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By the time anyone read this, advertisers will have been promoting "holiday" buying since November 1 when WalMart announced a rollback of prices on 20,000 items. Retailers were not waiting for "black Friday" or Thanksgiving Day-it was Black NOVEMBER 2014.

Advent Season (the season before Christmas) is a spiritual preparation for CHRISTMAS. The culture wants us to prepare for the HOLIDAYS. Recent rumbles about calendar labels and a school in Maryland brought a decision to remove ALL RELIGIOUS holidays from the school calendar. The point is this: Jesus' followers will have an easier time talking about Jesus' birth because soon NO ONE will know anything about Jesus or His birth. Simply declaring that you celebrate Jesus' birth may bring questions as to who Jesus is? I hope you are ready. Since MANY people will know little or be misinformed, you have an opportunity to talk about what you know. It doesn't have to be "technically" correct. It needs to be an honest statement of what Jesus has done for you-- how you worship Him as Son of God, the promised Messiah. That IS the Christmas celebration. Celebrate Christmas!


If you know of a correction or omission to the Birthdays or Anniversaries, please relay that information to the church office. Thank you.

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