



Churches Under Christ Newsletter

December 1, 2019

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

A ministry under the authority of Charity Baptist Tabernacle, Amarillo TX, Pastor Ben Hickam.

Purpose of the ministry: To Glorify God in helping churches organize totally under the Lord Jesus Christ and operate according to New Testament Church Doctrine.

No charges. See [Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines](#).

This conflict between established and God's people and churches has always been one of authority.

- 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."

IN MEMORY OF DR. GREG DIXON

A BRIEF REVIEW OF SOME DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING NOVEMBER 2019

1. **November 24, 2019:** Another church in Texas formally executed the trust documents. Their next step is to open a trust bank account. **This makes 13 churches who have drafted trust documents in 2019, most of whom have already executed their documents and are proceeding as churches under Christ alone according to New Testament Church Doctrine!!!! Even those who have not yet executed their docs are operating as churches under Christ since there is no property ownership or other matters which compromise their position as churches under Christ according to New Testament church doctrine. They are preparing for the**

time when execution of the documents will help them proceed without compromise. They have already established a trust relationship without formal documents explaining that relationship.

2. **November 1, 2019:** Call from a deacon of a church in western Nebraska. They are interested in getting out of 501c3 corporate status. We talked for some time and I gave him the name of a church and pastor in Nebraska which now is organized as a church under Christ using a Declaration of Trust.
3. **November 1, 2019:** Call from a man who is interested in the trust. He, his family, and one other individual now live in property once used by an incorporated 501c3 church.... The property is also now used for some business activity. He wants to buy the property. I explained that the first consideration is Biblical. The church must first be ordered according to New Testament church principles. Only then can this ministry proceed to help the church establish a relationship with property (real and personal, personal property to include money and bank account). I explained that religious property tax exemption for religious purposes requires that the property be used for religious purposes only, that the property cannot be used for business purposes, etc.
4. **November 4, 2019:** Call from pastor in Pennsylvania to whom I have been discussing church organization since July, 2019. Some members wanted to know if there was a nearby church which is already organized as we recommend. Gave him the name of a nearby Pastor and church in Pennsylvania who established the trust relationship by adopting the Resolution and Declaration of Trust years ago.
5. **November 17, 2019:** Conference call with pastor and other church members in Virginia church which is preparing to execute trust documents.
6. **November 17, 2019:** Contacted by a Pastor in California who wishes to look into organizing a New Testament Church.
7. **November 20, 2019:** Published the following webpage: [Documents Which Establish a Church under Christ Alone](#).
8. On Thursday, November 28, 2019, 04:33:10 AM CST, _____:To whom it may concern, I was interested in finding out what you thought of the 508c1a and if you helped with this? Or maybe you recommend something else? Thank you very much! _____
9. On Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 10:35:54 AM CST, _____ wrote: Please send information on how to separate from 501c3. Thank you God bless you
10. On Sunday, November 17, 2019, 05:18:28 PM CST, _____ wrote:Dear Jerald Finney, National Director and In-House Counsel of the Biblical Law Center [I was referred to <http://biblicallawcenter.com/> by Mark Taylor [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkUmEgV_LOA], I am a member of the _____ with no authority, but am concerned about the _____'s proposals of dissolution and reorganization into multiple separate 501c3 churches. Our congregation has taken a wait and see posture, but I personally would appreciate your guidance? A year ago I sent a couple emails to the _____ regarding IRC 501(c)(3) alternatives, but received no response. Dead end – too well rooted. The new worldwide _____ dissolution proposals are scheduled to be voted on sometime _____. The _____ had voted earlier to reject LGBT proposals and stay a traditional _____ Church.... Instead of accepting the election results, the LGBT group has proposed to dissolve and reorganize us into multiple churches [i.e., our top leadership disagrees with its individual churches]. Others may feel like me in wanting to be a Biblical congregation free of 501c3 control. Are you aware of the _____ turmoil (multiple reorganization proposals)? [https://_____] Have any other _____ members contacted you for guidance? Any thoughts you care to share? Thank you so much for your service to our sweet Lord Jesus, the Christ! Sincerely, _____
11. On Monday, November 18, 2019, 01:25:42 PM CST, _____ wrote: Hello, How do I go about finding a non 501c3 church? I live in Chattanooga TN. Or could you steer me in the right direction? Thanks for any help you can provide. _____

12. _____ To: jerald.finney@sbcglobal.net Nov 13 at 3:47 PM Mr. Finney, I left you a voice mail message today, but thought I'd email you as well. I've been speaking to my pastor about the 501C3 and trying to educate him on the real reasoning behind it. He is entertaining looking into this, but I have no idea where to start in this endeavor. I've gotten your information off of Mark Taylor's web page. The information on your site is overwhelming. I need starting point as this will be passed along to our deacon board at some point. Which means, I'd like to have a proper sequence of information. My pastor has gone to your site and his response was, "Where does it discuss 501C3 status and other options? I looked around and couldn't find anything."
- His questions are, "If our church was no longer a 501C3, how would it operate? He understands the problem, but hasn't heard any good solutions yet. So he's asked me to look closer in it. Hoping that you can give me a road map into options and what that would look like for our church. Blessings,
13. From: [woman pastor] Subject: PER OUR CONVERSATION: Unincorporate & Remove 501 (c) 3 Message Body: Mr. Finney, I spoke to you earlier and you preferred that we talk later tonight. I'm from California and have a church plant that is Incorporated and under the 501 (c) 3. I was originally referred to you by Mark Taylor's website. The ministry is currently under The Missionary Church International, Columbia, NC & Bishop Coulter. Thank you, [Name given – woman pastor][Phone Number given]. **I called her and kindly explained that this ministry cannot help churches with women pastors since such a church is in violation of important New Testament Church doctrine.**
14. On Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 01:02:15 PM CST, _____ wrote: Dear Jerald Finney, I am unable to find any resources online on how to set up a biblical New Testament Baptist church. Do you have any resources that could be emailed to me on how we can do this? We have been operating now for 6 years under a fictitious name for legal purposes, but need to establish things as suggested on your website. Thank you for your help in this matter, Pastor _____; [Address and phone number]
15. On November 11, 2019 I received a call from a pastor who had been referred by two former members of the church who had become aware of the ramifications of church 501(c)(3). They had talked to the pastor in hopes that he would understand the matter. Their hope was that he would repent and get out of the 501(c)(3) church status. He had his mind made up and gave the usual arguments for 501(c)(3) given by postmodernist pastors and the same type arguments that churches have always given for their unholy alliances. I explained the problems with his position, according to New Testament Church doctrine, but to no avail. The two members had another meeting with him, to no avail.
16. On Monday, November 11, 2019, 06:54:16 AM CST, _____ wrote: Hi Jerald. My condolences re the passing of Brother Dixon. You may recall our lengthy phone conversation of a few months ago. I am ready to proceed with the establishment of my own Church under Christ and would like to discuss practical aspects. I don't recall you mentioning the Declaration of Trust option during our discussion, but I'd like to explore that further. Blessings, Dr. _____, Founder, _____ Church
17. From: _____ Date: Fri, Nov 8, 2019 at 4:27 PM Subject: Weblog title "Church" From: _____ <_____> Subject: Church Message Body: I recently took a "church" and we voted to dissolve old and start new. We own no property, the final authority is the AV (KJB). We are in a cross hire of checking account. Advice would be helpful. 10-average attendance. Thanks, Pastor _____
18. On Thursday, October 31, 2019, 08:00:03 PM EDT, _____ wrote: I have been talking to our head elder about breaking free from a 501c3 and putting Jesus Christ in charge of our church. I shared with him some of the stuff we talked about a month ago and he was hoping you could send more information on how to do this. Whatever you could send on this and establishing a declaration of trust would be appreciated. Thanks _____ of _____. He sent another e-mail asking: **"What if the**

Trustee steals or embezzles from the Trust Estate?" to which I responded and also sent a link to an article which deals with that question.

19. On Thursday, October 24, 2019, 04:51:26 PM EDT, _____ wrote: Good afternoon, I just read your article intitled " What to do" concerning a declaration of trust, I talked to my CPA as we have a ministry in our home, and she says we also have to have a FEIN. Is this true ? I need to know so I can be in compliance and not have this ministry in any trouble. Thank you so very much. I look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely, _____, _____ Ministry [Phone Number]

Featured Sermons, Essays, and Books

Online Studies: [Bible Studies which explain the Doctrine of Separation of Church and State.](#) [The History of the First Amendment.](#)

Webpage published in November: [Documents Which Establish a Church under Christ Alone.](#)

Links to short teachings on questions important to churches under Christ: [Short Answers to Some Important Questions.](#)

For answers to false arguments given by uninformed pastors and "Christian" Attorneys for church corporate 501(c)(3) status, see [Separation of Church and State/God's Churches: Spiritual or Legal Entities?](#)

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