

RADIO SPOT # 10: GOOD NEWS: EQUAL ACCESS TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

This is Attorney Timothy Denney for Christians and the Law. Many Christians have come to expect only bad news from the U. S. Supreme Court. The truth is, we've had many cases of good news from the Supreme Court in the last 20 years, but they get very little publicity. For example, in June of 2001, the Court issued a landmark ruling in favor of Christian access to the public school buildings. A Christian group wanted to use a public school building for after-school meetings designed to introduce young elementary school children to the Bible and Jesus Christ. They called their meeting groups Good News Clubs. The public school allowed a broad range of community groups to meet, but shut the door to the Good News Clubs because of the evangelistic nature of their ministry. The Supreme Court ruled that if the school opened its doors to non-religious groups, it was unconstitutional to close the doors to the Good News Club because of the religious content of their message - even if young children were in attendance. The good news from the Supreme Court is this - equal access for religious groups is still the law.

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