

# The Good News of Jesus Christ

The term “Christian” gets thrown around a lot in today’s world. After 2,000 years of existence, it is sometimes tough to define. What makes someone a Christian? It is not attending church services or reading the Bible or living a moral life.

Originally, the followers of Jesus appear to have been called “The Way” (Acts 9:2, cf. John 4:6). Some of their opponents, such as the Greek Epiphanius, called them “The Nazarenes” (*Panarion* 29). The original accusation, however, was that these people were “Christians” (Acts 11:26). We might translate this as “people of the Christ,” in the sense that they claimed to have found the Christ or Messiah.

To be a Christian is to affirm that you believe Jesus is the Christ. According to the Apostle Paul, there are two parts to this:

*If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (Romans 10:9-10)*

Why do we need to confess and believe that Jesus is the resurrected Lord? Because we are sinners, separated from God, and it is only through Jesus that we can know life and redemption.

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...By [God] sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us. (Romans 8:1-4)*

The good news of Jesus Christ is that the sin, darkness, and death of this world is not all there is, and that Jesus has offered a way of salvation - to be restored to a righteous relationship with our Creator.

## Financial Summary

<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>\$224,885</b>	<b>Budget to Date</b>	<b>\$30,423</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,325</b>	<b>Giving to Date</b>	<b>\$30,275</b>

*Thank you again to all for your generous stewardship. You can give via the offering box in the back of the sanctuary, via mail, or online at [bedfordroad.org/giving](http://bedfordroad.org/giving).*

*The May-December 2022 Financial Report is now available.*

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*Welcome*

*Creating environments where people  
encounter Jesus and journey together*

# Exploring the Scriptures Together

## News and Notes

Text:

## The Big Idea:

*Nursery is provided 9:30-11:30am for children ages 0-3.  
There is an age-appropriate teaching time for children ages 4-10.  
On the first Sunday of each month, older children stay with their families.*