

CHRISTMAS EVE AT WOODLANDS CHURCH

December 22-24, 2023 Pastors Kerry and Chris Shook

“The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

Matthew 4:16 (NIV)

I'LL NEVER BE ALONE IN THE NIGHT

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ... After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11 (NIV)

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Matthew 1:23 (NIV)

“.. behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20 (ESV)

I DON'T HAVE TO HIDE MY STRUGGLES

“The people living in darkness have seen a great light.”

Matthew 4:16a (NIV)

“You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.”

Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT)

“Peter fairly exploded with his good news: “It’s God’s own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favorites! It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open. The Message he sent to the children of Israel—that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again—well, he’s doing it everywhere, among everyone.”

Acts 34-38 (MSG)

I HAVE HEAVEN IN MY FUTURE

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Matthew 4:16 (NIV)

“We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us.”

Romans 5:2 (MSG)