. She was alerted to 501c3 by Mark Taylor and wants to bring it up to her pastor. I talked with her for some time. Put her on email list and sent her the email below.

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To:Patricia Canazon Fri, Jul 24 at 5:31 PM

Dear Sister _____,

It was a great blessing to talk with you today.

The following is the webpage that you may find helpful:

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

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald Finney

On Monday, July 27, 2020, 03:45:34 PM CDT, _____ wrote:

Hello,

I was referred to you by a representative at the Homeschool Legal Defense Association whom I had contacted about our homeschool group's rights with regard to meeting together for instruction this school year and whether or not we fall into a category exempted from the state mandates.

I have read Governor Abbott's mandates repeatedly, as well as statements from AG Ken Paxton*, but before I can determine what rights we have as a group and where we fall within the mandates, I need to determine into which category our particular organization belongs. That's where I'm unclear.

We are a religious homeschool cooperative, made up of 13 families, operating in Fort Worth, Tarrant County. I know in Texas our individual homeschools are considered private schools and ours happen to be religious in nature, as is our collective group. However, we are not a legal entity, non-profit or otherwise. We have a nice official-looking handbook that states our beliefs and objectives, but no legal representation or status.

The AG says religious private schools and "religious communities" are exempt from the state mandate prohibiting groups larger than 10 from meeting in public. But what does that mean for a small group of families with no legal status? And what if our only meeting location option is a shared public space, like a park, rather than our own facility? Does our group have any of the same "rights" a church or private school has?

Is this an issue you can help me with?

Thank you for your time and attention,

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/images/admin/2020/Press/2020.07.17%20Letter%20to%20Religious%20Schools%20re%20COVID%2019%20Orders%20-%20Final.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0QrlxkdJfCZNAdiGTOqmmRm6rGqSphf24qi1PPsnouViJvXvPmmxOOK0c>

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To:Megan Heep Mon, Jul 27 at 8:16 PM

Dear Mrs. _____,

Thank you for contacting me about your situation there in Tarrant County. I can only briefly offer you some thoughts off the top of my head.

Individuals have legal status. So the parents of the children, and the children, have legal status. Just as a bowling league has no legal status, but the members of the league do.

From what you say, the AG exempts private schools and "religious communities." Does he also say that the private schools have to have legal status; that the "religious communities" have to have legal status, to be exempt?

You stated that home schools are considered "private schools." So your school is a private school.

Two definitions of "community" are:

1. a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

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2. a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

"the sense of community that organized religion can provide."

I believe your private religious school could be defined as: "a school supported by a private organization or private individuals rather than by the government."

There is obviously no state requirement that private schools and religious communities be legal entities such as corporations, 501c3 or 508c1A organizations exempt from federal taxes. I know of no home schools which are organized under government law (as are non-profit corporations, 501c3 or 508c1A tax exempt organizations), have

"employees," pay "salaries," etc., as do public schools. If they did so, they could be declared to be legal entities just like a non-incorporated business or a public school.

Without research, I do believe your private school is exempted.

No, a private school is not like a church in that it is not protected by the religion clause of the First Amendment. However, parents are protected by the "free exercise clause." The religion clause is made of of two clauses, the establishment clause and the free exercise clause. I would imagine that perhaps the free exercise clause may be a defense of the right of parents to home school their children. I do not think that the meeting location(s) would be relevant to the issue.

You can ask the AG for an opinion on the matter.

I now give all me time to the "Churches under Christ" ministry which helps churches who want to honor the First Amendment and the New Testament teaching on the local church remain solely under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ (to remain non-legal entities outside the authority of civil government). I simply do not have time to take on your issue. I hope what I have said may give you some insights into your dilemma.

God bless you and yours.

Jerald Finney

Hello brother, I found your site

_____ **:gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Tue, Jul 28 at 4:29 PM**

We are an unregistered church.... not sure if any are left!

Is your site still active?

Pastor _____

_____ **To:Jerald Finney Wed, Jul 29 at 10:00 AM**

Thanks, I'll be reading it!

We started the church 4 years ago and before I even knew much on this subject I just KNEW "no 501c3"!! We preach a lot at the colleges, homo pride parades, etc. Do you guys also street preach?

On Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 10:05:34 AM CDT, _____ wrote:

I just read your bio and saw some of your articles.... I'll for sure be digging into your site.

The police keep threatening to arrest us for free speech on the sidewalks. We film each time. We don't care about making money, but just want liberty to preach. Do you happen to know any attorney's in [] who can help us?

Thanks,

Pastor _____

Jerald Finney <gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net> To: _____ Wed, Jul 29 at 2:33 PM

I do not know of any. If you get falsely charged, let me know. You might find the following tract interesting in that it summarizes the law. Additional cases have come down supportive of free speech in the public forum since the tract was written.

[Tract – Street Preaching In America: Is It Legal? \(Tract\)](#)

You may want to look at the following articles also:

71. [Northfield citizens seek to circumvent First Amendment](#) (Op-ed published in the [Northfield News](#), 041216)

70. [Street Preaching: A Misunderstood Blessing](#) (Op-ed published in the [Northfield News](#) in repsonse to Article No. 68, 092414)

69. [Constitution Day events aim to remind Northfielders of their rights, spark discussions](#) (by Kevin Krein kkrein@northfieldnews.com, 091214)(See footnote 1 below for a comment on this article)

68. [Protestors question Northfield's permit process](#) (Grace Webb gwebb@northfieldnews.com, 080814)

God bless.

Brother Jerald

This pastor wants to talk over the phone, but we have not yet made arrived at a mutually acceptable time.

072920 Published [A Warning From God's Word to Pastor John MacArthur and Grace Community Church](#)

073020 Returned call to _____ who texted me. He said he is with Dr, _____. Said he read an article of mine and has questions. He is not a pastor, but he wants to help his church. I left him a voicemail.

073120 Called a church member interested in talking to his pastor and other church members about the issues raised by this ministry. Called a pastor who is seeking to organize under Christ alone. Revised and made an addition to the article: [A Warning From God's Word to Pastor John MacArthur and Grace Community Church](#)