



Churches Under Christ Newsletter

January 1, 2021

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 status, charitable trust status business trust status, 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.

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 Website: <http://bibicallawcenter.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 DECEMBER 2020

(For a complete report, see the Activity Log at the end, starting on page 6. Of course, the less important matters and some matters not related to the work this ministry does are not included here or in the log at the end.)

Dec. 1: Prepared and published December 1, 2020 [Churches under Christ Newsletter](#).

Dec. 1-31: [Con't from last month] Pastor completed Questionnaire 1, and Questionnaire 2. We talked after each Questionnaire was received by the ministry On December 30, we talked for 5 hours, after which, on December 31, the ministry sent to him the document forms and other papers. For more details, see Section 4.

Dec. 1: VM from [a lady]. Wanted help incorporating church and wants to find out about 501c3. I responded via text: "Why would you wish to violate Bible principles and put a church under the authority of civil government through incorporation? If you will email me at Jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net and ask for info on 501c3 and church incorporaton, I will reply with links to articles which explain 501c3. Also, the ministry website is Jerald.finney.com."

Dec. 2: Carried forward from prior months. Call from a pastor whose church had established the common law trust last year.. I explained how he compromised the status of the trust by declaring, to the bank he opened a trust account with, to be an unincorporated organization (an unincorporated association), a legal entity. We discussed strategies to get a bank trust account without compromising the non-legal entity status of the trust and church.

Dec. 3: Email from a pastor who requested documents for churches desiring to reorganize as a trust. Of course, the ministry does not help churches organize as a trust. I replied with some basic information and with links to the ministry procedures at: [Need Help?](#) I ended, "Should you wish to proceed, after reviewing the procedures, please give me a call. If you get a VM, leave a message and I will return your call asap." He replied, "Thank you for promptly replying. I appreciate the help."

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Dec. 3: Email from a pastor who is working on Questionnaire 2. He had questions which I addressed in a reply e-mail.

Dec. 3: Email from a lady with questions about setting up a home church in California. I replied. Dear brother Jerald,

Dec. 4: Edited [IMAGINE: A BAD, BAD SONG AND A BAD, BAD IDEA.](#)

Dec. 5: Inquiry about 501(c)(3) for a business, run by a faith based entrepreneur who has a YouTube channel "that builds content around the Bible," an associated website, and some other projects. He wants to register his YouTube channel/brand as nonprofit/ 501c3 to accomplish my small business goal, etc. He had several questions. See Section 4 for more details if you are interested in his inquiry and my reply.

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Dec. 10: Call from Carolyn a lady. She wanted to know if there is anyone in Indiana who understands 501c3 and can get them out of it. They have a food pantry to set up as a 501c3 & not part of the church. The church is just a little unincorporated church. Someone gave the church 2 acres as they also bought the property next door. I emailed her with links to ministry resources.

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Dec. 16: Call from a friend in California. We discussed actions he and the organization he works with concerning various political and election matters.

Dec. 24, 29: Email for a gentleman who inquiring about help setting up a church. I talked with him on December 29. He is not yet ordained and ready to plant a church. I told him to call or contact me any time. He understood that the first step would be ordination.

2. BASICS OF THE LOVE STORY BETWEEN CHRIST AND HIS CHURCHES, HOW A CHURCH CAN ESTABLISH A 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

(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

THE ABOVE WEBPAGES ARE LINKED TO AT: <https://jeraldfinney.com/>

3. FEATURED SERMONS, ESSAYS, AND BOOKS

Featured Study: According to the Bible, God Grieves when a Church Chooses to Organize Under Any Law of Man (Non-Profit Corporation Law, Federal Tax Exempt Law, Charitable Trust Law, Etc.)
<https://jeraldfinney.com/2020/05/21/according-to-the-bible-god-grieves-when-a-church-chooses-to-organize-under-any-law-of-man-non-profit-corporation-law-federal-tax-exempt-law-charitable-trust-law-etc/>

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/) at <https://jeraldfinney.com/2018/12/07/short-course-important-questions-answered/>.

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4. MORE DETAILED LOG OF MINISTRY ACTIVITIES DURING DECEMBER 2020

Dec. 1: Prepared December 1, 2020 [Churches under Christ Newsletter](#).

[Con't from last month] [_____](#).com To: Jerald Finney Tue, Dec 1 at 3:05 PM
Hi Brother Jerald
Here's the questionnaire PDF merged into one.

Let me know what else you need

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Wed, Dec 2 at 12:13 PM

Dear Brother _____,

Received and reviewed Questionnaire 1. I am attaching Questionnaire 2. When we discuss that Questionnaire, I will also discuss with you your concerns given in item 37 of Questionnaire 1.

God bless,

Brother Jerald

Dec. 28: Received Questionnaire 2, with some questions. Emailed Bro. _____ and told him that we need to go over Q2 together. Set a time for that, Wed. Dec. 30, 2020, 10:30 a.m. CT.

Dec. 30: Call. Went over Questionnaire 2. Talked for over three hours. To prepare docs.

10:45 PM email to _____>com

Dear Brother _____,

Attached are:

- Cover Sheet
- Resolution to Adopt Freedom Fellowship Declaration of Trust
- Declaration of Trust
- Appendix
- Suggestions for executing the documents

God bless.

PLEASE REPLY TO THIS EMAIL TO LET ME KNOW YOU RECEIVED IT.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald

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[Continued from last month] Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Tue, Dec 1 at 4:15 PM

Dear Brother _____,

One more very important matter. I take the Bible (KJB) definition of a church. The KJB is my authority for all matters of faith and practice. I believe you have concocted a false definition of what a church is. But that is your right. I am not attacking you, just pointing a preeminent matter. I must let you know that I have no more time for these matters. God bless.

Brother Jerald

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____

Dear Brother _____,

Thank the Lord for your work for Him. As to Townsend, see the online booklet I wrote to expose Townsend and the Ecclesiastical Law Center. I pray that Townsend is saved, but See, for an analysis of his false teachings on church organization:

[Ecclesiastical Law Center Exposed](#)

On Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 11:05:13 AM CST, ____ .com wrote:

Dear Brother Jerald;

How are you? I hope this finds you well.

This mail contains three parts.

I actually intended to ask: Can donors claim tax deductions for their gifts to Messiah Y'shua (aka Jesus Christ)? Why or why not?

If a rich uncle gives a gift to his nephew- isn't there a way that the uncle deducts that from his tax, or at least from his income for the purpose of taxation? Of course the nephew reports the gift as his income.

Second:

A certain Townshend of ELC has a disagreement, point by point. I don't think he understands your writing very well. I searched your sites for your response.

Is your response available, or would you like to show me how you would respond to what he wrote?

<http://www.lordshipchurches.info/bens-blog/god-is-our-benefactor-he-is-not-our-beneficiary>

Third, I found on your site:

"A church under Christ is made up of born again **believers** in Christ.

[...]

"The **believer**, a member of a church, a part of the body, is a heavenly man, and a stranger and pilgrim on the earth..."

<https://jeraldfinney.com/2017/11/02/what-is-a-church-and-what-upholds-its-integrity/>

Brother Jerald, this shows me that you and I agree: The body of born again believers who contribute funds to Messiah Yeshua is a church, or a body, which is a small portion of His Body which is singular. This small group continues to give to Yeshua, and they entrust me to properly handle the Messiah's funds out here on the field. I am the trustee and Messiah is the Beneficiary. The grantors are the members which grant the funds.

The members of the body are connected spiritually first of all; and not limited by a building or geography.

Fourth:

A DBA is not a legal entity. It is an alias for my own personal name.

<https://danashultz.com/2014/07/29/a-dba-is-not-a-legal-entity/>

Furthermore, unbeknownst to me, that particular DBA expired. It needed to be renewed after 5 years. I've served King Y'shua in this capacity for over 15 years. I haven't decided whether or not to renew it. However, maybe you see something there, but I see no reason to renege on the use of the name, after it has become known and associated with my person as a faithful servant and minister of The King.

Brother Jerald, I realize that you don't often hear from people like me, serving Him while overseas; and my unique setup brings up questions that are out of the ordinary.

I propose to declare these facts:

The Beneficiary: Messiah Y'shua.

The Trustee: Me: AKA (also known as) that DBA (not an entity but an AKA). I am entrusted with Y'shua's property, to handle it according to His will, for His benefit.

The Grantors: the members of the Body of Christ who grant freewill offerings to Messiah Y'shua. They have entrusted those gifts to me as His Trustee, and I put those gifts to use according to His Will. They have contracted agreements (purposed in their hearts) to give to Y'shua, as evidenced by their actions of entrusting those gifts to me as His Trustee.

Funny: I just saw on TV a case of a Chimp Farm in Florida which had been set up as a trust.

The Beneficiaries: the chimps.

The Trustees: the daughter, granddaughter, and nephew.

The grantors: kind of irrelevant, I am not sure if they phrased it as the body of people who donate, or the grandma who declared the Trust. Eventually the Trust seems to have been absorbed into a newly founded 501c3.

The point being, that trustees can be organized in a Common Law Trust to arrange the properties to the benefit of beneficiaries, and it doesn't matter who or what the beneficiaries are.

If the Beneficiary is Y'shua the Messiah (Jesus Christ) and if the Grantors and Trustee are Born Again Believers, then what else can we call it other than a body, which is part of The Body of Messiah? Such a group is Also Known As a church, part of The Church of Christ. See my point there Jerald?

As Trustee of an already functioning, unincorporated body of believers, I request your help in making that Declaration and related documents.

Assuming of course that your method is sound, as compared to whatever the ELC is talking about!

Thanks,

Brother _____

Sent from _____ I Mobile

On Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 7:23 PM, Jerald Finney <gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

No, they do not pay tax on what they donate.

Hi Jerald;

If Government shall not make any law...

and if First Amendment church is free from tax,

So that means the church does not pay tax on it the donations given to Jesus

However - the donors pay tax on what they donate? In other words no deductions for the gifts they give? Am I right?

Before the above emails, Bro. _____ called and texted and we spent some time on the phone.

My final email to him stated:

Dear Brother. We do not agree on a lot of things. You are wrong about DBA. I do not have time to fully explain. We disagree on what a church is. We disagree on much. I do not have the time to discuss all this with you in that I have a lot on my plate.

I do wish you well in all that you do for the Lord.

With Love in Christ,

Brother Jerald

Note: a DBA is not a legal entity, but it is an assumed name for a legal entity. It means, "Doing Business As." Taxable legal entities are required to get a DBA. A DBA reserves the name of the business so that no other business or entity can use that name. The article he sites above "A DBA Is Not a Legal Entity" makes that clear (<https://danashultz.com/2014/07/29/a-dba-is-not-a-legal-entity/>). The DBA (the name) cannot sue, be sued, enter into contracts, or act legally in any way, but the business it represents can. DBA's make sure that, for example, the state sales tax office will not have more than one business with any given name, eliminating confusion. I could write much more on this to explain why it has no place for use by a New Testament Church under Christ, but do not have the time.

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120220 Call from Brother _____. I explained how he compromised the status of the trust by declaring it to be an unincorporated organization (an unincorporated association), a legal entity. We discussed strategies to get a bank trust account and undo the mistake he made.

____.com To:Jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Thu, Dec 3 at 11:16 AM

Mr. Finney,

Our church is reorganizing. We are not a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The Holy Spirit revealed that trap to me many years ago. With much prayer, I am impressed that God is instructing us to reorganize as a trust. I prayed for wisdom and understanding today and found your website. Does the Biblical Law Center provide sample documents for churches desiring to reorganize as a trust? Your guidance will be greatly appreciated.

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To:____ Thu, Dec 3 at 11:30 AM

Dear Mr. _____,

The Churches Under Christ Ministry helps churches establish common law trusts (not to organize as trusts) in order to remain solely under the protection of the First Amendment and corresponding state constitutional provisions. Doing so keeps churches under the sole authority of the Lord Jesus Christ and allows them to organize according to New Testament Church principles.

The procedures used by the ministry are at:

[Need Help?](#)

Should you wish to proceed, after reviewing the procedures, please give me a call. If you get a VM, leave a message and I will return your call asap.

God bless.

For His Glory,

Jerald Finney

Born again believer and attorney at law

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____ To:Jerald Finney Thu, Dec 3 at 11:42 AM

Mr. Finney,

Thank you for promptly replying. I appreciate the help.

Dec. 3: Call from _____. Wants to establish a Bible trust. Said he is familiar with that. Said well informed with trust and that he has used them in the past. He said he has emailed me before. Called a couple of weeks ago. He has established a common law trust and a business trust before. The common law trust was to put property in a trust. He wants to establish a common law trust for the church. He and his wife are establishing a church. After talking with him, I advised that he has the expertise to set it up himself.

____ To:Jerald Finny Thu, Dec 3 at 2:27 PM

Dear Bro. finny,

I have been working on the questions from Questionnaire #2 but I need some help. In section 3 Questions 6 and 7, I know the answer to the questions, I just don't know the "why" and I haven't been able to find it in the material available. I am quite sure it is there, but I have read a great deal of the material searching for the answer but have not yet found what I was looking for. Would you be so kind as to give me a hint

Brotherly,

Jerald Finney <jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net>To:____ Thu, Dec 3 at 2:58 PM

Dear Brother _____,

Good to hear from you! As to your concerns, I would refer you to third paragraph at the top of Questionnaire 2:

"Please distribute to the mature members of the church. As we have or will discuss, this is just an educational step to assure that the church has a basic understanding of important matters. You can answer the questions yourselves, alone or in conference; or we can do a conference call in which I will go over the Questionnaire question by question and basically give you the answers to and explanations of the questions you need help with."

Also, the fourth full paragraph on page 2 states:

"The next step will be Questionnaire 2, which I will e-mail to you after you have completed and we have discussed Questionnaire 1. I suggest that you give a copy to each mature male member for them to answer, and then have a meeting to discuss and answer the questions. Or, have a meeting and jointly answer the questions. Or, do a conference call with me and we will go over each question. Or, a combination thereof. After you have filled in the answers, e-mail Questionnaire 2 to me. I will make sure you have answered the questions correctly and get back with you."

Perhaps we should set a conference call with you, those members of the church you wish to include, and me, so that we can look at the questions you are concerned with.

We can work together to set a good time for a call.

God bless.

Brother Finney

____ [a lady] To: Jerald Finney Thu, Dec 3 at 4:30 PM

Dear brother Jerald,

I hope this e-mail finds you in great health. We spoke briefly a couple of weeks ago about our current situation.... We are not sure what God wants us to do, but we are considering some options.

I am reaching out to ask more questions about possibly starting a home church.... Is there a legal advantage to doing so? We continue to meet on a weekly basis to worship and study the word of God. We are using a friend's house and wonder if we should, at one point, formalize it, and maybe even rent a place somewhere, if we grow beyond the space available in our homes.

Do do you have information we can look at to see if this is something we should consider?

Thank you!

Jerald Finney <jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net> To: _____ Tue, Dec 29 at 4:11 PM

Dear Mrs. _____,

Please forgive me for taking this long to get back to you.

It seems starting a church is one option you are looking at. You also mention formalizing [your Bible study]. Frankly, those statements reveal that perhaps you have not studied the Bible doctrine of the New Testament church. For example, a church under Christ is not something that can be an "option." A New Testament church is planted by another New Testament church. The Doctrine of the New Testament Church was given us by God through the hand of the Apostle Paul. Etc. Do you see what I mean?

I would be glad to discuss this with you over the phone.

God bless,

Brother Jerald

Dec. 4: Edited [IMAGINE: A BAD, BAD SONG AND A BAD, BAD IDEA.](#)

____ To: jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Sat, Dec 5 at 2:38 AM

Dear sir,

I came across a YouTube video explaining why the Church should not associate with the 501(c)(3) status and a commenter left your website link. I looked over your sight (only briefly I admit) and have a question for you.

In your opinion/ understanding of the Word, how does this belief apply to Christian business? Are faith-based entrepreneurs supposed to avoid this as well?

I have a YouTube channel that builds content around the Bible. I also have a (humble) website to complement it. My current project is to build a Bible ____ Game. I am looking to work for myself by building a brand on Bible study tools and Games. Is this heretic or blasphemous?

I recently learned that a nonprofit is able to own for-profit businesses and I was planning to fund my organization (the mission being to encourage everyone to read the Bible) through profits of the game and other products.

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Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Sat, Dec 5 at 4:17 PM

Dear _____,

Thanks for your inquiry. I do not have time to give you a full answer; to do so would require a book. I will give you a short reply.

The authority for all matters of faith and practice should be the Word of God, which, in English, is the King James Bible. I base my conclusions on the Bible.

God ordained one institution to do His work in this age of grace: the local church under Christ. Sadly, such churches are few and far between in America. Almost all churches in America are under the authority of the state (through incorporation, unincorporated association status, charitable trust status, etc.) and the federal government (through 501c3 and 508c1A tax exempt status). They have become nothing more than businesses that use the commandments of man to build their little empires. Some honor Christ with their lips but their hearts and practices are far from Him.

God did not ordain businesses to do His spiritual work. He wants His children (those who are saved, born again) to do things His way. A newly saved person becomes a member of the family of God. God wants that believer to become a member of a local, Bible believing, Bible teaching and preaching, Bible obeying church. Again, those are few and far between. Chaos is rampant. Charismatics, Pentecostals, Evangelicals are all doing things their way, misinterpreting and misapplying the Word of God.

As to your "business," it seems to me that you have come up with your own way of doing things, and that way is not according to the Word of God. Again, I do not have time to fully explain that conclusion. Only a study of the Word of God will enlighten the believer. That does not mean that you cannot build your business in a way that honors God. Every believer should incorporate his new status as a spiritual being under Christ, a member of the family of God, into everything he does. You should first seek the Lord and do things his way; which means becoming an active member of a local body of born again believers (a New Testament church). Then, take your beliefs into your business and be a Christian there and in the world.

I hope this helps. God bless.

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Dec. 8: Call from _____. He is still working on getting an EIN “for banking purposes only.” [Before establishing the common law trust, the church was incorporated, but dissolved the corp. & kept the same name which has caused confusion with the IRS. He got hold of an IRS representative who told him to make a note on the SS-4 that the church was formerly incorporated, that the corporation was dissolved and that the trust is a different “entity.” The form will also make clear that the trust is not a legal entity.

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On Thursday, December 10, 2020, 7:01 PM, Jerald Finney <jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

The Indiana Board of Tax Review Determines that Property Held in Trust for the Lord Jesus Christ Must Be Granted Property Tax Exemption (012319):

- [The Indiana Board of Tax Review Determines that Church Property Held in Trust for the Lord Jesus Christ Must Be Granted Property Tax Exemption](#)
- [Need Help?](#)

God bless. It was a blessing to talk with you.

Brother Jerald Finney

____ To:Jerald Finney Thu, Dec 10 at 6:15 PM

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____ To: jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Thu, Dec 24 at 7:29 PM

Hello Mr. Finney,

My name is _____. The Lord has recently pulled me into full time ministry, and I didn't want to put what He has established under a yoke. One of my elders came across your site and recommended I look into it.

It is exciting, though a bit much at times, reading through your material on how to biblically setup a church to be under our Lord Jesus Christ only.

Reading through much of your material, I must admit, though I understand most of it, the application of establishing such a trust is outside of that.

I'm not sure what you require to assist a church. Since this is a rather new ministry, we are not incorporated, nor do we own real property, just utilize funds which have to be moved through my personal accounts currently.

In July I was asked by ... [someone in another country] if I would like to preach. In prayer I felt strongly that I must. So I did, and God showed up in the dozen people's lives showing Himself real as I taught them about being a disciple of Jesus. We then arranged another meeting where a few hundred people attended, and many Muslims gave their lives to the Lord. We then started a bible school to train [] nationals how to carry the message of Christ's Kingdom into the unreached lives of the millions of Muslims around them.

We have fed many slave families, and set two families free from actual slavery and abuse from their slave owner, and we are looking forward to setting more free, both spiritually and physically. After they are set free, we fund a small business for them and teach them how to manage a small business and finances, how to serve God and remain faithful to him so they do not return to the bondage they have been delivered from.

Here in [] I have been being used to train young men and women in how to more solidly follow Christ, that in all things He should be glorified. Going after falsehoods that plague Christian theology, and seeing amazing things take place in people's lives as they repent and live for God and in His truth. To include addictions breaking, marriages being restored, and hope being restored in those that have been depressed and broken in life. I'm in awe of the things God is doing in the lives of those around me.

Mr. Finney, I appreciate what you do for the body of Christ and look forward to hearing back from you.

God Bless you and Merry Christmas,

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Tue, Dec 29 at 3:57 PM

Dear Brother _____,

I would be glad to discuss this with you. Keep in mind that this ministry helps churches organize according to the principles of the New Testament so as not to be creatures of the state (incorporated, unincorporated associations, charitable trusts, 501c3 or 508c1A tax exempt organizations, etc.).

Email me to let me know when you can call.

God bless,

Brother Jerald Finney

Dec, 29: We talked for some time over the phone. He is starting up a church. He has a small congregation that is starting up. He went to ____ School of Ministry and Christian ____ Ministries in _____. He has not been ordained yet. He spent months with the website. I answered a couple of his questions, and discussed some basic matters concerning the common law trust. I told him to call or contact me any time. He said that the first step would be ordination. I was very impressed with the Christian disposition and character of this young man. Hopefully, one day the ministry will be of help to him.

____ To: **Jerald Finney** Sun, Dec 27 at 8:42 PM

Thank you brother Finney,

I trust you had a safe Christmas in Texas. One of my people just got back from Houston where his mother had died of Covid 19. We are still praying here for our President to remain in office. This was no doubt one of the biggest frauds ever pulled on the American people by the godless socialists who want to change the face of America.

I haven't spoken with you in a while, and look forward to doing so soon.

Pastor _____
_____ Church

_____ **To:Jerald Finney Cc:_____ Mon, Dec 28 at 1:06 PM**

Good Day Brother Jerald,

I hope you are well. I am hoping you recall our conversation about the safe haven we are called to create in

We spoke for over an hour about what my wife and I feel called to create for the Kingdom. You had said you would think and pray on it and suggested when we have a pastor chosen, we speak again.

The time is now correct for that call. We have been discussing our calling with Pastor _____ from ... and would like to have him join you and I on the call. This is still in the exploratory stages but we are set to be closing shortly and need to make some decisions as to the form this should take place in.

Would it be possible to schedule a conference call or zoom call to speak with the two of us?

We are still being called to place the assets we are contributing and developing into a free church that would be responsible for the ministry as well as worship, fellowship, food production etc aspects of the community.

Our vision is this should all be for the Lord so why not have Jesus be the beneficiary of everything? You said that hadn't been done that you were aware of but you would pray on it.

We greatly look forward to a conversation. Please let me know what times may be convenient so I can schedule.

Warm regards,

_____, LLC
Founder and President

Dec. 29: I replied to his email to set up a time for a call. We have not yet talked.

_____ **To:gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Tue, Dec 29 at 1:27 PM**

Jerald,

I have been praying with ... for about a year. Initially I hesitated because 501c3's have been like mother's milk to my background - GSA, BSA, Habitat for Humanity, the foodpantry network and _____ have all been part of my history of service that are 501c3's. I've done a few others [Names were listed].

All of my life service has been life's blood to me.

_____ is not presently a church, though many of the things I engage have church connections. _____ was something that was put together that might become a way of inviting donations to help with various endeavors - battling marijuana commercialization, right to life, and child evangelism. The paperwork was accomplished about _____ years ago, but I never felt right about asking for help with any of the endeavors and funded them myself. Things have changed. The 501c3 status has expired. 501c3go has tried to get me to revive my status, but I've sought it. However, I'm wondering if I shouldn't just revive the organization, but forget the paperwork. Is that what you would recommend?

Currently I'm engaged in []. (see attachment) It won't be long and we may need many more whenever the government handout to house them in hotels expires. I'm in the process of designing a website. What kind of legal hoops are needed before I can include a donation button? Having served as prayer coordinator for [], I have statewide contacts. I also have done some promotion for these [] statewide and have a measure of interest in 4 locales with potential contacts in each county. I view today's homeless as the leper colonies were in Jesus's day. Christians are called to bring hope and healing into their midst.

I look forward to hearing from you and will continue to browse your site, though what I've seen so far has been geared to churches. I do not have a weekly parish that I minister to. ____ has small little churches. Though I have toyed with gaining credentials, as a woman, I decided that was one battle I didn't need to take on, though my personal library exceeds most church libraries.

Be blessed and continue to be a blessing,

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Tue, Dec 29 at 4:25 PM

Dear Mrs. _____,

Yes, this ministry helps churches organize according to the principles of the New Testament. We cannot be of help to any except churches.

God bless.

Brother Jerald

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