



Churches Under Christ Newsletter

February 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 (that Romans 13 says that believers and churches should obey every law of man) 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

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

Biblical Law Center Website: <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 January 2021

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Jan. 4: Received an email from a man who wants to set up a safe haven. We had talked over the phone before for an hour or more. He is ready to buy land and start the safe haven. He wants to give land for a meetinghouse of a church that is not a legal entity. We set up a time for a conference call with the pastor of the church they wish to plant. On **Jan. 4** we did a conference call with the pastor. We talked for 2 hrs. 15 min. They will discuss it and decide if they want to go forward. He emailed me on **Jan. 6**. They want to go forward. On **Jan 8** I emailed him and told him to have the pastor contact me, which he did on **Jan. 25**. We discussed the situation more. He asked me to send the initial mailing. I sent that mailing on **Jan. 26**. As always, the initial mailing included:

- Initial letter
- Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines
- Questionnaire 1

Jan 5. I received an email from a man who had formed a “ ____ Ministry.” He attached a document they used to start that ministry as an “Unincorporated ____ Ministry.” He wants “to have a trust for the ministry.” He asked if they could use their present EIN being used “for banking purposes only.” He stated, “Thank you for all you do for the body of Christ! ... ____ is a house-church and discipleship ministry focused on winning the church to Christ through Spirit-led works that foster enduring sanctification, intentional discipleship and missional living.” On **Jan. 6**, I answered his email and informed him that the ministry established by the document was completely outside of New Testament Church doctrine. I stated, also: “Our Lord ordained one institution to do His work on earth: the local church under Christ and Christ alone. What the document established was not a church under Christ alone. This ministry helps “churches” who wish to organize under Christ alone, according to the principles laid down by the Lord through the epistles of the Apostle Paul. We cannot help a ‘ ____ Ministry.’” He emailed me again, to which I replied. See the more detailed log at the end if you are interested.

Jan. 6: Call from a pastor who contacted the ministry in Nov. 2020. The church is now incorporated and 501c3. I had sent him the initial mailing on Dec. 16, 2020. **Jan. 19:** Received Q1 and church corporation papers. **Jan, 23:** Called the pastor, and we went over Q1. We talked for a long time. I emailed him Q2.

Jan. 6: Call from a lady. She quit a 501c3 church as did lot of others. They are in Washington. Wants to talk about a starting a faith based organization. They want to become a totally NT church. They meet in a group of about 13 or 14. One of the men is a pastor. She is not sure about his ordination. Everyone has been baptized. Bc of Covid, a lot of people have realized a lot of things about the churches that is not right with the Lord. A lot are beginning to get together in their houses. **Jan 6:** I sent her an email with links to a documentary we had talked about: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnKYVS4v7Bs>. and also the following links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59J-5PlxVro&feature=youtu.be> and <https://youtu.be/Q1al3heMvN0>. Also, I put her on the ministry email list.

Jan. 6: Published [Pastor Martin Jones, a Hero of the Faith: Testimony Concerning His Battles Against Government Intrusions into God's Churches](https://jeraldfinney.com/2021/01/06/pastor-martin-jones-a-hero-of-the-faith-testimony-some-great-church-doctrine-explained/) (<https://jeraldfinney.com/2021/01/06/pastor-martin-jones-a-hero-of-the-faith-testimony-some-great-church-doctrine-explained/>)

Jan. 8: Received back completed Questionnaire 2 from a pastor. I printed it out and reviewed it. We arranged a time to go over Q2. **Jan. 11:** Phone call. Discussed completed Q2 in some detail. We also discussed doing a new trust as opposed to amending the old and some other matters. He sent me a copy of the statement he gives those who give to the Lord. It was very good and I have it in his file. If anyone wants to see it, let me know. Also, let me know the date, January 11, 2021, the date I talked to this brother, so I can find it in my files.

Jan. 11: Call from a pastor. He is teaching his church on church inc., 501c3, etc. Has already laid a foundation that has been well received by the members, mostly older people. Has also told them my testimony going back to the 80s, how the Lord called me to go to law school, the battles, etc. Wants the initial mailing. **Jan. 11** I attached the initial mailing docs to an email to the pastor: The Initial Letter; the “Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines;” and Questionnaire 1. **Jan. 20:** Brother ____ called. He had questions. One good man in the church is balking. Does not seem to understand some matters which we discussed. Also, set a tentative time for me to go there, the 1st Sun. in Feb. **Jan 21:** I emailed the pastor attaching Questionnaire 2. We later set a date of Feb. 7 for me to come meet with the church, answer questions, etc.

Jan. 12: Published [Standing Against the Wiles of the Devil on All Fronts: The Evidence \(Truth\) Presented via Live Video: The 2020 Presidential Election Was Stolen:](https://jeraldfinney.com/2021/01/12/standing-against-the-wiles-of-the-devil-on-all-fronts-the-evidence-truth-presented-via-live-video-the-2020-presidential-election-was-stolen/) <https://jeraldfinney.com/2021/01/12/standing-against-the-wiles-of-the-devil-on-all-fronts-the-evidence-truth-presented-via-live-video-the-2020-presidential-election-was-stolen/>.

Jan. 15: Call from ____ who is on boards of several ministries. Alerted to ministry by Mark Taylor. He has questions about setting up a “ministry” outside 501c3. We discussed a lot of matters. I sent him links to articles on common

law trust and to the book page, in that he is interested in looking at more on the matters we discussed (e.g., the 4 governments, their jurisdictions, matters concerning the church, etc.)

Jan. 15: Email from a couple who love the Lord dearly and have been good correspondent friends of mine for some time. I think the world of them. I think you will be interested, so I am leaving this in this first section on ministry activities. This is their email and my reply email below theirs:

Hi Jerald!

_____ & I watched this. Thanks for sharing! It is amazing - the depth of the corruption that will be going down, and IS going down right now!

I believe President Trump was born, and is now being used by God, for such a time as this! No other person could have weathered the "daily" attacks, witch hunts, lies, etc., like he has. He has been (through ALL of this evil) the BEST President we have EVER had!!!

I believe God is not done with America yet, and when the many, many corrupt, deep state people are arrested, taken out for treason, or those that choose to suicide out, the next 4 years with President Trump - a TRUE leader who loves God and loves America/Americans and is putting America FIRST, I believe the greatest revival of all times will be ushered in and many will be saved, before our Lord and Savior comes, in the clouds of Heaven, at the Rapture, and will catch away his true Bride!

What a day that will be!!! 🙏🙏🙏

It was SO great for _____ and I to speak with you yesterday, Jerald!

And, yes, let's not let it be so long until we speak again!

God richly BLESS you, brother!!!

Love In Christ,

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Fri, Jan 15 at 7:43 PM

Hi, Dear Brother and Sister,

I hope that you are right about President Trump. As you know, I love you and vice versa. To love means to tell the truth. One of us is wrong about some things. I know that you love the Lord as do I. So you tell me what you believe to be the truth and vice versa. I am so glad that we can disagree and still love each other.

However, I know you are wrong about America. The foundation for what I believe - the Bible. Ultimately, sooner or later, much greater judgment will come to America. God has a small remnant in America. For the most part, America is corrupt to the core, not only in Washington but also throughout the nation. The liberal states are more corrupt, of course.

If God does not finally judge America (of course He is already doing so, but less than the final judgment), then He is inconsistent, and God is never inconsistent and He puts His Word above His name. By the way, can one not see that God is now judging America and trying to wake up "Christians" first and America second. He has not succeeded at this point. Even "Christians" do not get it. God often uses famine and pestilence for a couple of reasons: (1) to test His people and (2) to judge a people. Much of the world is, and has in the past, experienced pestilence and famine. America is now experiencing pestilence, and as you have indicated, famine may be around the corner. If God says judgment will happen given certain situations, it will happen, and He said it would happen. A nation can repent, but God's Word makes clear that once a nation reaches a certain point, the only remedy God has is judgment for that nation. Why, because once a nation reaches that point, the nation will not repent.

Even President Trump could not anticipate or cope with this pandemic. Everything seemed to be great in America unless one looked at the whole picture. Since not even Christians were doing so, one could surmise that God wanted to wake up Christians, as well as the nation as a whole. I heard no contemporary "prophet" foretell the pandemic and the consequences of the pandemic to the world, much less to America. With it, suddenly everything changed. Catastrophe hit America hard, and it continues. Catastrophe did not bring repentance on a national level or a church level. Even to this day, Christians are proclaiming the greatness of President Trump and of the nation. At the December 12 rally in Washington, no one said, "Let us cry out to God. Let us repent of the sins of the nation."

There was no repentance. They said the name of God, but their hearts were far from Him. They bragged on America. They were proud. God hates pride.

Inherent in repentance is a broken and contrite spirit, not pride. Christians in America, have a besetting sin. They are proud. They believe that America is great. They call other nations evil but proclaim that America is great. They say that those nations are evil, but America is great. America has been blessed by God, but only God is great. America as a nation has dishonored God. So how can America be great?

Yes, I have, in the past, been thankful to have been a citizen of America. Why? because I have had it easy in the earthly sense. When I was lost, I was blessed materially; but material worldly prosperity could not fill that void which can only be filled by God. Since salvation, I have not been persecuted for doing what God told me to do. But the fact is that I would have been blessed to a far greater extent had I been a true believer persecuted and martyred for my faith in the Lord in a tyrannical country. Americans have been blessed materially. Americans are no longer blessed spiritually. The reservoir is running out of water. The great majority of churches are heretical or apostate, nothing but businesses with little Popes who are building their little empires, using the name of God. Some honor Him with their tongues but their hearts are far from Him. They keep for commandments the commandments of men. They marry up with other lovers, the state and federal governments. And I could continue on this, but will not.

I, in my limited understanding, am for the reelection of President Trump. However, he is lacking in spiritual knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. Yes, he was great for the economy and he did much good even according to the Bible. He greatly improved the economy, stood against abortion as much as he was able, closed the borders, got most of our servicemen out of foreign countries, cancelled some wicked treaties, etc. But God does not judge a country based upon the economy; and most "Christians" point mainly to what he has done for the economy. President Trump needs to lead America toward repentance toward God (and away from its sins) and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of glorifying America, Christians need to glorify God by repenting of their national sins - self-righteousness, heretical and apostate churches and Christians, the disregard of the Word of God and the principles therein, hedonism, abortion, sodomy, lesbianism, etc. For national revival, America will have to repent of her wickedness. How can a nation made up of mostly lost people, most of whom reject God and His principles, repent? Any national revival must begin with salvation of individuals. God's prescribed step for individuals, once saved, is to be baptized into a local church under Christ who teaches, preaches, and practices the Word of God. Etc..

Every believer and church needs to get down on her knees and repent for their own sins, and for their sins as a church. Even that is not happening in the great majority of churches since repentance is not in their vocabulary. On the national political level, President Trump and all the other "Christians" in government need to get down on their knees and repent, with weeping, when they assemble.

Again, I love you both. Time will tell and I believe time will confirm the Word of God.

For His Glory,
Brother Jerald

Jan. 17: Started 2 new website pages: **News** (<https://jeraldfinney.com/news-1/>) and **Was the 2020 Presidential Election Stolen?** (<https://jeraldfinney.com/news-1/was-the-2020-presidential-election-stolen/>)

Jan 18: Received completed Questionnaire 2 from a pastor. **Jan. 21:** Called Bro. _____. We Discussed Q2. Ready to execute docs. **Jan 23:** Email from the pastor telling me that he had put a link to the ministry on the church website. He gave me the link and said, "If you believe the link can be better worded I would appreciate your help. **Jan 23:** Sent him a thank you email and told him it looked great to me; and "God bless and ____ Baptist Church for all you do, including recommending this ministry. **Jan. 23:** Went over completed Q2 with Bro. _____. To prepare docs. **Jan 26:** Emailed him with the following docs attached:

- Suggestions for Executing the Documents
- Cover Sheet
- Resolution
- Declaration of Trust
- Appendix to Declaration of Trust

Jan. 19: Received the following email from a church this ministry helped to organize:

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord..." Revelation 11:15

But not yet. Until that time comes, it's the Kingdom of God vs. the Kingdoms of this world.

All the kingdoms of the world will be overthrown by Christ at His 2nd coming. Every thing, every work, every nation, every program, all of secular mankind's notions and achievements. They all belong to the kingdoms of this world. There is no East-West, no left-right, no Democrat-Republican, no Communist-Free, ALL are under Satan. All are in the devil's domain.

It is both sides of the news organizations that continue to feed lies to a gullible public, promising a better life and self-improvement of society.

However, this civilization is condemned and moving toward judgment.

Religious leaders and programs, conservative news, the social gospel, new evangelicalism, patriots, right-wing radicals, pro-lifers, faithful Catholics, and others, are in the "right wing" movement. This is where most Christians hover, without ever giving it a thought that the right wing also belongs to the kingdoms of this world, under Satan.

Joe Biden is an illegitimate president. He is the product of fornication between the corrupt media and the Democratic party.

Where does that leave God's people? On our knees hopefully, praying for His will, and praying for this nation to repent, but how will our nation ever repent when the churches haven't repented first? **[My note. I 100% AGREE WITH THIS]** It's absolutely impossible. It's repulsive to know that the majority of these belong to the kingdoms of this world. **Jan 19:** Received an email from this pastor stating: Hello brother Finney, I'm enjoying the alerts you're sending. ____ **Jan 19:** I replied, "Thanks, Bro. _____. Your prior email was very insightful. I agree with it, especially as to your comments on the churches and repentance. God bless. Bro, Jerald."

Jan 21: I received an email stating that some pastors wanted me to contact them about their questions regarding the Declaration. **Jan. 21:** Called Brother _____. He said that he had seen me speak years ago at the BLC meeting in Paris TX. He said they drafted their own documents, etc. but wants help with the property purchase. I told him what we do and that I would have to see the documents they executed to see if we can be of help. He said he will talk it over with the others to see if they want to share the documents.

Jan 22: Email from a church the ministry helped to set up the common law trust in 2019. The trust is acquiring real estate for a meetinghouse. We discussed the property tax exemption matter and how to fill out a form to inform the property tax office about the use of the property 100% for church purposes. The property tax office is cooperating and said there will be no problem in getting the exemption. The form is simply confirming that the property will be used for religious (church) purposes only. **Jan 23.** I emailed the church and stated: "The form is filled out perfectly! God bless."

Jan. 24: Published Answer to the question, [Why do you feel so strongly about the King James Bible?](#)

Jan. 25: Call from ____, member of an incorporate 501c3 church. He said a lot of issues are going on, a lot of false doctrine. They have a constitution, by-laws, and a statement of faith. Some don't like the KJB only position. People from the ____ Church came in and are trying to take over. He told me all about the conflict. You may wish to read more about this in section 4.

Jan 26: Received email "regarding your advice on actions to take for my home church. I have listened to Prophet Mark Taylor for the past 4 years and after hearing what the Holy Spirit spoke to him regarding the corrupt 501c3 and I have been praying about what I should do regarding my home church. I am only 20 years old but I have taken this knowledge to my pastor and he seemed open to what I was saying but I was not able to give him too much information. I have been doing some research and found the 508(c)(1)(a) and I was wondering if this is biblically-based solution? If not, what is? You can see my reply on **Jan. 27** in Section 4. Below if you are interested. **Jan 27:** His reply to my reply to him: Thank you Mr. Finney, This is very helpful to know and yes sir, please put me on the ministry mailing list. I will continue looking over the material on the website and email you if I have any questions.

Jan. 29: Call from Pastor _____. He wanted to know how to report the gifts from the church to support his family. I explained how he can do that.

Jan. This month, I also added 4 new pages to the ministry website. These pages are relevant because what is happening in our nation has implications which are very relevant to the local churches and to Bible prophecy which is unfolding before our eyes. Those 4 pages are:

1. [News](#)
2. [President Trump](#)
3. [Biden/Harris: The Great Reset](#)
4. [New World Order](#)

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(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
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- Webpage: [News](https://jeraldfinney.com/news-1/) (<https://jeraldfinney.com/news-1/>) This webpage gives links to news from reliable news sources, not the fake, communist sources such as CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS, MSNBC, New York Times, Washington Post, et al.
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- Webpage: [New World Order](https://jeraldfinney.com/news-1/29725-2/) (<https://jeraldfinney.com/news-1/29725-2/>) (This webpage was removed in 2017, but republished after Biden was elected)
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Featured Study: [Render Unto God the Things that Are His: A Systematic Study of Romans 13 and Related Verses \(Online version, downloadable PDF, Kindle\)](https://jeraldfinney.com/posts/false-reasons-of-christian-lawyers-and-pastors-for-combining-church-and-state/) at: <https://jeraldfinney.com/posts/false-reasons-of-christian-lawyers-and-pastors-for-combining-church-and-state/>

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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_____ To:gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Sat, Jan 2 at 7:50 PM

The Church it self is the exemption as was structured by our Government initially. Why would a Christian Nation burden the Church with taxes as it would limit a Church's ability to serve the Community and their Flock? The lie is the 501c3 and the deception to get Churches to sign up for it. The attached document is from the IRS web site. They traded this document with a different one using legal mumbo jumbo once President Trump signed his executive order. The new doc to me, seems an attempt to confuse the layperson. Interestingly it was Mark Taylor mentioning yoking Churches to Godless entities that stuck with me and led me to this IRS document. It was piece meal as to how I found it. God often times gives me pieces to connect. Questions call me Tenya 253 221 7616

HE ATTACHED A COPY OF IRS PUB. 1828

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Wed, Jan 6 at 11:12 AM

Dear _____,

This ministry helps churches who wish to organize according to the principles in the New Testament. What you inquire about does not have to do with establishing a New Testament church.

However, I would be glad to consult with you about the matters you inquire about at a greatly reduced fee. I would do so for only \$150.00 an hour. I will even give you a free 10 minute consultation. God bless.

Jerald Finney

Jan. 4: From last month: _____ 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

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 _____ 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,

Jan. 3: Returned his call and left VM. He returned my call. 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 about the ministry from 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**.

Jan. 4: Conference call with _____ and Pastor _____. The call was with _____ Church. _____ said his wife & he have been called to create a safe haven sanctuary for the congregation. Got to know Pastor _____ over the last few months. He wants to create a commercially viable food endeavor to feed the congregation and others to meet food shortages in the future.

_____ said he has pastored a lot of years. Moved to his present location in 1981, but moved back to _____. Moved back to _____ in 2006. He has pastored a church there the last _____.

We talked for 2 hrs. 15 min. They will discuss it and decide if they want to go forward.

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 06:03:10 PM CST, _____ wrote:

Dear Brother Jerald,

Hope you are well.

Thank you for your time and counsel the other night. It was very helpful and informative.

We would greatly appreciate moving to the next step and reviewing the documents on the New Testament church.

Please let me know what is the next step.

Warm regards,

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Fri, Jan 8 at 2:54 PM

Dear Brother ____,

Good to hear from you. Your pastor will need to take over from here. Please have him to give me a call or email. You and the mature church members must understand, in advance, that the trust documents will make clear that should a ministry which is organized under man's law (incorporated, 501c3, 508c1A, charitable trust, unincorporated association, recipient of government grants, etc.) ever operate collaterally or in association with the church, the trust will, at that point, become invalid. This also applies if a ministry uses church resources or uses resources in conjunction with the church.

God bless.

For His Glory,
Brother Jerald Finney

Jan. 25: Call from Pastor _____. He said _____ is in the process of securing property. He plans to move there with families to do farming. Bro. The church meeting house will be located on the property. The church has elders. I explained that. ... He wants me to send the initial mailing.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ [the pastor] Tue, Jan 26 at 2:48 PM

Dear Brother ____,

Attached are the following documents:

- Initial letter
- Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines
- Questionnaire 1

If you open the attachments online, you can get to the links (in color) by simply clicking on a link. This is not true of downloads. However, you can copy and paste the links. You may want to look at some of the linked to material.

Please reply to this email to let me know that you received it.

God bless,

Brother Jerald Finney

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____ To: gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Tue, Jan 5 at 4:30 PM

Good afternoon Mr. Finney,

I stumbled upon your website while I was doing research on 501c3 and the church. We started a church under 501c3 without knowing that we didn't have to register. We have since started another ____ Ministry, and we are going to dissolve the other 501c3. I've attached our document as an Unincorporated ____ Ministry. We were about to get a bank account, but I paused when I went back and read your articles. We'd like to have a trust for the ministry. We already have an EIN, and I chose for banking purposes only, so I'm not sure how that will affect us getting a trust. Any help you provide would be appreciated. Thank you for all you do for the body of Christ!

Blessings!

_____ is a house-church and discipleship ministry focused on winning the church to Christ through Spirit-led works that foster enduring sanctification, intentional discipleship and missional living.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Wed, Jan 6 at 10:32 AM

Dear Brother _____,

I have briefly reviewed the document you sent. Briefly, the ministry established by the document was completely outside of New Testament Church doctrine.

Our Lord ordained one institution to do His work on earth: the local church under Christ and Christ alone. What the document established was not a church under Christ alone.

This ministry helps "churches" who wish to organize under Christ alone, according to the principles laid down by the Lord through the epistles of the Apostle Paul. We cannot help a "Self-Supported Ministry."

For His Glory,

Jerald Finney

HE ATTACHED A DOCUMENT WHICH IS IN HIS FILE WITH THIS INFO SHEET

_____ To: Jerald Finney Wed, Jan 6 at 10:35 AM

Thanks for your reply. So I'm assuming you're saying that this was done based on 508c1?

Also, if we wanted to organize based on what you said, we would have to start over, correct?

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Wed, Jan 6 at 10:54 AM

Dear Mr. _____,

The ministry helps churches who wish to organize according to New Testament principles. You ask additional questions outside those answered by the ministry.

I would be glad to discuss your questions, but not as a part of the ministry. I will give you a very special discount of \$150.00 per hour if you wish my help.

God bless.

Jerald Finney

_____ To: Jerald Finney Tue, Jan 5 at 10:27 PM

Hi Mr. Jerald Finney this is _____ and I know you are very busy, but I really need an answer from you Asap.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Wed, Jan 6 at 11:02 AM

Dear Brother _____,

After reviewing the documents you sent me and after our talks, I have decided that this ministry cannot be of help to you. May the Lord bless you as you seek His will.

God bless.

Brother Jerald Finney

Jan. 6: Call from Bro. _____. His wife had questions – she has been the secretary. Right now, as far as the IRS is concerned, he has a housing allowance that is not taxed, but is considered for Social Security. We discussed that. He said he has sent me a copy of his constitution and by-laws of the present corporation, but I do not have them in his file. He said he would resend them. Also, will send a copy of his church covenant they are working on.

Jan. 19 Received Completed Q1 and church corporation papers.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Fri, Jan 22 at 7:56 PM

Dear Brother _____,

I received your completed Q1 and other docs. I will give you a call tomorrow to go over Q1. I also will send you Q2 after we talk. I have been very busy this week or would have gotten back to you sooner.

God bless.

Brother Jerald Finney

Jan, 23: Called Brother _____. We went over Q1. We talked for a long time. We talked about Senator McConnell whom he had had a couple very interesting encounters. ...

Emailed him Q2.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Wed, Jan 6 at 2:20 PM

Dear Brother Martin,

Thanks so much for your gift to the ministry! It is a great and much appreciated blessing.

Also, your testimony has greatly blessed me. I knew that you have been involved in the battles for the local church since the 80's. But I had never heard all the details. Hearing that in Part 1 of your testimony was a great blessing.

In Part 2 of your testimony, you said, all a church has to do is read their articles of incorporation. I am helping a pastor right now who read their articles of incorporation, Brother Tackett. I don't know if he was inspired to do so after hearing your testimony. I know he knows Bro. Dan Hardin and I think Bro. Dan inspired him to read the articles.

I also called Bro. Martin. In fact, both Parts would be helpful to pastors who love the Lord enough to separate from the world when they hear the truth. With your permission, I would like to link to them on the ministry website. I will give you a call after I send this email and talk to you about that.

Again, thanks for your leadership in these matters. Thank the Lord that you have at least one soldier, Dustin, who will carry on after you and I are gone. I truly admire that young man.

Yes, things, as you said, are different now.

God bless.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald

Jan. 6: Call from _____. Quit a 501c3 church as did lot of others. They are in Washington. Wants to talk about a starting a faith-based organization. They want to become a totally NT church. They meet in a group of about 13 or 14. One of the men is a pastor. She is not sure about his ordination. Everyone has been baptized. Bc of Covid, a lot of people have realized a lot of things about the churches that is not right with the Lord. A lot are beginning to get together in their houses.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Wed, Jan 6 at 3:52 PM

Dear Sister _____,

It was a blessing talking with you. The link to the documentary I mentioned is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnKYVS4v7Bs>

Also, I will put you on the ministry email list. I will remove you from the list if you let me know that you want to be removed. I do not solicit donations and do not inundate the list with emails.

God bless.

Brother Jerald Finney

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Bcc: _____ Wed, Jan 6 at 4:08 PM

Dear Sister _____,

Pastor Martin Jones is one of my heroes. You might enjoy his testimony and may want to share it with others. Part 2 (I recommend you watch first):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59J-5PlxVro&feature=youtu.be>

Part 1 is:

<https://youtu.be/Q1aI3heMvN0>

God bless!

Brother Jerald Finney

Jan. 6: Published [Pastor Martin Jones, a Hero of the Faith: Testimony Concerning His Battles Against Government Intrusions into God's Churches](#)

On Friday, January 8, 2021, 07:01:11 AM CST, _____ wrote:

Hello Mr. Finney, I wanted to confirm that you have received my Questionnaire-2 reply that I sent via email on Tues.

Pastor _____

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Fri, Jan 8 at 9:57 AM

Dear Bro. _____,

I did receive Q2. I will review it and get back with you today or tomorrow. Been very busy. God bless.

Bro. Jerald

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Fri, Jan 8 at 4:07 PM

Dear Brother _____,

Just printed and reviewed your Questionnaire 2. Excellent answers. There are a few we need to discuss. We also need to discuss some other matters regarding, for example, titles to real estate (I think you have indicated that there are none); titles to motor vehicles, if any; written leases, if any; insurance, if any.

We will need to set a time for a call. I will be busy pretty much all day tomorrow. Have meeting at the meetinghouse and some work to do up, some personal things to get done. I don't know if and when I may be available to talk.

I can set a time to talk on Monday or Tuesday, as it now stands, and pretty much at your convenience, but we will need to schedule it. You can just let me know what time is good for you via email or call. If neither of those days will work for you, let me know and we will figure out another time.

May the Lord continue to richly bless you and yours.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald

Jan. 11: Phone call. Discussed completed Q2 in some detail. We talked an hour and 40 minutes about various related and unrelated (GA election, LBJ and the Kennedy assassination, for example) matters. We discussed doing a new trust as opposed to amending the old. Since the trust holds only a bank account and a lease, we discussed any inconveniences that *might* occur should he transition to a new trust. Since he is dealing with the IRS on a EIN related matter, I will wait to hear back from him before proceeding.

_____ To: 'Jerald Finney' Mon, Jan 11 at 3:20 PM

Hello Mr. Finney,

I truly enjoyed our talk today in reviewing Questionnaire #2, amongst other conversational topics. Attached is a sample of our Giving Statement, as you requested.

Also, members that give their gifts to the church, they would be able to deduct (itemize) those gifts on their individual taxes if they choose to do so, correct? That is an understanding I have always had since inception.

Thanks,
Ral

Jan. 11: Downloaded and filled, in Bro. ____'s file, Giving Statement

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Mon, Jan 11 at 9:20 PM

Dear Brother ____,

Thank for sending the Giving Statement. I will download it into your file and also print it out. I will have it for anyone who might ask for a sample, with modifications. I believe that you need to make some simple, but important modifications. For example, you as trustee (____, Trustee of ____ Church Trust) Should be in the heading, not ____ Church. You should also thank them for their gifts to the Lord Jesus Christ. We need to go over it together. Be sure and call me about this. We may need to set up a time for that.

Again, with the DOT, even the incorrect one you now have, as we discussed, the members do not give to the church. They give to the trust (to the Lord). That is where our discussion about irrevocable (the way it should be) vs. revokable (the way it is) comes in. We need to discuss this more. The members of a church who has adopted the Resolution and DOT should not give to the church. They should give to the trust and the trust estate belongs to the Lord. It is up to them as to whether to deduct. The church absolutely should not get involved with what they do. I need to also get into the IRS Regulations concerning deductions to the church which is a non-501c3 or 501c1A. which they should be familiar with. We did not discuss that.

God Bless.
Bro. Jerald

Jan. 8: Call from Pastor ____.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Fri, Jan 8 at 12:51 PM

Dear Brother ____,

Attached are the Corrected DOT and the EIN PowerPoint.

God bless.

For His Glory,
Brother Jerald

____ To:Jerald Finney Fri, Jan 15 at 1:53 PM

Hi

brother

Jerald,

I noticed on Wednesday that on page 6 if the resolution to adopt, the pastor's name needs changed, right now it reads ____.

I had the church sign the last page of both the DOT and resolution to adopt. so once I get the updated page 6 I can go into the bank and sign in front of the notary thank you for all your help Jerald.

John

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Sat, Jan 16 at 5:41 PM

Dear Brother ____,

Attached is the Resolution with the correction. God bless.

Brother Jerald

____ To:Jerald Finney Fri, Jan 22 at 12:07 PM

Hi brother Jerald
here's my SS-4 to apply for a EIN, please look it over and let me know what you think.

Jan. 22: Called _____. We discussed the SS-4 and also, noted some minor grammatical corrections on the trust documents.

Jan. 11: Call from Bro. _____. He is teaching his church on church inc., 501c3, etc. Has already laid a foundation that has been well received by the members, mostly older people. Has also told them my testimony going back to the 80s, how the Lord called me to go to law school, the battles, etc. Wants the initial mailing.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Mon, Jan 11 at 8:46 PM

Dear Brother _____,

It was a blessing to talk with you again. It has been a while. Attached are:

1. Initial Letter
2. Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines
3. Questionnaire 1

God bless. Call me anytime for any reason. It is always a joy to talk with you.

Brother Jerald

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Jan. 12: Published [Standing Against the Wiles of the Devil on All Fronts: The Evidence \(Truth\) Presented via Live Video: The 2020 Presidential Election Was Stolen: <https://geraldfinney.com/2021/01/12/standing-against-the-wives-of-the-devil-on-all-fronts-the-evidence-truth-presented-via-live-video-the-2020-presidential-election-was-stolen/>](https://geraldfinney.com/2021/01/12/standing-against-the-wives-of-the-devil-on-all-fronts-the-evidence-truth-presented-via-live-video-the-2020-presidential-election-was-stolen/).

Jan. 12: Worked on mailing lists, Friends and Friends 2.

Jan. 12: Pastor of _____ Church in _____ called me. The church is having a crisis. [An attorney] helped the pastor at that time in with execution of trust docs. He left and another pastor took over. That pastor incorporated 501c3'd the church. The deed to the property had named the old pastor as trustee. That was never changed. Now the old pastor is resigning the corp. 501c3 church he now pastors. He told this church he would not sign the property over unless

they follow his directions in some matters. He met with deacons and gave them an ultimatum, etc. I talked with him for some time. He said some of the other men may call me.

On Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 10:49:34 PM CST, ____ wrote:

I thought we where all ONE in Christ Jesus/ no male or female/ Are you a Mens club?
MEN/ only Men ?

2. The purpose of the UBF is to provide an opportunity for men of like spirit (Acts 4:24) and like mind (Philippians 2:1,2), who are personally and ecclesiastically separated (Amos 3:3; II Corinthians 6:15-17), holding to the historic Baptist doctrines of the written Word of God (KJV 1611).

My Note: By the way, that is from the UBF website, not the website of the Churches under Christ Ministry. I don't know how the sender got my email address.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Wed, Jan 13 at 11:44 PM

I wonder who the looney toon is who wrote this ridiculous email.

On Thursday, January 14, 2021, 12:20:03 AM CST, ____ wrote:

There is a Phrase from your Website that states you are all Men. Apparently you did not read that or you would have Understood the message.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Thu, Jan 14 at 11:19 AM

You are off base. Your elevator does not go all the way to the top. You are a few cards short of a full deck. Believe the Word of God. Turn to God and put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. And by the way, I fully understand the misguided message and the perverted state of mind of the messenger. See John 8, KJB. Read the whole chapter.

____ To:Jerald Finney Thu, Jan 14 at 6:41 AM

<https://cantcensortruth.com/watch?id=5fff54d4df45e13f8fff86a7>

Warm regards,

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Thu, Jan 14 at 4:14 PM

Thanks, Brother,

Watched the interview and sent it on to some others. Hope he is right. God bless.

Brother Jerald

Jan. 15: Call from ____ who is on boards of several ministries. He was alerted to this ministry by Mark Taylor. He has questions about setting up a "ministry" outside 501c3. We discussed a lot of matters. I sent him links to articles on common law trust and to the book page, in that he is interested in looking at more on the matters we discussed (e.g., the 4 governments, their jurisdictions, matters concerning the church, etc.)

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Fri, Jan 15 at 12:17 PM

Dear Brother ____,

I have added you to the ministry email list. If you wish to be removed, just let me know.

Below are some links to resources which explain the common law trust.

The Church Bible Trust Relationship Explained and How a Church Can Nullify Her Efforts to Remain Under Christ Only

**What God Has Committed to Man's Trust: "Ye Cannot Serve God and Mammon": Steward or Trustee?
How a Church Can Organize to Remain a New Testament Church (Holding Property In Trust For God Is A Scriptural Principle Recognized by American Law)**

The following webpage has links to other resources on the church common law trust:

The Bible Trust Relationship

The following links to the webpage for the book I suggested that you refer to:

[God Betrayed/Separation of Church and State: The Biblical Principles and the American Application \(Online version, downloadable PDF, softback\)](#)

God bless.

Brother Jerald Finney

____ **To: Jerald Finney Mon, Jan 18 at 7:05 AM**

Jerald, thank you so much for sharing this with me and your time on the phone, I am grateful! Thanks for adding me to the ministry list as well. God bless!

Jerald Finney <jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net> To: ____ Mon, Jan 18 at 12:46 PM

It was a blessing talking with you. God bless. Brother Jerald Finney

On Friday, January 15, 2021, 03:00:25 PM CST, ____ wrote:

Hi Jerald!

____ & I watched this. Thanks for sharing! It is amazing - the depth of the corruption that will be going down, and IS going down right now!

I believe President Trump was born, and is now being used by God, for such a time as this! No other person could have weathered the "daily" attacks, witch hunts, lies, etc., like he has. He has been (through ALL of this evil) the BEST President we have EVER had!!!

I believe God is not done with America yet, and when the many, many corrupt, deep state people are arrested, taken out for treason, or those that choose to suicide out, the next 4 years with President Trump - a TRUE leader who loves God and loves America/Americans and is putting America FIRST, I believe the greatest revival of all times will be ushered in and many will be saved, before our Lord and Savior comes, in the clouds of Heaven, at the Rapture, and will catch away his true Bride!

What a day that will be!!! 🙏😊🙏

It was SO great for ____ and I to speak with you yesterday, Jerald!

And, yes, let's not let it be so long until we speak again!

God richly BLESS you, brother!!!

Love In Christ,

Note. The email above was from dear friends whom I love dearly. They love the Lord dearly.

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Fri, Jan 15 at 7:43 PM

Hi, Dear Brother and Sister,

I hope that you are right about President Trump. As you know, I love you and vice versa. To love means to tell the truth. One of us is wrong about some things. I know that you love the Lord as do I. So you tell me what you believe to be the truth and vice versa. I am so glad that we can disagree and still love each other.

However, I know you are wrong about America. The foundation for what I believe - the Bible. Ultimately, sooner or later, much greater judgment will come to America. God has a small remnant in America. For the most part,

America is corrupt to the core, not only in Washington but also throughout the nation. The liberal states are more corrupt, of course.

If God does not finally judge America (of course He is already doing so, but less than the final judgment), then He is inconsistent, and God is never inconsistent and He puts His Word above His name. By the way, can one not see that God is now judging America and trying to wake up "Christians" first and America second. He has not succeeded at this point. Even "Christians" do not get it. God often uses famine and pestilence for a couple of reasons: (1) to test His people and (2) to judge a people. Much of the world is, and has in the past, experienced pestilence and famine. America is now experiencing pestilence, and as you have indicated, famine may be around the corner. If God says judgment will happen given certain situations, it will happen, and He said it would happen. A nation can repent, but God's Word makes clear that once a nation reaches a certain point, the only remedy God has is judgment for that nation. Why, because once a nation reaches that point, the nation will not repent.

Even President Trump could not anticipate or cope with this pandemic. Everything seemed to be great in America unless one looked at the whole picture. Since not even Christians were doing so, one could surmise that God wanted to wake up Christians, as well as the nation as a whole. I heard no contemporary "prophet" foretell the pandemic and the consequences of the pandemic to the world, much less to America. With it, suddenly everything changed. Catastrophe hit America hard, and it continues. Catastrophe did not bring repentance on a national level or a church level. Even to this day, Christians are proclaiming the greatness of President Trump and of the nation. At the December 12 rally in Washington, no one said, "Let us cry out to God. Let us repent of the sins of the nation." There was no repentance. They said the name of God, but their hearts were far from Him. They bragged on America. They were proud. God hates pride.

Inherent in repentance is a broken and contrite spirit, not pride. Christians in America, have a besetting sin. They are proud. They believe that America is great. They call other nations evil but proclaim that America is great. They say that those nations are evil, but America is great. America has been blessed by God, but only God is great. America as a nation has dishonored God. So how can America be great?

Yes, I have, in the past, been thankful to have been a citizen of America. Why? because I have had it easy in the earthly sense. When I was lost, I was blessed materially; but material worldly prosperity could not fill that void which can only be filled by God. Since salvation, I have not been persecuted for doing what God told me to do. But the fact is that I would have been blessed to a far greater extent had I been a true believer persecuted and martyred for my faith in the Lord in a tyrannical country. Americans have been blessed materially. Americans are no longer blessed spiritually. The reservoir is running out of water. The great majority of churches are heretical or apostate, nothing but businesses with little Popes who are building their little empires, using the name of God. Some honor Him with their tongues but their hearts are far from Him. They keep for commandments the commandments of men. They marry up with other lovers, the state and federal governments. And I could continue on this, but will not.

I, in my limited understanding, am for the reelection of President Trump. However, he is lacking in spiritual knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. Yes, he was great for the economy and he did much good even according to the Bible. He greatly improved the economy, stood against abortion as much as he was able, closed the borders, got most of our servicemen out of foreign countries, cancelled some wicked treaties, etc. But God does not judge a country based upon the economy; and most "Christians" point mainly to what he has done for the economy. President Trump needs to lead America toward repentance toward God (and away from its sins) and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of glorifying America, Christians need to glorify God by repenting of their national sins - self-righteousness, heretical and apostate churches and Christians, the disregard of the Word of God and the principles therein, hedonism, abortion, sodomy, lesbianism, etc. For national revival, America will have to repent of her wickedness. How can a nation made up of mostly lost people, most of whom reject God and His principles, repent? Any national revival must begin with salvation of individuals. God's prescribed step for individuals, once saved, is to be baptized into a local church under Christ who teaches, preaches, and practices the Word of God. Etc..

Every believer and church needs to get down on her knees and repent for their own sins, and for their sins as a church. Even that is not happening in the great majority of churches since repentance is not in their vocabulary. On the national political level, President Trump and all the other "Christians" in government need to get down on their knees and repent, with weeping, when they assemble.

Again, I love you both. Time will tell and I believe time will confirm the Word of God.

For His Glory,
Brother Jerald

____ To: Jerald Finney Sun, Jan 17 at 6:29 PM

Hello Mr Finney,

I keep tripping myself up by perhaps not knowing what the proper hierarchy of law is. I get to some extent that the word of God is above all for in Psalm 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Of course I can read in scripture that there's an order to things when it deals with different governmental agencies: such as the government of self Genesis 2:16-17 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: [17] But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

The government of family where the head of man is Christ, and the head of the woman is the man Genesis 1:26-28 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. [27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. [28] And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 2:18,21-25 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. [21] And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; [22] And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. [23] And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. [24] Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. [25] And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

I can read the government of man over man over moral matters. Genesis 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

I see the idea of civil government being extended in the laws of men with the rise of Babylon and Hammurabi's law (too specific to be effective for any other nation than Babylon), I see a more perfect order of law given by God in the books of Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy (contract, tort, penal, etc).

I see in this country of mine in the United States of America that our order of government begins with the foundation of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States of America and the amendments of the Bill of Rights. I see this isn't followed by any means but it's still there to restrict what power the federal government and ensure the states liberties and rights.

But that's about where I begin to drop off. What's the order from there? I didn't get a strong lesson in civics so if you could recommend an article that lays this order out (maybe explains it in some part) that would be real helpful. Thanks

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;" ~Paul; Col. 3:23

Jerald Finney <jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net> To: ____ Sun, Jan 17 at 11:25 PM

Dear Brother,

Maybe the following lecture will help.

https://opbcibletrust.files.wordpress.com/2010/05/edited_2012-08-26-aseparationofchurchandstateattnyjeraldfinney.mp3

God bless.

Bro. Jerald

Jan. 17: Started 2 new website pages: [News](#) and [Was the 2020 Presidential Election Stolen?](#)

____ To: Jerald Finney Mon, Jan 18 at 11:30 AM

Good evening dear brother,

I have finally completed the second questionnaire and have attached it to this post.

Thank you for your time to help churches like ours that desire to live in this world but not have to be entwined with the world's ways. I have always known that common law was the answer to help churches operate in the present evil world, I just did not have the knowledge to know how to make it happen. I am so glad the Lord made us aware of your ministry so that we can have the necessary tools to accomplish our desires.

Brotherly,

____,
____ Church

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Thu, Jan 21 at 10:55 PM

Dear Brother _____,

I have been behind. We had special meetings at church this week, Sun.-Wed. and I have been very busy. I will give you a call tomorrow or Saturday. God bless.

Brother Jerald

Jan. 21: Called Bro. _____. We discussed Q2. Ready to execute docs.

____ To: Jerald Finney Sat, Jan 23 at 7:05 PM

Dear Bro. Finney,

I have put a link on the church's website for you. The text of the link says, "Jerald Finney, a Christian Lawyer and member of Charity Baptist Tabernacle explains how a church in America can remain under the Lord Jesus Christ and Him only. "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church" (Ephesians 1.22). He gives a clear and concise understanding of how incorporation works and how such incorporation makes the Lord's churches servants of to the State. He shows that, in spite of what is commonly believe, incorporation is a creation of the state making the Lord's church a creation of the state. What is better yet he shows and helps churches to come back to the original spiritual assembly that Christ intended it to be. This man is a Baptist and intent in helping Baptist churches."

Our website can be found at: _____.

If you believe the link can be better worded I would appreciate your help.

Brotherly,

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net ____ Sat, Jan 23 at 7:26 PM

Thanks, Bro. _____. Looks great to me! God bless you and ____ Baptist Church for all you do, including recommending this ministry.

Bro. Jerald

Jan. 23: Went over completed Q2 with Bro. _____. To prepare docs.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Tue, Jan 26 at 5:37 PM

Dear Brother _____,

Attached are:

- Suggestions for Executing the Documents
- Cover Sheet

- Resolution
- Declaration of Trust
- Appendix to Declaration of Trust

Be sure to carefully read the documents. Look for grammatical and other errors and call me so I can correct the error(s). If you wish a change or changes, give me a call.

God bless. It is a blessing to work with you.

Brother Jerald

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E-MAIL: jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net

____ To:jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Mon, Jan 18 at 1:56 PM

Hello,

Can you explain to me how donations/tithes work under a Declaration of Trust? ~Liz

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Mon, Jan 18 at 4:49 PM

Dear Ms. _____,

If your church establishes a trust with the help of this ministry, I will cover all related matters in detail. Thanks and God bless.

Jerald Finney

____ To:Jerald Finney Tue, Jan 19 at 11:08 AM

Ok, how much is the ministry?

Jerald Finney <jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net>

To: ____ Tue, Jan 19 at 12:59 PM

See <https://jeraldfinney.com/posts/policies-procedures-and-guidelines-of-the-churches-under-christ-ministry/>

____ To:jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Tue, Jan 19 at 7:50 AM

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord..." Revelation 11:15

But not yet. Until that time comes, it's the Kingdom of God vs. the Kingdoms of this world.

All the kingdoms of the world will be overthrown by Christ at His 2nd coming. Every thing, every work, every nation, every program, all of secular mankind's notions and achievements. They all belong to the kingdoms of this world. There is no East-West, no left-right, no Democrat-Republican, no Communist-Free, ALL are under Satan. All are in the devil's domain.

It is both sides of the news organizations that continue to feed lies to a gullible public, promising a better life and self-improvement of society.

However, this civilization is condemned and moving toward judgment.

Religious leaders and programs, conservative news, the social gospel, new evangelicalism, patriots, right-wing radicals, pro-lifers, faithful Catholics, and others, are in the "right wing" movement. This is where most Christians hover, without ever giving it a thought that the right wing also belongs to the kingdoms of this world, under Satan.

Joe Biden is an illegitimate president. He is the product of fornication between the corrupt media and the Democratic party.

Where does that leave God's people? On our knees hopefully, praying for His will, and praying for this nation to repent, but how will our nation ever repent when the churches haven't repented first? **[I 100% AGEE WITH THIS]** It's absolutely impossible. It's repulsive to know that the majority of these belong to the kingdoms of this world.

___ To: jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Tue, Jan 19 at 7:51 AM

Hello brother Finney,

I'm enjoying the alerts you're sending. Pastor ___ Church.

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ___ Tue, Jan 19 at 1:30 PM

Thanks, Bro. ___. Your prior email was very insightful. I agree with it, especially as to your comments on the churches and repentance. God bless. Bro, Jerald.

___ To: jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Tue, Jan 19 at 2:34 PM

Afternoon Sir,

I contacted Pastor Jason Cooley about how to organize a church under a trust instead of the business model 501c3 and he referred me to you. We are in very early stages of organizing and wanted to get started on the right footing. What do I do first? Any guidance would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Jerald Finney jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ___ Tue, Jan 19 at 2:42 PM

Dear Brother ___

Good to hear from you. Feel free to give me a call. 512-785-8445. I suggest you look at the following webpage before calling. If you get a VM, leave a message and I will return your call asap. God bless.

[Need Help?](#)

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald Finney

Jan. 20: Brother ___ called. He had questions. One good man in the church is balking. Does not seem to understand some matters which we discussed. Also, set a tentative time for me to go there, the 1st Sun. in Feb.

Jerald Finney <jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net> To: ___ Thu, Jan 21 at 10:57 AM

Dear Bro. ___,

Enjoyed our talk yesterday.

The initial letter explains that I will send Questionnaire 2 and the purpose after I receive Questionnaire 1 back. I do need to get the completed Q 1 back. I know many of the questions I already know the answer to, but some, like the bank account, the property, etc. I don't know.

Questionnaire 2 is attached.

Talk to you soon.

God bless,

Brother Finney

___ ... Thu, Jan 21 at 8:11 AM

Now is a time to hold fast in faith. We must trust the Lord is in control and all is going according to his plan. None of the true prophets have lost their faith or been given different messages. His will will be done. Two encouraging links below.

Warm regards,

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Thu, Jan 21 at 9:43 PM

Dear Brother _____,

Just wondering. What do you mean the true prophets? What is a New Testament prophet? I do not have time to listen to the links below. I am encouraged by the Word of God already. I know the fate of America from studying the Bible. America has digressed to the point where the only remedy is judgment. That is obvious.

But I am not discouraged. Christ has won the ultimate victory. We may suffer persecution, and it is to be expected. But ultimately, Christ will rapture his children and, at the end of the tribulation crush the nations and set up the millennial kingdom.

God bless.

Brother Jerald

_____ To: _____ Jerald Finney Thu, Jan 21 at 10:34 AM

Bro. Jerald,

These preachers need you to contact them. They have questions about the Declaration.

Thanks!

Pastor _____

On Wed, Jan 20, 2021 at 3:43 PM _____ Church [email address] wrote:

Hello _____, I'm looking to make an offer on a property are you available for a call today?

Thanks

The grace of our Lord Yeshua Hamashiach be with you. Amen.

Jan. 21: Called Brother _____. He said that he had seen me speak years ago at the BLC meeting in Paris TX. He said they drafted their own documents, etc. but wants help with the property purchase. I told him what we do and that I would have to see the documents they executed to see if we can be of help. He said he will talk it over with the others to see if they want to share the documents.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Fri, Jan 22 at 1:55 PM

Dear Brother _____,

Called Brother _____. He said that he had seen me speak years ago at the BLC meeting in Paris TX. As I recall, you were there. He said they drafted their own documents, etc. but wants help with the property purchase. I told him what we do and that I would have to see the documents they executed to see if we can be of help. He said he will talk it over with the others to see if they want to share the documents.

God bless.

Brother Jerald

_____ To: Jerald Finney Fri, Jan 22 at 1:58 PM

Great, thanks for the update.

_____ To: Jerald Finney Fri, Jan 22 at 11:35 AM

Hello Bro. Jerald:

Gratefully to Our Lord we have this deal buying the building in _____ moving forward to continue serving Our God.

As I mentioned before we have a Massachusetts lawyer handling this deal and closing for us. The closing is proposed to be on 02/01/2021.

In the meantime, we would be greatly appreciated if you take a look at the exempt tax paper with city that we discussed before.

We did fill it out to best we could, so please look over to see if anything else or any corrections need to be done.

Thank you very much.

God bless you to succeed in everything you do.

Sincerely

Vera

413-262-8880

Jan. 22: Called _____. We went over the form informing the Property Tax Office that the property will be used 100% for church purposes. The closing is on Feb. 1, as she states. The form is simply confirming that the property will be used for religious (church) purposes only.

____ **To:Jerald Finney Sat, Jan 23 at 11:16 AM**

Hello

Please review the attached form as discussed. Thank you very much.

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Sat, Jan 23 at 7:53 PM

Dear Sister _____,

The form is filled out perfectly! God bless.

Brother Jerald

____ **To:Jerald FinneySun, Jan 24 at 9:22 AM**

Good morning Thank you for your help. God bless you Brother Jerald as well.

Jan. 24: Published Answer to the question, [Why do you feel so strongly about the King James Bible?](#)

Jan. 25: Call from _____, about the church he is a member of in [state]. Church is incorp. 501(c)(3). He said a lot of issues are going on, a lot of false doctrine. They have a constitution, by-laws, and a statement of faith. Some don't like the KJB only position. People from the [denomination] came in and are trying to take over. These include some who have never been members or even attended the church. They can in and voted: non-members, non-saved people, and they had the most votes. Their position was majority vote. With those illegal votes, they had about a 2/3 majority. Otherwise, only about 1/3 of the church members favored the [denomination]. Before this happened the church withdrew from the [denomination], then met with representatives of the [denomination].

Someone broke in and stole the church records of membership but they have backups. The lady treasurer and & her husband, who was the only elder at the time, resigned. They have gotten corporate affairs in order and appointed 4 elders and are doing everything according to the books. They tried to file criminal charges, but the police said that it was a civil matter. We discussed what they can do, including filing civil suit. However, he had an alternate plan which I agreed would probably be the best course of action.

They posted notice on the door concerning those that were disfellowshipped and locked the door. They called the police who let them in. The police would not file a complaint, stating that it was a civil action. The [denomination] wanted to gain control. That is why they took this hostile action.

He has a plan, which I think is probably the best way to go, to deal with this. I told him that another way to deal with it is to hire an attorney; of course, he had thought of, but rejected that as his first option.

____ To: gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Tue, Jan 26 at 8:04 PM

Dear Pastor Jerald Finney,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

My name is _____, I am a Baptist but pastoring an independent Evangelical Church. Our church located in semi-urban area. For the past almost ten months under quarantine (and continuously) all Christian churches were online preaching. Until now mass gathering is prohibited, but here in our community where our church is located is allowing only 50% of church members could attend and strictly observing social distancing. Even Christians were suffering in this pandemic crisis, economy is gradually slowing down and a lot of business establishment were being closed. Almost four months ago when our community allowed religious gatherings, but still needs to observe strictly the quarantine protocol. Our church still in financial struggle because some of our members lost their job because of the pandemic crisis. But as a pastor, I need to continue feeding the flocks of God in accordance to the teachings of the scripture and encourage them to continue in faith. Now, in spite of this hardship in life that is going on around the globe, our church still committed in the great commission. We're continuing our mentoring program in our leaders, and still continuing missioning our nearby town as well in our community. I have a copy of Trail of Blood of J.M. Carroll, but I am very much interested to have a copy of Trail of Blood Revisited which is promoting by your ministry. In view of this, I would like to ask if I could avail a free copy of The Trail of Blood Revisited?

If ever you grant my request please notify me and here is my mailing address:

____ Church

____, Philippines

Thank you.

Grace and blessings,

I emailed him that I no longer have any copies of the book, but that I will be putting the entire PDF online so he can read it there.

____ To: gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Tue, Jan 26 at 10:38 PM

Good evening Mr. Finney,

My name is _____ and I am emailing you regarding your advice on actions to take for my home church. I have listened to Prophet Mark Taylor for the past 4 years and after hearing what the Holy Spirit spoke to him regarding the corrupt 501c3 and I have been praying about what I should do regarding my home church in _____. I am only 20 years old but I have taken this knowledge to my pastor and he seemed open to what I was saying but I was not able to give him too much information. I have been doing some research and found the 508(c)(1)(a) and I was wondering if this is biblically-based solution? If not, what is?

Thank you and God bless,

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Tue, Jan 26 at 11:01 PM

Dear Mr. _____,

501c1A puts you in the same position as does 501c3. For explanation, see

[Church Internal Revenue Code § 508\(c\)\(1\)\(A\) Tax Exempt Status](#)

Not only that, church submission to any legal structure which is the product of man's law puts that church under the authority of another (civil government) for many purposes. The Word of God makes clear in the New Testament that Christ desires His churches to be under Him and Him alone. I explain all this in much much detail in my writings. The website is jeraldfinney.com.

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

If you want, I will put you on the ministry mailing list. Just reply to this email and let me know. You can study these matters out by using the resources on the website. If you wish direction to any particular matter, let me know and I will send links to relevant materials.

God bless.

For His Glory,

Brother Jerald Finney

____ To:Jerald Finney Wed, Jan 27 at 10:08 AM

Thank you Mr. Finney,

This is very helpful to know and yes sir, please put me on the ministry mailing list. I will continue looking over the material on the website and email you if I have any questions and it seems a "biblical trust" is what is both God-fearing and Constitutionally protected, correct?

Thank you,

____ To:Jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Thu, Jan 28 at 3:03 PM From ____ CPA

I have a question. I am willing to pay you for your time.

I helped a local church that was already formed with the State of Texas in mid 2019before they came to me. They wanted me to file a 1023 for them, but I followed the IRS guidance instead. See attached. Then, so that they would not have to file Texas Franchise Tax reports every year, I sent info to Austin to show them that churches are automatically exempt by statute, and that we wanted to be exempt for Texas purposes, even though we would NOT file the Form 1023 and would not be getting a determination letter. There is no need for the IRS to determine that a church is exempt from federal tax. They are automatically exempt and do not need a determination letter. There will be no Form 1023. Per the IRS instructions, that was not necessary for a church, since they are automatically exempt.

The problem is, potential donors look up the EIN somehow and the federal database does **not** show that the entity is exempt from tax. In other words, the church is not listed as a 501(c)(3) because no determination letter was requested. So the donor will hesitate to contribute. The church leaders STILL want me to file the Form 1023 and get the church a determination letter, WHICH I HESITATE TO DO, because it is against the IRS instructions.

So, my question is, how can a church PROVE to donors that they are tax exempt without filing the Form 1023??? There has got to be a way. How can donors be assured that the church is tax exempt and feel comfortable that they can get a bona fide charitable contribution.

The **Texas** data base DOES show the church to be tax exempt, but the donors are not going by that. It seems like a losing battle. I am tempted to tell the church that if they want someone to file the 1023, to please find somebody else. If I can accomplish the same outcome without it, that would be better, but I do not know how. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated

____ CPA

Partner

____ PC

Certified Public Accountants

____ BBA: ____ University 1983

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies: ____ University

Thank you in advance for your help!!!!

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Thu, Jan 28 at 4:23 PM

Dear Mr. _____,

I believe I have a simple answer for you. However, I will have to charge you for it. My charges are \$250.00 per hour. The reason is expressed below.

Note: I can only give you brief conclusory answers in this reply email. The ministry website, geraldfinney.com, has resources which explain these matters in detail. I will not charge you should you send an email requesting links to resources which explain my position on any matter. I will gladly reply with links, and remarks if called for.

I am a Bible believing follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my authority for all matters of faith and practice is the Word of God. I believe that the Bible makes clear that a New Testament church is to be under the authority of her espoused, the Lord Jesus Christ, and Him alone. Any type of legal status under man's law places a church under the authority of civil government for many purposes. For example, when a church incorporates, that church chooses to contract with the state and place herself under the rules that come with incorporation. Such a church becomes a legal entity subject to the 14th Amendment; and gives up her status as First Amendment only church. That church can now sue, be sued, act legally, be charged with a crime, etc. Likewise, a church who chooses to apply for 501c3 status or claims 508c1A status submits herself to the rules and regulations that come with 501c3. As to the 509c1A status, see [Church Internal Revenue Code § 508\(c\)\(1\)\(A\) Tax Exempt Status \(042814\)](#) ([Church Internal Revenue Code § 508\(c\)\(1\)\(A\) Tax Exempt Status](#)).

Our Lord is not pleased with a church who takes on another lover. Is it OK for a wife to commit adultery?

I would be glad to discuss this with you, but since you are seeking my expertise outside the bounds of this ministry, for churches and church members who are giving with an improper motive and who have violated Bible principles in church organization, I must charge for my earthly worldly, as opposed to heavenly, spiritual services.

God bless you and yours as you seek to please Him. If you have not been saved, I suggest that you go to the following webpage: [God's Plan of Salvation](#)

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_____ To: Jerald Finney Thu, Jan 28 at 5:11 PM

I would be glad to pay you for your professional services. That is not a concern. It is just the right thing to do. [I Cor 9:9].

In fact, it is a pleasant surprise to find someone who is knowledgeable about these matters. I am sure that I will have to pay for it myself, as my church client will most likely not be willing to pay for legal assistance.

What I am used to are lawyers who are Christian in name only. The lawyer who set it up here in _____ included language in the Certificate of Formation that the church would fall under 501(c)(3) and frankly, the main leaders of the church WANT to be a 501(c)(3) organization. WHY? Because other people [denominational leaders and big donors] tell them that they **need to be** 501(c)(3) to qualify for things, mostly donations. But that all happened before I was asked to assist them.

I purposely did not file the 1023 and was still able to get the State of Texas to allow them to be exempt from franchise tax and sales tax. So now they are on a state data base as exempt in Texas and the only reason the state approved that position was because they are a church and they have a "First Amendment non-taxable status". It does not appear that Texas has any argument with that?

I am just interested to know how a donor can be assured that the donation is tax deductible as a charitable contribution even though we did not file the 1023 and obtain a determination letter. Knowing that is certainly worth a little time and the fees that go with it. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

____ To:Jerald Finney Sat, Jan 30 at 12:48 PM

Is there a particular time next week that I can call you for a brief consult? Please let me know.
____ CPA

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: _____ Sat, Jan 30 at 2:49 PM

Dear Mr. _____,

It will only take a few minutes for me to write out that legal opinion regarding your question. If money were my motivation, I would simply ask you for a check and I would answer your question. But money is not my motivation. My motivation is the glory of God. To glorify God, I must ask you to consider some things.

Just reading and replying to your emails takes time, time which I could be using for Churches under Christ Ministry. Since I am not charging you yet, I request that you answer the questions below, and maybe more later; before I get to your question.

Did you read the article I sent you the link to? Here is the link again, for your convenience.

<https://geraldfinney.com/2014/04/28/church-internal-revenue-code-%C2%A7-508-tax-exempt-status/>

This article, and/or the Bible, raise some questions which I will ask you to answer before we go further:

1. Are you saved? I asked you this in the last email; but, in your reply, you simply ignored that I asked the question. If so, can you give me your testimony regarding your salvation? If you are not saved, please read and consider:
<https://geraldfinney.com/salvation-and-after/gods-plan-of-salvation-2/> .
2. Since 508c1A status puts a church in the same position as 501c3, why do you recommend 508c1A and why are you seemingly against 501c3?
3. I assume you have not warned the church you are helping that either 501c3 and 508c1A corporate status seriously violates New Testament church doctrine in that any type of legal entity status for a church puts that church under man's authority for many purposes and grieves our Lord, the espoused of the church?
4. Do you realize that giving to a church is unbiblical, whereas giving to God, according to His will as laid out in the Bible, is Biblical? There is a way for a church member to give to God rather than to a legal entity.
5. Do you realize that God's New Testament church doctrine makes clear that a church is entirely different from a business? Thus, a New Testament church under Christ can have no employees, pay no salaries, etc.
6. Do you understand that giving to a corporation for a tax deduction, rather than giving to God, because one loves Him, are two very different things; and that one pleases our Lord and the other causes Him to grieve.
7. Do you understand that the church you are helping is a business, and not a church under Christ and Christ alone?
8. Do you understand that the church you are helping causes our Lord great grief because of her spiritual adultery?

The Lord takes these matters very seriously as do I. I hope you will take the time to work with me on this. If you feel I am wasting your time, you can simply cease this communication. Jesus loves you, but he wants you to obey His commandments; that is, if you are his child. If you are not saved, you are not His.

God bless.

For His Glory,

Jerald

____ To:Jerald Finney, _____ Sun, Jan 31 at 5:08 PM

see responses below

From: Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 2:49 PM To: _____ Subject: Re: church matter

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1. Are you saved? **YES. I BELIEVED UPON AND ACCEPTED JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR IN AUGUST 1972 WHEN I WAS 11 YEARS OLD AND WAS BAPTIZED THAT SAME DAY IN THE EVENING SERVICE. MARK 16:16 Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.** I asked you this in the last email; but, in your reply, you simply ignored that I asked the question. If so, can you give me your testimony regarding your salvation? If you are not saved, please read and consider:
<https://jeraldfinney.com/salvation-and-after/gods-plan-of-salvation-2/> .
2. Since 508c1A status puts a church in the same position as 501c3, why do you recommend 508c1A and why are you seemingly against 501c3? **I WAS APPROACHED BY THE CHURCH AFTER THEY HAD ALREADY BECOME A 501(c)(3) PER THEIR FILING WITH THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE. I WAS JUST TRYING TO FOLLOW THE IRS INSTRUCTIONS AND NOT FILE THE FORM 1023 AS STATED IN THE IRS PUBLICATION AND/OR INSTRUCTIONS. SEE ATTACHMENT A.**
3. I assume you have not warned the church you are helping that either 501c3 and 508c1A corporate status seriously violates New Testament church doctrine in that any type of legal entity status for a church puts that church under man's authority for many purposes and grieves our Lord, the espoused of the church? **I STATED MY OBJECTION TO THEM BUT THEY HAD ALREADY BEEN FORMED AS A 501(c)(3) AND THEY WERE HAVING DONORS TELLING THEM THAT THEY NEEDED TO FILE THE 1023 AND GET A DETERMINATION LETTER. I TOLD THEM THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE TO FILE THE 1023 PER IRS INSTRUCTIONS. I DID HELP THEM GET EXEMPT STATUS WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS SO THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FILE FRANCHISE TAX RETURNS EVERY MAY 15TH.**
4. Do you realize that giving to a church is unbiblical, whereas giving to God, according to His will as laid out in the Bible, is Biblical? There is a way for a church member to give to God rather than to a legal entity. **YES, I BELIEVE IN GIVING TO GOD AS WELL. AND FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS.**
5. Do you realize that God's New Testament church doctrine makes clear that a church is entirely different from a business? Thus, a New Testament church under Christ can have no employees, pay no salaries, etc. **YES, I BELIEVE THAT IT IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT. I DO NOT KNOW OF A SINGLE CHURCH THAT OPERATES ACCORDING THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH DOCTRINE AS YOU HAVE DESCRIBED. IT WOULD BE REFRESHING IF THEY DID.**
6. Do you understand that giving for a tax deduction, rather than giving to God, because one loves Him are two very different things; and that one pleases our Lord and the other causes Him to grieve. **I REALIZE THAT THEY ARE TWO VERY DIFFERENT THINGS.**
7. Do you understand that the church you are helping is a business, and not a church under Christ and Christ alone? **IT APPEARS AS IF THEIR DONORS EXPECT THEM TO BE JUST THAT. THEY ARE ESSENTIALLY DEMANDING THAT THERE BE A DETERMINATION LETTER BEFORE THEY WILL DONATE. THE MINISTER AND HIS WIFE JUST WANT TO REACH PEOPLE FOR JESUS. THEY SERVE FAITHFULLY WITHOUT PAY. I SAY THAT BECAUSE I HAVE DONE THEIR PERSONAL TAX RETURN IN THE PAST, AND THERE IS NO INCOME FROM THE CHURCH. BACK IN THOSE DAYS, HE WORKED FOR THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT AND SHE RAN A DAYCARE.**
8. Do you understand that the church you are helping causes our Lord great grief because of her spiritual adultery? **I HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEEN AWARE OF THIS TYPE OF TEACHING. I HEARD IT FROM THE PROPHET MARK TAYLOR. IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE. HE SAYS HE IS PROHIBITED FROM THE LORD TO STEP FOOT IN ANY 501(c)(3) CHURCH. I SUPPOSE THAT IS EVERY CHURCH IN MY HOME TOWN. ALMOST EVERY CHURCH I KNOW OF. PERHAPS ALMOST EVERY CHURCH IN AMERICA. I AM SURE THAT IS NOT A SURPRISE TO YOU, AND THAT IS WHY YOUR MINISTRY EXISTS AND WORKS THE WAY IT DOES.**

The Lord takes these matters very seriously as do I. I hope you will take the time to work with me on this. If you feel I am wasting your time, you can simply cease this communication. Jesus loves you, but he wants you to obey His commandments; that is, if you are his child. If you are not saved, you are not His.

God bless.

For His Glory,

Jerald

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Sun, Jan 31 at 10:40 PM

Dear Brother,

Thanks for answering. I will be glad to speak with you on this matter, but I am very very busy this week. You can try to give me a call tomorrow evening. If I don't answer, leave a VM and I will return your call asap.

Jerald

Jan. 29: Call from Pastor _____. He wanted to know how to report the gifts to support his family. I explained that he could not fill out Schedule C, because it is for income from a business. I explained how to report it so as not to violate Bible principle (so as to honor God) while also honoring his obligation to Caesar (government).

Jan. This month, I also added 4 new pages to the ministry website. These pages are relevant because what is happening in our nation has implications which are very relevant to the local churches and to Bible prophecy which is unfolding before our eyes. Those 4 pages are:

5. [News](#)
6. [President Trump](#)
7. [Biden/Harris: The Great Reset](#)
8. [New World Order](#)

Jan. 30: Published [False Prophets in America Are Doing Great Damage to the Cause of Christ](#).

____ To: gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Sun, Jan 31 at 4:04 PM

I am somewhat familiar with your website concerning trusts for Ministries.

Our ministry has been operating for about 10 years. We are small, but have been consistently growing. At first we believed we need to be an incorporated non-profit. But after some reach, we realize that would be a mistake. Then, proceed to look into other options, that could possibly aid our growth.

This is when we found your website concerning trusts. My question to you is: Do you do the writing of the Declaration of the Trust papers, in forming the trust? If so, what is the cost you charge?

I am in the midst of writing a constitution for our ministry, am I duplicating something my doing this or could this constitution document be along side of forming a ministry Trust?

My bank is asking for proof or documentation of the ministry to open up a bank account. But I do not think/feel right about putting the name of our ministry on the account or getting an E.I.N. number in the name of the ministry.

We believe we need counsel and guidance on these spiritual matters.

Is there a time when we I could speak with you, either over the phone, or through a zoom call?

If by phone, then please give me a day and time best suited to your convenience, when you can take a call from me.

Blessings....____

Jerald Finney gerald.finney@sbcglobal.net To: ____ Sun, Jan 31 at 10:46 PM

Dear Mrs. _____,

To save us both time, let me just say that this ministry helps "churches" organize according to the principles of the New Testament. We do not help "ministries." God bless. Jerald

This was continued the first of February with another email from this person. See the March 1 Newsletter for the rest of this story.

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