



# BLC Newsletter

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

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- 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.**”

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

#### NEW STRUCTURE: NO LONGER TO CONTINUE AS THE BIBLICAL LAW CENTER

Several new names have been added to the BLC mailing list during the last month. Two new articles and one updated and revised article were published on the BLC Separation of Church and State website—see “Featured Sermons, Articles, and Books” section below.

I continue to receive and respond to e-mails and calls from various persons: pastors who wish to organize churches under the Lord Jesus Christ only, believers who are talking to their pastors about church corporate 501(c)(3) status, and from others concerning 501(c)(3), non-profit corporation, and other matters. You can see some of the latest important questions and answers at: <https://jeraldfinney.com/blc-newsletters/questions-and-answers-on-various-topics/>. I am now helping pastors and churches in California and Montana restructure according to New Testament church guidelines.

In November 2018, I received calls and emails from and responded at length to inquiries about New Testament church organization from pastors and other believers in the following states: Pennsylvania, Virginia, Montana, Kansas, California, and Iowa. Those calls were very encouraging and positive. Two pastors are definitely on board to begin the process of moving from corporate to New Testament status.

#### New Organization

The work goes on and will, Lord willing. However, it will now go on under a new structure. I have discussed this with Dr. Greg Dixon and he agrees with the new direction. The work will continue with Jerald Finney as evangelist out of Charity Baptist Tabernacle. Each church which establishes a trust relationship with money and property by executing a Resolution Adopting a Declaration of Trust and corresponding Declaration of Trust will also be adopting a separation of church and state law ministry as they see fit. Each church will be considered a lighthouse for the battle for the cause of New Testament church organization. Hopefully some churches will actively and with passion participate in this very important ministry, educate their members on the preeminent Bible doctrine of the church and related doctrines.

Churches in America, in general and except for a remnant, have betrayed their espoused, the Lord Jesus Christ, by becoming legal entities (corporations sole or aggregate, unincorporated associations, 501c3 or 508 tax exempt organizations, and other types of legal entities). A church in America can organize and do anything outside the guidelines of the New Testament for church organization and neither the IRS or anyone else will bother them. Churches whose authorities are the state and federal government (for example, corporate 501c3 or 508 churches) have openly announced their plans to preach on politics, gone through with their plans, and sent the IRS copies of

the sermons they preached (ADF Pulpit initiatives, for example). Their hope was that their authority, the federal government thought its agency, the IRS, would call them in so that they could litigate the issue. Their position is that they have a First Amendment right which they hope their head will uphold. Stupid. They voluntarily applied for or claimed and received legal status which places them under the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment as a legal person for many purposes. They are ignorant of Bible principle, law, and history.

Those churches do not understand that, as unrepentant legal entities, they are no longer—if they ever were-- churches of Christ or churches under Christ. They are at best spiritual fornicators who have dishonored their espoused, the Lord Jesus Christ. See, [\*\*The Rose of Sharon \(Transcript of a sermon depicting the love relationship between Christ and His local visible church , emphasizing the importance of organization under Christ only as opposed to corporate 501c3 or 508 status or legal status of any kind\)\(120118\)\*\*](#), and [\*\*The Bible Answer to the Question, “Is an Incorporated 501\(c\)\(3\) or 508 Church a Church of Christ?”\*\*](#).

Based upon what the Bible teaches, I believe Satan is now saying to the Lord:

“Just look at American churches. They have betrayed you. Because of their betrayal, millions blaspheme your name and the name of your Son who gave His life for them. You have removed many of their candlesticks and they are not yours anymore. They are mine! Not only that, many “churches” are being started which are not yours from the inception! Millions put these betrayers and imposters in the same bucket with your small remnant of churches and totally discount consideration of anything to do with you! Most Americans laugh and ridicule those who do try to tell them about the real Jesus! Because my followers have fought tirelessly on all fronts, and your followers have hardly fought at all, I am winning! Some of those churches call themselves Churches of Satan. Most don’t do so, but most are Churches of Satan!”

Of course, Christ has already won, but Satan will take as many as he can down with him.

The new organizational plans are being implemented so as to, hopefully, fight more effectively for the cause of the Bride of Christ. Under those plans, as an evangelist out of Charity Baptist Tabernacle, I will help only those churches who reach out to me. Churches who get on board and become or stay churches under Christ, churches of Christ, will be encouraged to individually and autonomously fight this battle in unity with other churches now and when Dr. Dixon and I am gone.

Please do not hesitate to call me about these matters or for any reason. 512-785-8445.

### **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. Hopefully many new churches as well as existing churches will become “lighthouses” for this cause.

Jerald Finney, New Testament church organization evangelist out of Charity Baptist Tabernacle, will be available at all times for calls, questions, comments, suggestions, etc. from churches and interested believers. I will daily be fighting the Lord’s church organizational battles: writing, researching, studying, teaching, discussing, counseling, helping, organizing, etc.

Some specific activities which we have implemented or possible implement include:

- Opening communication between those in the BLC circle of believers.
- Conference calls and/or online conferences 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 communications. 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.
- State and regional organization as well as national organization.

- Podcasts.
- Classes here in Amarillo covering the Doctrine of the Church and church corporate 501c3 status.

We will go forward as the Lord leads. Your comments, suggestions, teachings, and testimonials are helpful to the cause and greatly appreciated by all concerned.

### Featured Sermons, Essays, and Books

**Sermons:** Go to the sermons page of the Biblical Law Center: Separation of Church and State/The Biblical Principles and the American Application website (<https://jeraldfinney.com/miscellaneous/sermons/>) for links to great relevant sermons such as Dr. Greg Dixon 2005 sermon "**Authority, The Greatest Thing In The Universe**", Jerald Finney's message, "**Is an Incorporated 501(c)3 Church a Church of Christ?**" etc.

**Essays:** Two new entries were published in November 2018 on the ministry website (<https://jeraldfinney.com/>). Go to that page for links to those and other essays:

- (1) Essay No. 114 on the above webpage: **The Rose of Sharon** (Transcript of a sermon depicting the love relationship between Christ and His local visible church , emphasizing the importance of organization under Christ only as opposed to corporate 501c3 or 508 status or legal status of any kind);
- (2) Essay No. 113 on the webpage: **A World of Children** (111318).

**Books:** The following and other books by Jerald Finney are free online in PDF, online form, and Kindle, and may be ordered. Go to the [free online, PDF and order page for books by Jerald Finney](#).

- PDF of short but comprehensive book: ***Separation of Church and State/God's Churches: Spiritual or Legal Entities?*** A great resource which explains church non-profit corporate 501c3 and 508 status and addresses many of the excuses for choosing church legal entity status. Free downloadable audio of that book: <https://jeraldfinney.com/2017/01/24/audio-audio-separation-of-church-and-stategods-churches-spiritual-or-legal-entities/>
- PDF of booklet: ***The Most Important Thing: Loving God or Winning Souls?*** Of course, if one loves God, he will seek to win souls. But many pastors state that the most important thing is winning souls, so just forget about the church corporate 501c3 issue, realizing that they have left their first love when they submit to any other authority other than the Lord Jesus Christ.
- PDF of Booklet: ***Render Unto God the Things that Are His: A Systematic Study of Romans 13 and Related Verses***. This 50 page book exposes the lie that certain verses and American law require churches to become legal entities such as corporate 501c3 and 508 entities.

### BLC websites

<https://jeraldfinney.com/> (Browse this page for a wealth of informational resources)

<http://biblicallawcenter.com/>

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