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# WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

**Every day, the headlines remind us** that our world is moving farther away from Biblical truth. Nations once greatly influenced by Christianity are now embracing secularism, false religions, moral confusion, and philosophies that deny the saving power of Jesus Christ. In many places where churches once flourished, unbelief and indifference now prevail.

Here in America, we are witnessing a similar decline in morality and spiritual conviction. Dishonesty, rebellion, and immorality are increasingly accepted as normal. Many openly reject Biblical standards while embracing the mindset that life on earth is short and should be spent pursuing personal pleasure, success, and the so-called “American Dream,” rather than living sacrificially for the will and glory of God. This self-centered philosophy has led countless young people into lives without lasting purpose.

At the same time, many schools, media outlets, and cultural influences promote ideas that oppose the clear teachings of God’s Word. Our children and grandchildren are constantly exposed to messages that deny truth, weaken faith, and encourage compromise.

Yet amid the darkness, there is still hope — because God always has a faithful remnant. Across America and around the world, there are pastors who still preach the Bible without apology, missionaries who continue carrying the Gospel to the lost, churches that still stand for truth, and Christians who are faithfully witnessing to their neighbors, coworkers, and communities.

Many believers are praying earnestly for revival. Parents and grandparents are teaching their children the Scriptures. Soul winners are

still handing out Gospel tracts. Young people are still surrendering their lives to serve Christ. God is still saving souls, changing lives, and building His Church.

This is not the time for Christians to retreat in fear or remain silent. This is the time to stand faithfully, lovingly, and courageously for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The answer to the problems of our nation will never be found merely in politics, entertainment, or social reform. True hope is found only in Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed for the salvation of mankind.

At CLA, we must continue encouraging churches, pastors, missionaries, and believers everywhere to remain steadfast in proclaiming the Gospel and defending Biblical truth. The work of Christian education, publishing sound materials, supporting ministries, and strengthening local churches is more important now than ever before.

The CLA exists to encourage believers to stand firm in their faith, provide Christ-honoring resources, and promote the unchanging truth of God’s Word in a changing world. Through faithful churches and dedicated Christians working together, we can continue reaching souls and strengthening future generations for Christ.

The Apostle Paul declared in Romans 1:16, **“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.”**

May we never become silent witnesses. The world desperately needs the truth of God’s Word, and the Lord has entrusted that message to us. Let us pray more fervently, witness more boldly, and stand more faithfully than ever before.

# ENCOURAGEMENT:

## *Faithfulness in Both Calling and Care*

In ministry, much of the focus is naturally placed on serving others—preaching, teaching, discipling, and reaching the community. Legal matters, policies, and documentation can sometimes feel like distractions from that calling rather than a part of it.

However, Scripture consistently reminds us that faithfulness is not only seen in the visible work of ministry, but also in the care and stewardship behind the scenes.

When a church takes time to clarify its leadership structure, it is not merely handling paperwork—it is protecting unity. When a ministry updates its policies, it is not simply meeting requirements—it is creating an environment where people can be served with consistency and integrity. When a believer seeks guidance before responding to a difficult situation, they are not acting out of fear, but out of wisdom.

These quieter decisions often go unnoticed, but they play a significant role in sustaining long-term ministry.

We regularly hear from pastors and leaders who say, “I just want to do what’s right.” That desire is both simple and powerful. And in many cases, taking a thoughtful, informed approach to legal matters is part of living out that commitment.

It is also worth remembering that you are not alone in these situations. Many others are navigating similar questions—how to respond, how to prepare, and how to move forward in a way that honors both their faith and their responsibilities.



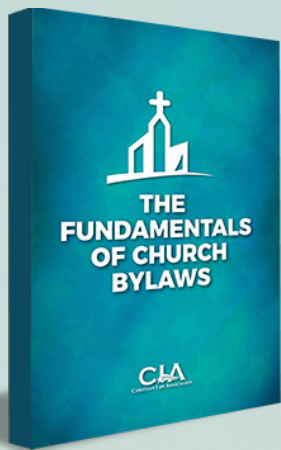
Approaching these matters with care does not weaken a ministry’s spiritual focus—it strengthens it. It removes unnecessary obstacles, reduces confusion, and allows leaders to move forward with confidence and peace.

In the end, legal stewardship is not separate from ministry—it supports it.

As you continue serving, we encourage you to view these responsibilities not as burdens, but as tools. With the right guidance and preparation, they can help preserve the work God has entrusted to you and allow it to continue for years to come.

### THE CHRISTIAN LAW ASSOCIATION PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Free legal defense of those facing difficulties for the Biblical faith
- Free legal counsel to churches and Christians for their ministries
- Free legal help to homeschooling families
- Publication of *The Legal Alert*, a monthly newsletter
- Legal books and other resources to inform Christians of their rights
- Preaching in churches across the country
- Intercessory prayer ministry for requests sent to the ministry offices
- Free legal consulting to local, state, and federal officials and legislators to provide maximum religious liberty
- Prayer initiative for our national leadership and government
- Legal seminars for ministries to help prevent lawsuits
- Weekday radio program broadcast, *The Legal Alert*, on 1,600 outlets around the world



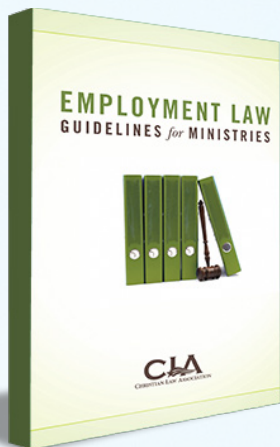
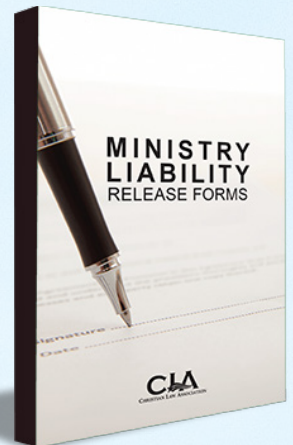
## Review Your Church Bylaws Regularly:

Church bylaws are not just formalities—they guide leadership decisions, voting procedures, and conflict resolution. If your bylaws are outdated or unclear, it can create confusion during critical moments. Reviewing them every few years helps ensure they still reflect how your church actually operates.

## Keep Clear Boundaries for Facility Use:

If outside groups use your church building, a written facility use agreement is essential. It should outline expectations, responsibilities, and liability coverage. This helps protect the church while still allowing ministry opportunities.

**Note:** *The Fundamentals of Church Bylaws* includes facility use policies and other helpful information. *Ministry Liability Release Forms* is a helpful resource for outreaches and other ministry related events. **Please, contact our offices with any specific questions.**



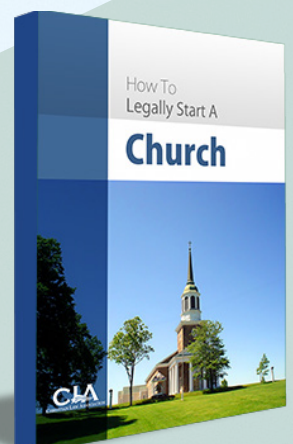
## Be Careful with Employment Classifications:

Misclassifying workers as independent contractors instead of employees can lead to significant legal and tax issues. When in doubt, review roles carefully—especially for administrative staff, teachers, or regular workers—to ensure proper classification.

## Understand Zoning Before You Expand:

Before adding services, starting a school, or increasing building usage, check how your property is classified under local zoning laws. Even churches can face restrictions related to parking, occupancy limits, or traffic flow. Addressing these early can prevent complaints or enforcement actions later.

**Note:** *How to Legally Start a Church* does not specifically mention zoning, but can be a great stepping point when starting a ministry. **Please, contact our offices with any specific zoning questions.**



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[WWW.CHRISTIANLAW.ORG](http://WWW.CHRISTIANLAW.ORG)

# PRAYER & PRAISE CHECKLIST

## ○ ALABAMA

**Prayer:** Pray for a church seeking approval to renovate its building after questions were raised by local officials.

**Praise:** Praise God for a student who was recently encouraged and is now confidently sharing invitations to church with classmates.

## ○ ALASKA

**Prayer:** Pray for a pastor needing guidance on handling a sensitive counseling situation within the church.

**Praise:** We thank the Lord for a remote ministry that successfully completed its nonprofit requirements and continues serving its community.

## ○ ARIZONA

**Prayer:** Pray for a believer facing workplace concerns related to requesting time off for religious observance.

**Praise:** Praise God for a church that recently resolved a property issue and resumed weekly outreach events.

## ○ ARKANSAS

**Prayer:** Pray for a ministry working through insurance questions related to hosting community programs.

**Praise:** We are grateful for an individual who received help establishing a nonprofit now actively serving others.

## ○ CALIFORNIA

**Prayer:** Pray for a church awaiting a zoning decision that will determine its ability to meet in a new location.

**Praise:** Praise the Lord for a Christian school that strengthened its policies and is operating with greater confidence.

## ○ COLORADO

**Prayer:** Pray for a Christian camp preparing for summer, specifically in reviewing safety and liability concerns.

**Praise:** We thank God for a pastor who found clarity in a church governance matter, bringing unity to leadership.

## ○ CONNECTICUT

**Prayer:** Pray for a church addressing employment classification questions for its staff.

**Praise:** Praise God for a small group that has successfully organized and begun meeting as an established church.

## ○ DELAWARE

**Prayer:** Pray for a new ministry navigating the legal steps required to begin operations.

**Praise:** We are thankful for a church that received guidance on facility use and has expanded its outreach efforts.

## ○ FLORIDA

**Prayer:** Pray for a Christian school administrator making decisions about handbook updates and policies.

**Praise:** Praise God for a family that received legal clarity regarding their rights and now has peace moving forward.

## ○ GEORGIA

**Prayer:** Pray for a believer encountering challenges when expressing his faith in a public setting.

**Praise:** We thank the Lord for a church that successfully held a large outreach event after resolving permit questions.

## ○ HAWAII

**Prayer:** Pray for a ministry seeking a permanent meeting location after losing access to its previous space.

**Praise:** Praise God for a pastor who received counsel on leadership structure and is guiding his church effectively.

## ○ IDAHO

**Prayer:** Pray for a church reviewing agreements as it allows outside groups to use its facility.

**Praise:** We are grateful for a ministry that recently obtained tax-exempt status and is expanding its services.

## ○ ILLINOIS

**Prayer:** Pray for an individual working through the process of forming a new nonprofit outreach.

**Praise:** Praise God for a church that resolved an internal dispute and is now unified in its mission.

## ○ INDIANA

**Prayer:** Pray for a church updating its child protection policies and volunteer screening processes.

**Praise:** We thank the Lord for a student who was encouraged to stand firm and is sharing his faith at school.

## ○ IOWA

**Prayer:** Pray for a pastor seeking guidance on decision-making authority within church leadership.

**Praise:** Praise God for a ministry that successfully navigated compliance questions and continues serving locally.

## ○ KANSAS

**Prayer:** Pray for a ministry awaiting approval of its tax-exempt application.

**Praise:** We are thankful for a church that resolved a facility concern and can now host regular services again.

## ○ KENTUCKY

**Prayer:** Pray for a church facing questions from local officials about hosting events on its property.

**Praise:** Praise God for an individual who received help and has launched a new outreach ministry.

## ○ LOUISIANA

**Prayer:** Pray for a ministry working through insurance and rebuilding questions after storm damage.

**Praise:** We thank the Lord for a pastor who received guidance and is now leading with renewed assurance.

## ○ MAINE

**Prayer:** Pray for a small church needing help updating outdated bylaws and organizational documents.

**Praise:** Praise God for a fellowship that secured a new meeting place and is growing steadily.

## ○ MARYLAND

**Prayer:** Pray for a student navigating how to express his faith appropriately within school guidelines.

**Praise:** We are grateful for a church that strengthened its internal policies and is operating with clarity.

## ○ MASSACHUSETTS

**Prayer:** Pray for a church working through local restrictions affecting its weekly gatherings.

**Praise:** Praise God for a ministry leader who experienced reconciliation within the church body.

## ○ MICHIGAN

**Prayer:** Pray for a pastor dealing with conflict among members, seeking a peaceful resolution.

**Praise:** We thank the Lord for a Christian school that successfully updated its policies and procedures.

## ○ MINNESOTA

**Prayer:** Pray for a church addressing facility safety concerns identified during a recent inspection.

**Praise:** Praise God for a believer who was strengthened to stand firm in a workplace situation.

## ○ MISSISSIPPI

**Prayer:** Pray for a pastor seeking clarity on counseling responsibilities and legal considerations.

**Praise:** We are thankful for a church that completed important document updates for future stability.

- **MISSOURI**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a church planning outreach events in public spaces and navigating local guidelines.  
*Praise:* Praise God for a ministry that recently received approval for nonprofit status.
- **MONTANA**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a rural ministry seeking help with land-use questions affecting its property.  
*Praise:* We thank the Lord for a pastor encouraged through counsel to continue faithfully serving.
- **NEBRASKA**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a church revising its constitution and bylaws for clarity in leadership.  
*Praise:* Praise God for a church that expanded its outreach after resolving facility use concerns.
- **NEVADA**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a believer addressing faith-related concerns with their employer.  
*Praise:* We are grateful for a ministry that successfully organized and began regular services.
- **NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a group seeking to formally establish a church and understand legal requirements.  
*Praise:* Praise God for a church that resolved insurance concerns and continues hosting community events.
- **NEW JERSEY**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a ministry reviewing liability issues related to programs and events.  
*Praise:* We thank the Lord for a student who is now confidently inviting others to church.
- **NEW MEXICO**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a church seeking clarity on property tax exemption requirements.  
*Praise:* Praise God for a ministry that received guidance and is now operating more effectively.
- **NEW YORK**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a student inviting classmates to church while navigating school policies.  
*Praise:* We are thankful for a pastor who found resolution in a leadership matter and is moving forward.
- **NORTH CAROLINA**  
*Prayer:* Pray for our legal team responding to a growing number of requests for assistance.  
*Praise:* Praise God for a church that successfully addressed a property issue and continues outreach.
- **NORTH DAKOTA**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a church planning a building expansion due to growth.  
*Praise:* We thank the Lord for a ministry that completed its nonprofit process and is now serving locally.
- **OHIO**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a church working through a zoning concern affecting its meeting space.  
*Praise:* Praise God for an individual who received guidance and has begun a new community outreach.
- **OKLAHOMA**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a ministry leader seeking help with nonprofit compliance requirements.  
*Praise:* We are grateful for a church that resolved internal leadership questions and is unified.
- **OREGON**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a church navigating land-use regulations impacting its property.  
*Praise:* Praise God for a believer strengthened to stand firm in a workplace situation.
- **PENNSYLVANIA**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a pastor facing opposition while continuing to lead faithfully.  
*Praise:* We thank the Lord for a church that successfully held a community outreach event.
- **RHODE ISLAND**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a small church needing guidance on governance and leadership structure.  
*Praise:* Praise God for a ministry that received legal clarity and is moving forward confidently.
- **SOUTH CAROLINA**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a church preparing for a large outreach event and addressing logistical concerns.  
*Praise:* We are thankful for a pastor who received counsel and is leading with renewed confidence.
- **SOUTH DAKOTA**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a rural pastor needing legal guidance while serving multiple communities.  
*Praise:* Praise God for a church that updated its policies to better serve families.
- **TENNESSEE**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a church addressing employment-related questions among staff.  
*Praise:* We thank the Lord for a ministry that successfully launched a new outreach program.
- **TEXAS**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a pastor working through a leadership dispute within the church.  
*Praise:* Praise God for a Christian school that strengthened its policies and continues operating effectively.
- **UTAH**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a ministry seeking to establish a new meeting location.  
*Praise:* We are grateful for a church that resolved a facility issue and resumed regular gatherings.
- **VERMONT**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a fellowship organizing formally as a church body.  
*Praise:* Praise God for a believer encouraged to stand firm in his faith.
- **VIRGINIA**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a church reviewing child protection policies across its ministries.  
*Praise:* We thank the Lord for a ministry that received clarity on nonprofit compliance matters.
- **WASHINGTON**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a believer facing workplace concerns related to faith expression.  
*Praise:* Praise God for a church that secured approval to continue meeting regularly.
- **WEST VIRGINIA**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a church addressing ongoing property maintenance and legal responsibilities.  
*Praise:* We are thankful for a pastor who received guidance and continues faithfully serving.
- **WISCONSIN**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a ministry updating its legal documents to reflect current operations.  
*Praise:* Praise God for a church that resolved an internal dispute and is moving forward in unity.
- **WYOMING**  
*Prayer:* Pray for a small church seeking guidance on conducting outreach within local guidelines.  
*Praise:* We thank the Lord for a ministry that successfully completed its organizational process and is serving its community.

***We covet your prayers for these requests and hundreds of others we receive weekly.***