



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, unincorporated association, 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. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THIS MINISTRY IF YOU CANNOT ACCESS A RESOURCE IN THE NEWSLETTER OR FOR ANY REASON. YOUR COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. Brother Jerald Finney, 512-785-8445; E-mail: gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net

Churches Under Christ Ministry Website: geraldfinney.com

To listen to the 501(c)(3) Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ob135YjeUU&feature=youtu.be>

Biblical Law Center Websit: <http://biblicallawcenter.com/>

Short Answers to Some Important Questions (<https://geraldfinney.com/2018/12/07/short-course-important-questions-answered/>). 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 AUGUST 2020

(For a more complete report on ministry activities, see the Activity Log at the end, starting on page 6. Of course, the most trivial matters are not included here or in the log at the end.)

Sep. 1: Mailed Questionnaire 2 to Pastor _____. Published September 1, 2020 Churches under Christ Newsletter.

Sep 3:

- Inquiry from lady concerning whether it would be better to "file a 501c3 versus a Charitable Trust" for a new organization to care for drug-exposed infants and young children. I called her about this and talked to her at length. I gave her some advice but explained that this ministry only helps churches who wish to be under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ and him alone. I learned that she wishes to totally combine the holy with the unholy. As an attorney, I came into contact with many such "faith-based" ministries and those they purport to help. Those ministries were devoid of Biblical knowledge, understanding, and wisdom; therefore, contributing to the downward slide of individuals, families, and the nation. Just being honest.
- Call from a gentleman about, as he put it, "A New Testament Church of God." He was a relatively new Christian. He was an elder of a church. He got into the by-laws and was appalled at what he found. He heard Mark Taylor. He would like to set up a New Testament Church. He concurs completely with all he has seen on the website. He wants a New Testament apostolic church set up. He is not called to be a pastor. But the group he is involved with has several ordained pastors. He is spearheading the effort. Some of them are on the same page. They want to move the families onto a couple of thousand acres. Etc. We talked about a lot of things, and I advised him and gave him thoughts. He agreed that a church under Christ cannot have or approve of women pastors, deacons, officers of any kind, or women with **any authority over men. Added him to email list.**
- Sent initial mailing to a pastor. He returned, via email, completed Questionnaire 1 the same day. He also had some questions. After reviewing Questionnaire 1, I had to reply that we could not help him.
- Replied to an email from a faithful follower of this ministry.

Sep. 4: Email from a young man about setting up a church the right way and "setting up a trust account." Contacted him and told him I was very busy and would call him as soon as I had time. Contacted him on Sep. 9 and talked with him for quite a while. He had been referred by a California attorney whom he contacted about the matter. That attorney told him to contact me as I was recognized as an expert in this matter. On September 14, I mailed him a copy of *God Betrayed*.

Sep. 9:

- Email from a pastor concerning "Subject: unregistering an independent baptist church." Replied to his email stating that I would be glad to discuss this with him. He called me on Sep. 10 and we talked for some time.
- VM from a gentleman who moved from New York to Texas and wants more info on setting up or process of setting up a charitable remainder trust. Already working on 1023 EZ form. Said he believes in what he has read of my materials about building a church. Said he sent me an email yesterday. I returned his call. He is looking at starting a church and how to organize it. He is an ordained minister. His goal for church organization is that his wife is going to do a youth and children's ministry. I talked with him for quite a while, going to numerous Scriptures, etc. We discussed God's ordained institution for doing His work in this age of Grace, the heresies and apostasies of most churches. I went to numerous Scriptures. Emailed him links to the KJB page, Dr. McGee's online teachings, and the sermon, Ten Shekels and a Shirt.
- Sent email was in response to gentleman who called asking for Greg Jr's email address in order to inquire about getting a copy of Dr. Dixon's book. He also said the church he attended right out of the box says obey every government law. The pastor said that he had not been bothered by civil government officials who were not telling the church what to do .or preach. I replied with the address and sent him a link to the Churches under Christ website.

Sep. 10: Call from a pastor who got my info. from Chuck Baldwin. Wants to reorganize – get out from under 501c3. He has been encouraging churches to get out of 501c3. He has been encouraging his pastor. The pastor is in favor of doing it. Other pastors are not. His church currently owns considerable property. He has been trying to get his pastor to do this. They also operate a school. They have over \$100,000 in fines for opening during the "pandemic." They have continued to open regardless. The church is 40-50 years old. They have a church school with tuition, fees, etc. We talked for a couple of hours or so. Discussed a lot of matters concerning how the church can come out from under state control (can become a church under Christ alone). Great call.

Sep. 11: Email from a church member of a church with which I have been working for some time. He is working with his pastor in the process of getting the church, which now owns considerable property, out of the corporate 501(c)(3) status. The church had to come up with a new name in that it is not wise to keep the same name in this situation. He stated: "We finally came up with a name. It is _____. ... I have attached the completed questionnaires. Please let [pastor] and I know how to proceed." On Sep. 12, I replied that I would get with him early next week. I did so, and prepared and emailed him sample documents for establishing a common law trust.

Sep. 12: Called a lady in reply to her text in which she said she was starting a ministry (_____, a home group). She wants to stay out of 501(c)(3) status, but also some of the folks want an IRS acknowledgement for gifts and offerings. Explained to her that you cannot have both. Explained 501c3 and 508c1A, etc. Emailed her links to some studies of 501c3 and 508c1A. Of course, this ministry cannot help her if it is a "ministry" and not a church or, if it is to be a church, it does not meet basic New Testament requirements such as "no women pastor or officers of any kind." She was a very courteous lady and seemed to love the Lord.

Sep. 13: I received an email asking: "Are there any "churches" in California that are not part of this 501c3? Continuing email exchanges continued for several days.

Sep. 14:

- Call from a trustee who had submitted the SS-4 for EIN "for banking purposes only." He sent me copy of the completed SS-4 to me and it was correctly filled out. I told him to call 800-829-4933, the number on page 2 of the Instructions for Form SS-4 to check the status of the application. If they have lost it, he plans to send another application via fax. Sent him the above phone no. and link to instructions for Form SS-4.
- Email from a lady in Lubbock, Texas looking for a non-501(c)(3) church in Lubbock. I replied: "Regretfully, I know of no non-incorporated, non-501(c)(3) church in Lubbock. Asked her if she were and her husband were saved, to which she replied that they are.

Sep. 22:

- Call from a gentleman whose dad is starting a "ministry." His dad was a pastor for 30+ years, semi-retired, but wants to get back into a ministry. His dad does a facebook video, writes books, & does conferences. He has started a board of directors. He wants to provide tax exempt status but does not want 501c3. I explained 501c3 and 508c1A status, the First Amendment, etc. I explained that this ministry helps churches who do not want to be under the authority of civil government. Explained my beliefs about stand-alone ministries as opposed to churches, etc. Also discussed the motivation for giving, the only institution ordained by God to do his work, the local church, that all of God's ministries should be under the authority of a local Bible believing, Bible practicing New Testament Church under Christ and Christ alone, etc. He asked about resources which go into these matters. I told him about ministry books that are all available online for free, including PDF versions and some of which can be ordered from Xulon Press, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble. Sent him links to online essays on 501c3 and 508c1A.
- Conference call with church member and Pastor in a Colorado church. We went over completed Questionnaire 1 & there were no issues. I answered their questions. Next step is Questionnaire 2. Answered their questions about opening a bank account. Explained that I have a PowerPoint that I will email them, when the time comes after the trust is established, that explain how to get a banking number for the bank account. The pastor of the church in whose facility they had been meeting has not allowed them as well as the home church to meet there for 6 months, so they have not paid the rent and have not paid for the insurance. They have a about 60 members including children, so they have alternated meeting in homes of some members which are large enough to accommodate their assembly. Discussed some other matters with them as well. Emailed Questionnaire 2.

Sep. 23: Drafted and emailed sample trust documents to a church with whom I have been working for some time.

Sep 25: Received the following email inquiry: "Do you have an article outlining a good way to approach a conversation with my Pastor in reference to looking into getting out of the 501c3?" I replied: "Of course, there is no standard way for one to approach a pastor about this matter. The main thing, I believe, is to approach the pastor with an understanding of the Bible principles; the facts about incorporation and 501c3; and the ways incorporation and 501c3 violate Bible principles. Most pastors will not entertain a sincere debate about these matters. If they even discuss the matter, usually they give excuses which do not hold up to scrutiny. The following webpage has links to resources which examine the many reasons they may give:

[False Reasons of Christians and Lawyers for Church Corporate, 501\(c\)\(3\) Status or Legal Status of Any Kind](#)

You can browse the above website for further help.... She sent a reply thanking me for my help and stating that they felt led to discuss the 501(c)(3) matter with their pastor, etc.

Sep 26: Published [Imagine: A Bad, Bad Song and a Bad, Bad Idea](#)

Sep 28:

- ----- Forwarded message ----- From: _____ Subject: Re: Non 501c3 To: _____ Dear Mr. _____, On this question I would refer you to the experts in setting up and establishing free New Testament churches, that being Bro's. Greg A. Dixon and Jerald Finney, both of whom are copied herewith. The Lord bless you all, ... The message forwarded was: Non 501c3 So how does this work? Will a bank open an account? Do you have a book as an how to? Thanks for your help. I replied: Dear Mr. _____: Please feel free to give me a call. There is no charge. If you get a VM, please leave a message and I will return your call asap He called and we talked for a couple of hours.
- Call from _____. Was a boy when the battles of the late 70's and 80's (Bro. Silvan and others) were going on. He mentioned David Gibbs and when he started promoting church, corporate 501c3 status. Familiar with Dr. Dixon's fights, etc. He understands these matters fairly well. They dissolved the church which was in Statesboro GA. Want to restart the church under Christ alone (non-incorp. non-501c3, etc.) and open a bank account. Briefly explained the methods recommended by this ministry, etc. Prepared and emailed the initial mailing.

Sep. 29: Call from _____, _____.com. referred by _____. 51 years old. He is obviously very smart. Also, is born again and is learning. Has done a lot of studying in the Word of God. He initially said he is looking for an "online community type thing. He was very attentive as I briefly explained the New Testament Church under Christ, etc.

... He agrees with and praised the King James Bible; said everything else is pedestrian. [See the more detailed summary at the end for more on this very compelling conversation.]

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) LINKED TO AT: <https://jeraldfinney.com/>

- 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
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3. FEATURED SERMONS, ESSAYS, AND BOOKS

Featured Study: [Bible Doctrine Concerning Relationship of Church and State](#)

(<https://jeraldfinney.com/2018/10/11/c-bible-doctrine-concerning-relationship-of-church-and-state/>)

Featured publications:

- **Imagine: A Bad, Bad Song and a Bad, Bad Idea** (<https://jeraldfinney.com/2020/09/26/imagine-a-bad-bad-song-and-a-bad-bad-idea/>)
- **Obtaining a Church Common Law Trust Employee Identification Number "For Banking Purposes Only"** (<https://jeraldfinney.com/2020/03/17/obtaining-a-common-law-trust-employee-identification-number-for-banking-purposes-only/>).

Links to short teachings on questions important to churches under Christ: **Short Answers to Some Important Questions** (<https://jeraldfinney.com/2018/12/07/short-course-important-questions-answered/>).

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** (<https://jeraldfinney.com/god-betrayed/order-information/>).

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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5. MORE DETAILED LOG OF MINISTRY ACTIVITIES DURING AUGUST 2020

Sep. 1: Mailed Questionnaire 2 to Pastor _____.

Questionnaire 2 attached Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Tue, Sep 1 at 3:23 PM

Dear Pastor _____,

Attached is Questionnaire 2. God bless.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald

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501(c)3 question _____ To:gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Thu, Sep 3 at 10:24 AM

Good Morning Jerald,

My name is _____. I am starting a new organization called _____ to care for _____ infants and young children.

After listening to Mark Taylor, I am wondering if it would be better to file a 501(c)3 vs. a Charitable Trust.

Would you be able to help bring clarification?

Thank you in advance for your help,

Sep. 3: Called _____ and discussed the matter with her for some time. Explained that this ministry helps "churches" who wish to organized according to the principles of the New Testament as churches under Christ and Christ alone. Gave her some suggestions, etc.

Sep. 3: VM from _____ from _____. _____.com. Calling about "New Testament Church of God." Called him back. He is a relatively new Christian. He was an elder of a church. He got into the by-laws and was appalled at what he found. He heard Mark Taylor. He would like to set up a New Testament Church. He concurs completely with all he has seen on the website. He wants a New Testament apostolic church set up. He is not called to be a pastor. But the group he is involved with has several ordained pastors. He is spearheading the effort. Some of them are on the same page. They want to move the families onto a couple of thousand acres. Etc. We talked about a lot of things, and I advised him and gave him thoughts. He agreed that a church under Christ cannot have or approve of women pastors, deacons, officers of any kind, or women with any authority over men. **Added him to email list.**

Re: Initial Mailing _____ .com To:Jerald Finney Thu, Sep 3 at 8:41 AM
[He attached completed Q1 and Questions to this email.]

Brother Jerald,

The last attachment is questions that were asked. I realize that some of these will be answered as we continue forward. We do have some questions that regard the vision we have moving forward. We would like to be able to put on community events such as a movie night and have popcorn and cotton candy for example. We do not need to gain a profit and it would be ok to give it all away. but only trying to figure out if expense isn't a deterring factor for the kids that would want to keep coming for more the same night. Because not every kid will have a parent or guardian around to regulate such things. Just thoughts and questions. If we can't look like a business? We would like a see place were we could serve snow cones once a week or once a month. Just because we have a certain vision doesn't mean its has to look just the way we think currently! But we are seeking ways to serve and impact the people in the community and region.

Thank you,

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Thu, Sep 3 at 6:57 PM

Dear Bro. _____,

After reviewing your completed Questionnaire 1, I regret that this ministry cannot help you. One reason, which alone precludes our help, is that you approve of women pastors, elders, deacons, and officers. There are other reasons, but that one matter alone makes it impossible for us to help you in that to do so would violate our deeply held Bible conviction on the matter.

The church I am a member of does not, nor has it ever had 501(c)(3) status; and it has also established the trust relationship used by this ministry. It is under Christ and Christ alone as are many other churches. Again, no need to set up a call with the pastor about that.

This is not personal and is sent in love. The goal of this ministry is to glorify and please God. I know you will understand our position.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald Finney

On Monday, August 31, 2020, 04:04:07 AM CDT, _____ <_____.com> wrote:

<https://www.toddstarnes.com/faith/los-angeles-county-evicts-grace-community-church-from-parking-lot/>

Good day brother Finney!

The latest action taken! And this seems like a mighty bold move on the part of the "State"?

Do you think this is an indication that some lawyers within the City of Los Angeles, and maybe even CA's governor, are aware of the ramifications of GCC being a 501(c)(3) state-licensed business corporation FIRST - otherwise functioning as a "church?"

Have a very blessed week brother!

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Thu, Sep 3 at 8:13 PM

Dear Brother _____,

God bless you for your diligence in keeping me up on this matter. I started reviewing a court filing by MacArthur's attorneys last Saturday. I intended to do a catch up article on some of the teachings that were stated in the filing, but got a call from a dear Brother in CA and ended up talking to him several hours about an important matter. Just as I was beginning this email, I got a call from a man in Florida who is studying this all out, etc. and talked with him for some time. If time permits, I hope to at least study the MacArthur situation out as it has developed and develops and write more on it as the Lord leads.

With love in Christ,

Bro. Jerald

On Friday, September 4, 2020, 12:09:10 PM CDT, _____ <_____.com> wrote:

Hello my name is _____; I was referred to you, my, seek, to, set, up my, church, the, right, way, Christ Way; and setting up a trust account, would be, appreciated.

Thank you,

_____ ; [address and phone number]

Jerald Finney <gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net>To: _____ Sun, Sep 6 at 8:56 PM

Dear Brother,

I will contact you when I can. I have been very busy and will be for the next few days. Brother Hickam told me you called him and he talked to you for some time. God bless. Brother Jerald Finney

Sep. 9: Called Brother _____. We talked for a couple of hours. His name means, "Stay on the course." He is from Nigeria. His tribe is about 300,000. They worship one God whereas many worship more than one God. He has concluded that no one knows or wants to know the truth. He has done extensive writing.

He said he needs help setting up a trust. He has a good born again testimony. Was baptized in a Baptist church. His parents baptized him in water when he was young. About 6 months ago, he got in contact with an attorney about getting 508c1A. He rejected it also as he had coporate 501c3 status. Then he looked into corporation sole and rejected it.

He then went to an attorney about corporate 501c3 status—Matthew Tozer, 949-863-9445, christian-attorney.net. Mr. Tozer said he knows an attorney who is really good and referred me. Mr. Tozer gave him the website. He saw I was with CBT and looked it up. Called Bro. Larry. Also emailed me.

I advised him not to do a trust in his name. Discussed the basics of the trust I recommend. Trustor, the church; trustee, the pastor, beneficiary (true owner of the trust estate), the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Wed, Sep 9 at 2:56 PM

Dear Brother _____:

It was a great blessing to talk with you. Again, I look forward to our growing friendship in the Lord. God bless you.

The online Bible study is at:

[Thru the Bible with Dr. J. Vernon McGee Broadcast Series Archives](#)

Some short studies on the ministry website are at:

[Short course: important questions answered](#)

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald Finney

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Mon, Sep 14 at 6:39 PM

Dear Brother,

Mailed a copy of God Betrayed to you today. God Bless. Bro. Jerald

Sep. 5: Call from _____. She said she is starting an organization to take care of innocent children born to drug addicts. Mark Taylor told her to apply for charitable trust status and not 501c3. I talked to her 3 hours. I gave her my advice. This will be a work that works through the state. She hopes to get government grants. She said that the church she is in said that they will help her; but the work will not be under the church. Obviously, everything she does will be under the control of and eye of the state, just as all of the so-called faith based works of varying kinds are. Nonetheless, I gave her the best advice I could. She was had little understanding of the Bible and Bible principles.

On Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 06:49:37 AM CDT, _____.com wrote:

From: _____.com

Date: Wed, Sep 9, 2020 at 7:24 AM

Subject: Weblog title "unregistering an independent baptist church"

To: <_____.com>

Subject: unregistering an independent baptist church

Is it possible to dissolve a 501c3 church, change the name or keep the name, and restart the church unincorporated and unregistered? The bible issue is the most important, but will this also help our church avoid fines due to corona like what is going on in California? We are located in Wabash, Indiana

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____, _____ Wed, Sep 9 at 3:44 PM

Dear Brother,

I am the attorney who helps the BLC with these matters. Please give me a call and I will be glad to discuss this with you--no charge. God bless.

Brother Jerald Finney

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Sep. 10: Call from ____ in Indiana. ____, Indiana. Starting pasturing the church there in January. Trying to figure out how difficult it would be to get out of 501c3 corporation. Church has been there 43 years. He is concerned because of churches being fined for holding services. He mentioned Northview Baptist Church in Calif. that has 50-60 thousand dollars in fines at this point. The church he pastors has real and personal property. We discussed the basic procedures for starting a new church with a new name which would establish a trust relationship with property and remain a non-legal entity which could not be sued, sue, etc. We talked for probably 30 or 45 min. He had to go, but is getting together a plan to present this to the church, etc. Said he will wait for the November elections and give me a call then if the election goes right. He is smart and seems sincere.

Sep. 9: VM from _____. ____ TX. Moved there from NY. Wants more info on setting up or process of setting up a charitable remainder trust. Already working on 1023 EZ form. Said he believes in what he has read of my materials about building a church. Said he sent me an email yesterday.

Returned call. Left VM. **Sep. 10:** We connected. He is looking at starting a church and how to organize it. He is an ordained minister. His goal for church organization is that his wife is going to do a youth and children's ministry. Michelle, will run the women's groups. All donations go to setting up this charity trust. To set up a charitable trust, he found a company called Fidelity that sets up charitable trust. Charges \$5,000. Have to first get 501c3 status.

There is a small group of them who belong to a church where everything was about building wealth, etc. It was all about the world. Moved to TX from NY. The old church said that 90% is yours, but you give 10% to the Lord. It's a business, a show. He saw it in NY. Got in a youth group, going around talking about the word of God. The focus there was on the Word. Went into what is the Bible, the business churches he has been associated with. What he is seeing does not make sense. He said that the KJB was easier to read, etc. The church he was in used the *New Living Word* is so far off. It was an interpretation. The pastor would not talk to him when he approached him about issues. He would, as almost all pastors do (according to their traditions, their indoctrination, their position as clergyman who does not talk with laymen about matters) remain silent, go to another subject, or preach on the matter later (do your "counseling from the pulpit, so they say"). He knew that something was not right. We talked about many things, including salvation, the Holy Spirit, etc.

We talked for a couple of hours or more. I went to numerous Scriptures. Emailed him:

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Thu, Sep 10 at 3:45 PM

Dear Brother,

I greatly enjoyed our talk. May the Lord richly bless you as you seek to glorify Him.

The link to the Bible Study by Dr. J. Vernon McGee:

[Thru the Bible with Dr. J. Vernon McGee Broadcast Series Archives](#)

The link to the King James Bible page:

<https://geraldfinney.com/god-betrayed/king-james-bible/>

The link to the sermon

<https://opbcibletrust.files.wordpress.com/2013/02/1980-01-01-x-ten-shekels-and-a-shirt-paris-reidhead-10180222445-1.mp3>

Page with links to other relevant sermons:

[Great Sermons](#)

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald Finney

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____.com Thu, Sep 10 at 4:01 PM

Note. This email was in response to ____, -who called asking for Greg Jr's email address in order to inquire about getting a copy of Dr. Dixon's book. He also said the church he attended right out of the box says obey every government law. The pastor said that he had not been bothered by civil government officials who were not telling the church what to do .or preach.

I emailed him: Greg Jr's email address (to inquire about Dr. Dixon's book) is: gregdixon99@gmail.com

Also, please reply to this email if you would like to be added to the ministry mailing list. I do not inundate the list with emails.

The link to the homepage of the Churches under Christ Ministry website is:

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

God bless.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald Finney

Sep. 10: Call from ____, Said got my info from Chuck Baldwin. Want to reorganize – get out from under 501c3. He has been encouraging churches to get out of 501c3. He is a member of a California church, ____ if San Jose. He has been encouraging his pastor. The pastor is in favor of doing it. Other pastors are not. His church currently owns considerable property. He has been trying to get his pastor to do this. They also operate a school.

They have over \$100,000 in fines for opening during the "pandemic." They have continued to open regardless. The church is 40-50 years old. They have a church school with tuition, fees, etc. We talked for a couple of hours or so. Discussed a lot of matters concerning how **the church can come out from under state control (can become a church under Christ alone). Great call.**

Sep. 12: Called ____ in reply to her text in which she said she was starting a ministry (____, a home group). She wants to stay out of 501(c)(3) status, but also some of the folks want an IRS acknowledgement for gifts and offerings. Explained to her that you cannot have both. Explained 501c3 and 508c1A, etc. Emailed her links to some studies of 501c3 and 508c1A.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Sat, Sep 12 at 8:41 PM

Dear Sister,

It was a blessing to talk with you. Below are some articles from the "Churches under Christ Ministry" website.

A short article on 501c3:

[What is 501\(c\)\(3\)?](#)

You can go to the links in Endnote 3 of that article for more in depth information on 501(c)(3).

A short article on 508c1A:

[What is 508\(c\)\(1\)\(A\)?](#)

God bless.
Brother Jerald Finney

On Friday, September 11, 2020, 10:47:51 PM CDT, ____ wrote:

Hi Brother Jerald,
We finally came up with a name. It is the "____ Church". ____ is Located in the _____. It speaks of a greater geographical area to where we serve. It will also remove any resemblance of the previous corporation when we dissolve it.
I have attached the completed questionnaires. Please let [pastor] and I know how to proceed.
Best Regards,

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Sat, Sep 12 at 6:34 PM

Dear Brother _____,
I will get with you early next week. God bless. Bro. Jerald

On Sunday, September 13, 2020, 03:01:15 PM CDT, _____.com> wrote:

Are there any "churches" in California that are not part of this 501c3?

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Mon, Sep 14 at 6:35 PM

I am presently communicating with a church in California who is taking steps to dissolve the corporation and cancel their 501c3 status and then to proceed as a church under Christ alone. A very small church in CA was not part of that system, but the pastor is leaving and the church will have to discontinue since they have no new pastor. If you will give me a call, I will discuss this with you. Or, if you want me to have someone from the church to give you a call, please email me your phone number. God bless. Jerald Finney

On Monday, September 14, 2020, 09:44:03 PM CDT, ____ wrote:

Thank you very much for your reply. I am in the Central Valley California, small town. I don't want to support a church business, so I didn't give an offering this week. Is that wrong?

On Sep 15, 2020, at 5:05 PM, Jerald Finney <gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Dear _____,
You have a heart for the Lord and want to honor Him with your giving. I suggest If you will send me your phone number, I will have someone from that church give you a call and talk to you about these matters. God bless.
Brother Jerald Finney

On Monday, September 14, 2020, 09:44:03 PM CDT, _____.com wrote:

Jerald, I must admit that I am leery of "churches" in general. I want to be connected to Christ's people. I don't want to go down "wide" paths and be mislead. I've been searching for truth in the Lord, but I am not certain what that looks like. I am willing to talk to someone, but not promising anything.
What area should I expect the call to come from? I don't answer if I don't know the caller.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Tue, Sep 15 at 7:42 PM

Dear _____,

Before we go further, may I ask you if you have been born again? That is, have you been saved? If you think you have, would you be willing to talk to me about this matter. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." See John 3, King James Bible.

To understand learn more about salvation, see:

<https://jeraldfinney.com/salvation-and-after/gods-plan-of-salvation-2/>

God bless.

On Sep 15, 2020, at 5:46 PM, _____.com wrote:

I have not been baptized, but I do believe that I have been born again. My heart is very different now and I see more clearly, but I still struggle with not "feeling" worthy of the gift given us by Jesus Christ. I want to be baptized, but I haven't as of yet. I grew up Catholic, but started praying and searching about 7 or 8 years ago.

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Thu, Sep 17 at 6:15 PM

Dear _____,

You wanted to know if there are any churches in CA that are not 501c3. I responded [you can read my response below].

Your response was as follows: Jerald, I must admit that I am leery of "churches" in general. I want to be connected to Christ's people. I don't want to go down "wide" paths and be mislead. I've been searching for truth in the Lord, but I am not certain what that looks like. I am willing to talk to someone, but not promising anything.

So you at first wanted to know about a non-501c3 church then you did not, etc.

I also asked if you had been born again. I did not ask you if you had been baptized. Your response did not respond to me as I asked.

Read the page on salvation in a prior email I sent you. Study the King James Bible. No one is worthy to be saved.

That is why Jesus came to die, did die, and was resurrected - because no one is worthy. Only Christ is worthy.

Going to church will not save you and a Church under Christ is to be made up of born again believers, although most are not, and many are apostate, nothing more than businesses, religious harlots. The first step is salvation.

I love you, but ... take the advice I give you and study out the matter of salvation according to the Bible.

God bless you as you seek to know Him.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald Finney

Sep. 14: Call from a trustee, _____, who had submitted the SS-4 for EIN "for banking purposes only." He sent be copy of the completed SS-4 to me and it was correctly filled out. I told him to call 800-829-4933, the number on page 2 of the Instructions for Form SS-4 to check the status of the application. If they have lost it, he plans to send another application via fax. Sent him the above phone no. and link to instructions for Form SS-4.

On Monday, September 14, 2020, 08:31:59 PM CDT, _____.com wrote:

My husband and I have been following Mark Taylor for many years. We left the Catholic Church almost 2 years ago. We have been on standby until something materialized in our area. Can you help us with any information? God bless! Thank you.

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Thu, Sep 17 at 6:34 PM

Dear Mrs. _____

Regretfully, I know of no non-incorporated, non-501(c)(3) church in Lubbock. I hope you do not take offense, but may I ask you if you have been saved? If so, how were you saved? The beginning of eternal life is salvation.

Yes, most "churches" have dishonored their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. They have combined with civil government through incorporation, 501c3, 508c1A, and by other means.

May I inquire as to how you heard of this ministry?
May the Lord bless you and yours.
For His Glory,
Jerald Finney

____.com To: Jerald Finney Cc: ____ Fri, Sep 11 at 10:47 PM

Hi Brother Jerald,
We finally came up with a name. It is the "____ Church". _____ is Located in the _____. It speaks of a ... area to where we serve. It will also remove any resemblance of the previous corporation when we dissolve it.
I have attached the completed questionnaires. Please let ____ and I know how to proceed.
Best Regards,

[Attached were completed Q1 and Q2].

Sep. 14: (Monday) Downloaded, printed out and reviewed Completed Q1 and Q2. Called Bro. _____. He was busy & we will talk tomorrow. **Sep. 15:** Call with Bro. _____.

Update Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____.com Thu, Sep 17 at 8:27 PM

Dear Bro. ____ and Pastor _____,
Just to let you know that I am studying property tax requirements in preparation to draft the documents. I hope to have the first drafts finished by sometime Saturday. If you do not mind, will you please send me copies of the corporate Constitution and by-laws.
God bless.
For His Glory,
Bro. Jerald

Sep. 22: Call from _____. He was referred by _____, a pastor who has an online podcast & does a lot of overseas missionary work. His dad, _____, is starting a ministry. _____ was a pastor for ____ years, semi-retired, but wants to get back into a ministry. His dad does a facebook video, writes books, & does conferences. He has started a board of directors. He wants to provide tax exempt status but does not want 501c3. I explained 501c3 and 508c1A status, the First Amendment, etc. I explained that this ministry helps churches who do not want to be under the authority of civil government. Explained my beliefs about stand alone ministries as opposed to churches, etc. Also discussed the motivation for giving, the only institution ordained by God to do his work, the local church, that all of God's ministries should be under the authority of a local Bible believing, Bible practicing New Testament Church under Christ and Christ alone, etc. He asked about resources which go into these matters. I told him about ministry books that are all available online for free, including PDF versions and some of which can be ordered from Xulon Press, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble. Sent him links to online essays on 501c3 and 508c1A.

Sep. 22: Conference call with ____ and Pastor _____. We went over completed Questionnaire 1 & there were no issues. I answered their questions. Next step is Questionnaire 2.

They had questions about opening a bank account. Right now, all tithes are held since there is no bank account. We discussed opening a bank account.

Se also discussed their insurance which they have not paid for 6 months. The pastor of the church in whose facility they had been meeting has not allowed them as well as the home church to meet there for 6 months, so they have not paid the rent and have not paid for the insurance. They have a about 60 members including children, so they have alternated meeting in homes of some members which are large enough to accommodate their assembly.

Emailed Questionnaire 2.

Sep. 23: Drafted docs, sent the following email:

Jerald Finney <jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net> To: _____, _____ Wed, Sep 23 at 4:15 PM

Dear Pastor _____ and Brother _____

Attached are a letter with suggestions on execution of docs (not ready for this yet), a cover sheet to be stapled to the top of the executed documents, and proposed drafts of the Resolution, Declaration of Trust, and Appendix for your inspection and consideration. I believe that the Dedication and Dissolution clauses are appropriate. We can discuss these further before proceeding.

[Excerpts from the state constitution and relevant laws were included here]

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On Thursday, September 24, 2020, 12:24:19 PM CDT, _____ .com wrote:

Hi Brother Jerald,

I just wanted you to know that I re-submitted the SS4 form again to the IRS with a second attempt notice to see if they will expedite the process. Otherwise, it will be 45 days.

Just wanted to let you know.

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Thu, Sep 24 at 8:05 PM

Thanks for letting me know, Bro. _____. Keep me updated. God bless. Bro. Jerald

From: _____ .com Date: Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 1:42 PM Subject: Weblog title "501c3" To: _____

Subject: 501c3

Hello,

Do you have an article outlining a good way to approach a conversation with my Pastor in reference to looking into getting out of the 501c3.

Blessings,

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____, _____ Mon, Sep 28 at 11:26 AM

Dear _____,

I am a Christian lawyer and have worked with and for the BLC for many years.

Of course, there is no standard way for one to approach a pastor about this matter. The main thing, I believe, is to approach the pastor with an understanding of the Bible principles; the facts about incorporation and 501c3; and the ways incorporation and 501c3 violate Bible principles.

Most pastors will not entertain a sincere debate about these matters. If they even discuss the matter, usually they give excuses which do not hold up to scrutiny. The following webpage has links to resources which examine the many reasons they may give:

[False Reasons of Christians and Lawyers for Church Corporate, 501\(c\)\(3\) Status or Legal Status of Any Kind](#)

You can browse the above website for further help.

God bless.

Brother Jerald Finney

_____ To: Jerald Finney Mon, Sep 28 at 11:41 AM

Hello Mr. Finney,

Thank you so much for your reply and the additional resource. The small church I attend has under _____ members. The Pastor is looking for a large piece of land to start building a meeting barn and small cabins for other purposes. We currently rent the building where we meet. I, along with at least one other feel very strongly against the 501c3 that we are currently under. We feel led to discuss with our Pastor about this before he owns property under the corporation.

Again, thank you for your help. God Bless

_____ To: Jerald Finney Mon, Sep 28 at 7:53 AM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: _____

Date: Tue, Sep 8, 2020 at 7:16 PM

Subject: Re: Non 501c3

To: _____@_____.com

CC: _____, Jerald Finney <gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net>

Dear Mr. _____,

On this question I would refer you to the experts in setting up and establishing free New Testament churches, that being Bro's. _____ and Gerald Finney, both of whom are copied herewith.

The Lord bless you all,

Pastor, _____ Church

_____.com

From: _____

Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:50 PM

To: _____

Subject: Non 501c3

So how does this work? Will a bank open an account? Do you have a book as an how to? Thanks for your help.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____, _____ Mon, Sep 28 at 11:35 AM

Dear Mr. _____,

Please feel free to give me a call. There is no charge. If you get a VM, please leave a message and I will return your call asap.

Very truly yours,

Jerald Finney

512-785-8445

Sep. 28: Call from _____. He is from NC. Was a boy when the battles of the late 70's and 80's (Bro. Silvan and others) were going on. He mentioned David Gibbs and when he started promoting church, corporate 501c3 status. Familiar with Dr. Dixon's fights, etc. He understands these matters fairly well. They dissolved the church which was in _____. Want to restart the church under Christ alone (non-incorp. non-501c3, etc.) and open a bank account. Briefly explained the methods recommended by this ministry, etc.

Prepared and emailed the initial mailing.

_____ To: Jerald Finney Thu, Oct 1 at 6:53 AM

Received email thanks

Sep. 29: Call from _____, _____.com. referred by _____. 51 years old. He is obviously very smart. Also, is born again and is learning. Has done a lot of studying in the Word of God. He initially said he is looking for an "online community type thing. He has been a Christian 7-8 years. He said he has had dreams that have come true to detail. He agrees with and praised the King James Bible; said everything else is pedestrian. He has a couple of degrees and is a C Student, he said, in terms of writing. He said the KJB is amazing, poetic. He asked if I am familiar with True Jews, which he said does not fit the definition of a New Testament Church. I told him no.

He said he has had thoughts about moving to Idaho. Told him of the Russian Church that is being planted there. He said that Lenin killed his great grandfather who was an educated Christian. His grandmother, who spoke 7 languages, was from Russia. Went into how Stalin wiped out the educated Russians.

He is in the food business. Said the food industry is broken. Between Covid, major storms wiping out corn in Iowa, the blowing up of food depots, grasshoppers eating the vegetation and crops in Africa, etc. all the variables are in play.

He said, that the news media is totally out of control [which is quite true]. Talked about the total lawlessness going on in America. Said we don't have much time; that a lot of the population are Satanists. have sold their soul, and that sometimes this is multigenerational.

Talked about the Bill Gates tattoo that has been planned and will be necessary to buy, trade, to do into restaurants, etc. About facial recognition and the mark without which one cannot buy or sell.

In short, it was a very interesting and fruitful conversation. He looked at the ministry website. He said he is going to order *God Betrayed*. I put him on the email list. Hope to stay in touch.