

# Christian Clubs Win Federal Court Ruling After Being Blocked by Oakland Schools

A federal court has ruled that the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) must allow a Christian after-school program the same access to school facilities as other non-religious groups.

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The ruling, issued by U.S. District Judge Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr., grants a preliminary injunction in favor of the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) and its Good News Clubs, which had been denied access to four district campuses.



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The decision comes after CEF, represented by the legal organization Liberty Counsel, filed suit in Dec. 2024, arguing the district had engaged in religious discrimination. According to court documents, school officials had delayed or denied CEF's applications over a two-year period, claiming lack of space, failure to approve community partnership applications, and direct objections to the group's religious content.

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Judge Gilliam sided with CEF, writing in the order that "the law and facts clearly favor" the group's claim that the district violated its free speech rights. The court found that

OUSD's actions were not only discriminatory but also in conflict with established constitutional law.

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"OUSD is simply wrong as a matter of well-established law," Judge Gilliam stated in his ruling, rejecting the district's argument that allowing religious clubs would violate the Establishment Clause. The court noted that since Good News Clubs are held after school, are not school-sponsored, and require parental consent, they are protected under the First Amendment.

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## **National Hurricane Center Warns Erin Will Have 'Life-Threatening' Impact Along East Coast**

Although Hurricane Erin is not predicted to make landfall along the East Coast, the storm is expected to have widespread impacts.

A Monday advisory from the National Hurricane Center warned of "life-threatening surf and rip currents along the beaches of the Bahamas, much of the east coast of the U.S., Bermuda, and

Atlantic Canada during the next several days.”

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The advisory warned of tropical storm conditions and coastal flooding beginning on Wednesday in North Carolina’s Outer Banks.

“Many of you may assume that with the offshore track of Hurricane Erin over the next several days that there will be little to no impacts to the East Coast of the United States,” National Hurricane Center Deputy Director Jamie Rhome said in a post on X.

“Nothing could be further from the truth for portions of the Mid-Atlantic, especially the Outer Banks of North Carolina.”

He said that on Wednesday and Thursday, “breaking waves of 15 to 20 feet, plus coastal flooding and storm surge could overwash dune and flood homes, flood roads, and make some communities impassable.”



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Evacuations have already been ordered along the Outer Banks, with officials warning that the road connecting Hatteras Island with the mainland could soon be underwater, according to USA Today.

Early Tuesday, Erin had sustained winds of 115 mph, making it a Category 3 storm. Gusts hit up to 155 mph.

Current predictions estimate the storm will pass between Hatteras Island and Bermuda on Thursday before heading northeast out to the Atlantic Ocean.

Some of the impacts of the storm were felt Monday.

Officials in New Hanover County, North Carolina, said at least 75 rip-current rescues took place Monday on North Carolina's southern coast, leading to a no-swim order through Friday at Wrightsville Beach, according to CNN.

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore officials were warning vacationers that this was the time for caution.

"The Coastal Flood Watch indicates that extreme beach erosion and coastal damage is likely along the oceanside, resulting in a significant threat to life and property. Large, dangerous waves will likely inundate and destroy protective dune structures," it posted on its website.

"Severe flooding will likely extend inland where there is vulnerable or no protective dune structure, flooding homes and businesses with some structural damage possible. Roads will likely be impassable under several feet of water and vehicles will likely be submerged," the site warned.

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"Life-threatening swimming and surfing conditions are expected, as well as wave action resulting in significant beach erosion," the warning continued. "Visitors should stay off the beaches completely and discontinue use of all beach trails and boardwalks beginning Tuesday morning."

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# WATCH: Liberty University Erupts in Powerful Praise

Revival continues to hit college campuses in unprecedented ways.

In a video posted to X by Pastor Travis Johnson, hundreds of students can be seen lifting up the name of Jesus in praise and worship.

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“This was the scene at Liberty University a few hours ago. This is the hour for revival on every campus in America,” Johnson writes.

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*– Pastor Travis Johnson (@BasedPastorTrav) August 19, 2025*



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On the university’s Facebook page, additional photos of the marvelous event were shared, including the school’s famous tagline, “Training Champions for Christ.”

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*We wrapped up the first day of class in true Liberty fashion by gathering for a night of worship on the lawn. THIS is what 'Training Champions for Christ' is all about!*

The Bible makes it clear that the last days will center on Israel, God's ancestrally chosen people. Today, the world increasingly reflects this prophecy, and one of the most consequential points of conflict is the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Recent reporting by Pastor James Kaddis shows just how determined the enemy is to erase Israel's history—and God's plan cannot be thwarted.

Kaddis discusses a controversial New York Times article which has drawn sharp criticism for subtly denying the historical reality of the Jewish temples in Jerusalem. The article describes an Israeli leader visiting Al Aqsa Mosque built on the site of the ancient Jewish temples as "provocative."

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*"The complex known to Muslims as Haram al Sharif, or the Noble Sanctuary, contains Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, sacred shrines of Islam. It is revered by Jews as the site of the first and second temples as well as the place where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac," the article states.*

As Kaddis points out, experts are speaking out to clarify the historical facts. Lawrence Schiffman, professor of Hebrew and Judaic studies at New York University, told the Jewish News Syndicate:

*There is zero debate that two temples stood in that place in scholarly literature. Muhammad's ascent happens from there only because it is the Temple site.*

Similarly, Steven Fine, professor of Jewish history at Yeshiva University, confirmed:

*It is a historical fact that the Jewish temples were built on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Archaeological evidence for the Temple rebuilt after the return from Babylonian captivity and continuing until 66 AD is not contested.*

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This effort to rewrite history is more than a political dispute—it is part of a spiritual battle. The Bible explains that when Adam sinned, the title deed of the earth was temporarily handed to the enemy, a reality fully revealed in Revelation when Christ alone takes the scroll and reclaims authority over the earth.



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Kaddis notes that end-time prophecy foretells that the temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem, where the Antichrist will one day demand worship (Dan. 9:27; 2 Thess. 2). Yet the Word of God assures believers that Christ will return, defeat evil and establish His millennial reign, ushering in a new heavens and earth free of pain and suffering.

As current events unfold—including rising anti-Semitism, attacks on Israel and efforts to erase Jewish history—believers can take comfort in the fulfillment of Scripture. As Kaddis explains:

*We are armed and equipped with the Word of God... We can put our faith and trust in Him, literally bank our reliance upon His word.*

These developments remind Christians to remain vigilant, faithful and hopeful. History and prophecy are aligning exactly as God promised, and the ultimate victory belongs to Him.

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In these critical times, believers are called to look up, stand firm in the Word and continue their work for the Kingdom. The temple, Israel and God's plan for the earth will endure, no matter how the enemy seeks to distort history.

The faithful are reminded that Christ could return at any moment—and when He does, He will find His church ready, faithful and committed to the work He has called them to do.

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## **China's Disturbing Push for Pregnancy Robots Raises Alarming Ethical Questions**

Prophecy Watchers host Gary Stearman and author Jonathan Brentner recently discussed the uniqueness of the rapture and how today's world events point to prophecy unfolding.

Brentner stressed that the rapture is distinct from the second coming of Christ. "It's not part of the Second Coming. It's different from the Second Coming," he said. The difference comes down to timing. "When the rapture happens in 1 Thessalonians 4, Jesus raises the dead in Christ first. At the

Second Coming... it might not even be the same day. It might be several days later.”

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He added that the groups raised are not the same. “He raises the dead in Christ. But when at the second coming, it’s just a subset of believers as tribulation saints.”



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The conversation also touched on global turmoil, especially the Oct. 7 invasion of Israel and the alarming rise of antisemitism. “Antisemitism... as we speak, and you know the Palestinians are perfectly willing to kill all the Jews,” Brentner warned. He noted the disturbing calls to wipe out Jews “from the river to the sea.”

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Both Stearman and Brentner said these events reflect deeper spiritual forces at work. “We see that the same today in Iran. It’s almost as though that spirit is alive and well,” Brentner said, connecting current hostility to the ancient enemies of Israel.

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Despite the dark outlook, Stearman reminded believers that Scripture also promises hope. “The world is preparing for something unspeakable,” he said, but added that the Bible provides assurance for those in Christ. Brentner agreed, saying the rapture points to “something that’s going to happen to Christendom... at the very near future. And it’s a beautiful

thought to be having at this time in history.”

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# Man Miraculously Survives Shooting Thanks to Cross Pendant

What would you do if you saw evil rising in your nation while most people looked the other way? That was the reality for Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the brilliant German pastor who recognized the threat of Adolf Hitler long before the world understood the full scope of Nazi terror. Author and radio host Eric Metaxas says Bonhoeffer’s story isn’t just history, it’s a prophetic warning for Christians in America right now.

“Bonhoeffer was one of those voices who...was trying to wake up the church, because he knew just as we know today the Lord has appointed the church to be the voice of the nation, to be the conscience of the nation,” Metaxas said in a recent interview on Daystar. “The pagans aren’t going to be held accountable. We are the ones that are supposed to know.”

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Metaxas explained that while it’s easy now to say the Nazis were obviously evil, that wasn’t how it felt in Germany at the time. “Most Germans at the time had no clue when the Nazis were beginning to take power who they really were. Nobody could dream of the Holocaust and the death camps, trust me when I tell you they couldn’t dream of it,” he said.



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Bonhoeffer stood firm even as many churches, both liberal and conservative, chose silence. "They all have good reasons to kind of keep their head down," Metaxas said. "But he sees pagans saying, 'I'm going to stand up against Hitler.'" Bonhoeffer eventually joined the plot to assassinate Hitler, believing God expected both prayer and action. "The Lord says, 'Yeah, well I expect you to pray but I also expect you to act,'" Metaxas said.

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The Nazis executed Bonhoeffer in 1945, just weeks before the end of the war. To Metaxas, his life is a heroic example but also a prophetic warning to today's believers. "Exactly what happened to the German church is happening to the American church now," he said. "If you don't speak up...it's the famous quote we don't know who said it, but it's often attributed to Bonhoeffer: 'Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.'"

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Metaxas said Christians who claim they are "just preaching the gospel" while avoiding difficult issues are missing God's command. "God is not buying that lie," he said. "When He calls you to speak the truth, don't tell them you're going to preach the gospel. Speak the truth."

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# Jonathan Cahn Issues Prophetic Rebuke to Tucker Carlson Over Anti-Israel Statements

Jonathan Cahn is warning Tucker Carlson of the spiritual implications that come from targeting the nation of Israel.

Recently, Tucker Carlson questioned the biblical basis for supporting Israel, asking whether the Abrahamic covenant still applies to the modern nation and its people. On a broadcast with Senator Ted Cruz, Carlson challenged the idea that Christians are commanded to bless Israel, suggesting that the covenant may not extend to today's Jewish population or the current state of Israel.

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Jonathan Cahn responded decisively to this line of thinking, emphasizing that Carlson's reasoning is flawed and dangerous. "Where does my support for Israel come from? Number one, because biblically we are commanded to support Israel," Cahn explains.

Cahn explains that "Israel is Israel." Faith or unbelief in the Lord, Cahn notes, does not negate Israel's status as God's chosen nation.



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Cahn warns that arguments like Carlson's can easily drift into replacement theology or anti-Israel sentiment, subtly undermining Christians' understanding of biblical prophecy. "Once you separate Israel from the Abrahamic covenant... you can make them your enemy and still call yourself a Christian. See, that's what Hitler did," he observes. The danger, he emphasizes, is that these ideas are seeping into both political and religious circles, potentially weakening support for Israel at a critical time.

Beyond addressing Carlson's claims, Cahn affirms that the Jewish people today are the same people as in the Bible. He debunks myths such as the Khazar theory, which falsely claims modern Jews descend from a Turkic group who converted to Judaism in the Middle Ages. "If the Jewish people weren't the Jewish people, the Jewish people would have to be somewhere else. And they're nowhere else," he states.

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Gateway Church has officially turned the page to their next chapter.

In a special Aug. 17 commissioning service of their new lead pastor, Daniel Floyd, Gateway Church honored his obedience and dedication to take them into a new and prosperous season.

Elder Tra Willbanks recounted how the Lord was faithful to keep His promise of bringing in the right person to lead the megachurch.

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"From the start of our conversations [with Daniel] there was an immediate connection," Willbanks said. "I knew instantly

that this was someone I wanted to be friends with regardless of where our conversations might lead.”



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As Fort Worth Report noted, Floyd took note of the honor and privilege it is to become the lead pastor of Gateway.

“It’s a significant day. It’s a day where we turn the page and we begin to write a new story. But it’s also not the day that we erase the other just want you to know that your prayers aren’t wasted,” he said.

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Floyd is certain that the Lord who started the good work through in His people at Gateway will bring it into fulfillment.

“I believe that in the days ahead we’re going to continue to see the faithfulness of God. That He who began the good work in you and in this church will complete the good work,” Floyd said.

Gateway’s new chapter under Pastor Daniel Floyd is more than a leadership transition—it is a testimony of God’s faithfulness and a reminder that His story for His people is still unfolding. As the church steps into this new season, they do so with confidence that the same God who guided them through past victories will also carry them into future promises.

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This moment marks the beginning of a fresh outpouring of grace, growth and impact that will echo far beyond the walls

of the church.

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