

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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Trump and Zelenskyy Meet in White House Following Meeting with Putin in Alaska

Several European and NATO leaders met in Washington to discuss President Trump's negotiations with Russian's Vladimir Putin, and to prevent any repeat of the last time Ukraine's president met with Trump.

That was one of the most hostile meetings ever between a U.S. president and a visiting head of state.

Yesterday, the two Western leaders met at the White House for

the first time since then.

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Trump is continuing to pressure Zelenskyy, writing on Truth Social that the Ukrainian president “...can end the war with Russia almost immediately, if he wants to, or he can continue to fight.”



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Zelenskyy responded, writing, “Russia must end this war, which it itself started. And I hope that our joint strength with America, with our European friends, will force Russia into a real peace.”

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Secretary of State Marco Rubio told ABC both sides will have to compromise.

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“You can't have a peace agreement unless both sides make concessions. If not, it's just called surrender, and neither side is going to surrender,” Rubio said.

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US Outer Banks Island Evacuated as Cat 4 Hurricane Erin Threatens Dangerous Conditions

A stronger and bigger Hurricane Erin pelted parts of the Caribbean and was forecast to create dangerous surf and rip currents along the U.S. East Coast this week.

It reintensified to a Category 4 storm with 130 mph (215 kph) maximum sustained winds early Monday and moved closer to the Southeast Bahamas, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

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Around 5 a.m. Monday, Erin was about 105 miles (170 kilometers) north-northeast of Grand Turk Island and about 915 miles (1,470 kilometers) south-southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. The storm was moving northwest at 13 mph (20 kph).

The Bahamas government issued a Tropical Storm Watch for the central Bahamas, while a Tropical Storm Warning remained in effect for the Turks and Caicos Islands and southeast Bahamas, the hurricane center reported.



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Additional strengthening was forecast for Monday followed by

gradual weakening, but Erin was expected to remain a large, major hurricane into midweek.

Hurricane-force winds extended up to 60 miles (95 kilometers) from the center and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 230 miles (370 km). The area of strong winds is expected to grow more over the next few days. At that size, Erin will impact coastal areas even though it isn't forecast to make a direct landfall.

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Dare County, North Carolina, declared an emergency and ordered an evacuation beginning Monday of Hatteras Island on the Outer Banks, the thin stretch of low-lying barrier islands that juts far into the Atlantic. Several days of heavy surf and high winds and waves could wash out parts of N.C. Highway 12 running along the barrier islands, the National Weather Service said.

Erin, the year's first Atlantic hurricane, reached an exceedingly dangerous Category 5 status Saturday with 160 mph (260 kph) winds before weakening.

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"You're dealing with a major hurricane. The intensity is fluctuating. It's a dangerous hurricane in any event," Richard Pasch of the National Hurricane Center said.

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2,100 Baptized in a Single Day at Pirates Cove in '3rd Annual Jesus Revolution Baptism'

Signs of a spiritual awakening are still popping up across the U.S. on a weekly basis this summer, and the latest example was a mass baptism at Pirates Cove in Newport Beach, California, where thousands of believers publicly declared their faith in Jesus Christ.

Harvest Christian Fellowship's Senior Pastor Greg Laurie reports, "We had an incredible day yesterday at the 3rd Annual Jesus Revolution Baptism. We baptized 2,100 people in a single day! Can you believe that? Add that number to the last two years, and in just three years we've baptized 8,600 people!"

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Laurie, whose personal testimony was featured two years ago in the box office hit "Jesus Revolution," says some elements of the ongoing revival taking place in America surpass the spiritual awakening of the 1960s and 70s.

"Even during the days of the original Jesus Revolution, we never saw anything quite like this. God is at work, and I believe these are what I would call 'signs of revival,'" he wrote.



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In a follow-up post, the evangelist updated the numbers reporting, “In the past 24 months, we’ve had the privilege of baptizing 10,000 people. Honestly, I could hardly believe it when we put the numbers together—but it’s true!”

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The impact was huge: 1,226 individuals made faith decisions, whether committing to Jesus for the first time, rededicating their lives, or seeking to learn more. Another 20,000 people participated in evangelism training during breakout sessions and main-stage teaching.

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“We came to Amplify with one purpose: to lift up the name of Jesus,” said Hall. “God moved in ways beyond anything we could have asked or imagined. Thousands heard the truth of the Gospel, and we saw lives changed, chains broken, and hope restored.”

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‘We Have Betrayed the Land of

Israel': 20 Years After Jews Forced Out of Gaza Strip, Most Israelis Call Pullout a Mistake

America's support for Israel has always been strong. While it still is, some far-right high-profile influencers have taken a hard turn against the Jewish State.

"Everything they're doing is demonic," podcaster Candace Owens recently said. "I want nothing to do with it. I will never support Israel into the future after what they've done to these children, the starvation campaign. I don't care."

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Others like Steve Bannon and Tucker Carlson want America out of Israel's affairs. Marjorie Taylor Greene, one of MAGA's biggest voices in Congress, has called what's happening in Gaza "genocide."



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Poll numbers also seem to suggest a slight drop in Israeli support among the GOP. Fifteen years ago in 2010, Republican support for Israel stood at 85% . Today it's still strong, yet down to 75% . The more alarming statistic among Republicans today is that 37% have a negative view of the Jewish State. That's up 10% from just 2022 when it was 27% .

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Part of what's driving some of this MAGA division is coming from younger voters. It's a generation that is much more wary of international conflicts and has bought into President Trump's non-interventionist approach. For example, while 72% of Republicans overall believe America's military should support Israel, only 32% of Gen Z Trump voters feel that way.

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"We need to invest in the United States first," says Julian Becerra, a conservative influencer on TikTok and owner of Overtime Men's Health. "I think it's hypocritical of conservatives to say, yes, we're for deportations, want to build the wall, seal up the border to put America first, but also say, hold on, because it's Israel, let's go ahead and send them billions of dollars."

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