



# **BLC Newsletter**

## **September 1, 2018**



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and one and only head of **HIS** churches.

- 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.**”

**Our thoughts and prayers continue for Dr. Dixon and his dear wife, Sister Wanda Dixon. God bless you both. We love you.**

### **NEW BLC LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION**

In case some of you have not heard, Dr. Greg Dixon and Pastor Greg A. Dixon have passed the BLC torch. I am now the National Director and Chief Counsel of the BLC. Dr. Dixon has graciously agreed to act as Assistant Director. His knowledge, leadership, advice, and direction will be invaluable as the BLC goes forward. I will endeavor to do all I can to make sure the Dixon BLC legacy is honored as I strive to continue the work of the BLC which they labored at for so many years.

The BLC was a ministry of Indianapolis Baptist Temple until two or three weeks ago when, at the request of Dr. Dixon, Charity Baptist Tabernacle and Pastor Benjamin Hickam enthusiastically accepted the role as overseer of the ministry. The BLC is now under the authority of CBT. CBT, under the leadership of Pastor Hickam, will oversee and actively participate in the BLC ministry. Pastor Hickam has already begun teaching on important Bible doctrines concerning church organization. The members of CBT are excited about overseeing the ministry.

In the event that I step down as National Director of the BLC, am incapacitated so that I cannot serve, or go home to be with the Lord, I and Charity Baptist Tabernacle have agreed that the BLC will go back under the authority of Indianapolis Baptist Temple.

Pastor Benjamin Hickam, his dad and former pastor of CBT Larry Hickam, CBT evangelist Caleb Hickam, and the other members of CBT are greatly honored and humbled by being chosen by Brother Greg and Dr. Dixon to carry on this work. We will give our dedicated service to the ministry for the Glory of God.

### **A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BEN HICKAM**

Dear Brothers,

My name is Ben Hickam. I am the pastor of Charity Baptist Tabernacle in Amarillo, Texas. I am very excited about God allowing our church to be part of the ministry of the Biblical Law Center. We are very thankful that God led Brother Finney to be a part of our church, and we are thankful to have a part in this ministry.

My Dad started this church in his home in 1994 when I was only seven years old. He wasn't sure really what all to do as far as incorporation was concerned so he just waited a little while and God showed him through the scripture that the Lord should be the authority of His church.

I believe that Jesus Christ is to be the Head of the church because that is what the Bible says. I am convinced that God is very clear in His word on the subject. Ephesians 1:22 "And hath put all things under His feet ,and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.

God purchased His church with His own blood at Calvary, Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." Jesus Christ should have sole authority over what He gave His life for. The purpose of His church is to serve HIM! Romans 6:16 "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" If we place God's church under man's authority then we have yielded to man, and have become servants to someone other than the Lord.

Because of what the Bible says, I believe that this is a very important ministry. I appreciate all the labor and sacrifice that Dr. Dixon, Pastor Greg A. Dixon, and Brother Finney along with many others have bestowed on this ministry, and we are looking forward to continue the work. If we can assist you in any way please feel free to contact myself or Brother Finney. My phone # is (806)220-9622 and my email address is [benhickam@gmail.com](mailto:benhickam@gmail.com). Please pray for us as we try to do the work that God has called us to do.

May God bless you and your labor for Him.

#### **A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

In early 2017, Brother Greg A. Dixon and Dr. Greg Dixon, due to the departure of their dearly beloved legal assistant Barbara Ketay, asked if I would work for the BLC as legal counsel. In January 2018, Brother Greg and Dr. Dixon asked me to become National Director and lead counsel for the BLC. In early 2018, the Lord made clear that he wanted me to move to Amarillo, Texas and to become a member of Charity Baptist Tabernacle. Selling the house in Minnesota, buying a house in Amarillo, moving, getting my Texas Bar License reinstated, and all the other matters related to the move have consumed me since then until now. Praise the Lord, I am again ready to go full steam ahead for His Glory.

In 2017, the BLC talked and counseled with numerous believers about the matter of church organization and helped 7 churches establish a trust relationship whereby the gifts and offerings of all church members and all properties are held in a trust estate owned solely by the Lord Jesus Christ and managed by the Pastor/Trustee solely for the His benefit. The documents which are used to establish this relationship with money and property—a Resolution and a Declaration of Trust—are updated and improved so as to explain all relevant matters in some detail. The BLC also helped and counseled with up and going churches who had already ordered their affairs according to the BLC recommended trust relationship.

In 2018, the BLC has helped one church implement the improved Declaration of Trust, is now helping one other church do so, and is communicating with some other churches and believers concerning church organization according to Bible principles. In addition, I am talking with two believers who are planning to approach pastors and churches about the New Testament guidelines for proper church organization under Christ and Christ alone. I am finishing a more thorough BLC mailing list, working with a pastor/trustee on a bank account matter, and preparing to attend the September 16-19, 2018 First annual Southwest Baptist Heritage Camp (See below for details). As always, I spend considerable time working on the "Separation of Church and State Law Website." In the future, I will also be devoting time to the Biblical Law Center website which Dr. Dixon founded and administered until now.

The first CBT BLC meeting will be on September 1, 2018. I will send out the next BLC Newsletter on or about October 1, 2018 with subsequent newsletters to be e-mailed the first of each month thereafter. The Newsletter will cover important BLC matters. I may also send out other "Alerts" as the need arises and the Lord leads.

### **FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE BLC**

Working together with you, we can continue to educate and help knowledgeable churches who want to organize under the Lord Jesus Christ and Him only.

The BLC and CBT, with Jerald Finney walking point for the BLC ministry, will be available at all times for calls, questions, comments, suggestions, etc. from churches and interested believers. We will daily be doing the Lord's BLC work: writing, researching, studying, teaching, discussing, counseling, helping, organizing, etc.

Some specific activities which we have begun to consider include:

- Opening communication between those in the BLC circle of believers.
- Conference calls to actively include church members whose churches are already organized under the Declaration of Trust and other interested parties. For example I would love any BLC pastor or other church member who wants to share his story to have a forum such communcations. I have been privy to some amazing stories which blessed me and would bless and inspire others.
- A yearly church organization conference at CBT or some other central location.
- Podcasts.

We will go forward as the Lord leads. We are convinced that the He is going to continue to do great things through the BLC ministry. Your comments, suggestions, teachings, and testimonials are helpful to the cause and greatly appreciated by all concerned.

### **Upcoming Events**

**September 16-19, 2018:** First annual Southwest Baptist Heritage Camp Meeting hosted by Liberty Baptist Church, 5700 Coors Blvd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121; 501-933-9052; Orlando Pineda/Host Pastor. **See flyer attached to the e-mail for schedule and further information.** Heritage Baptist Church is a church under Christ only which has established a trust estate through the Declaration of Trust.

**October 15-17, 2018:** UBF 34<sup>TH</sup> National Meeting hosted by Fairland Baptist Temple, 7051 N 600 W., Fairland, Indiana 46126, 867-697-6598, Tom Chestnut/Host Pastor. **See the last page of "The Trumpet" which is attached to the e-mail for the UBF schedul for more information or go to [www.unregisteredbaptistfellowship.org](http://www.unregisteredbaptistfellowship.org).**

### **Featured Article and Sermon for September 2018**

**Article: "DID PRESIDENT TRUMP DO AWAY WITH 501(C)(3) REQUIREMENTS?"** Read the article online at: <https://jeraldfinney.com/2017/12/02/did-president-trump-do-away-with-501c3-requirements/>

**Sermon: "The Shekels and a Shrit,"** Paris Reidhead

Go to <https://jeraldfinney.com/miscellaneous/sermons/> and scroll down – this is the first sermon listed.

### **BLC websites**

<http://biblicallawcenter.com/>

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