

Dear Church Family,



Christmas is just around the corner, so I wanted to pass along something I read during my devotional time. I hope and pray that it will bless and encourage you as much as it did me.

After several hours of packing, the family is finally on the road. After driving for no more than ten minutes, the littlest voice from the back seat asks the inevitable, "Are we almost there?"

That's what the games, snacks, and music are for, right? Long trips aren't easy for little people, so they have to learn patience. And Christians have a long trip to complete as well: the trip to our heavenly home. Sometimes the road seems long and bumpy, but we need to stay focused on the destination. That's what characterized the life of the prophetess, Anna, who had spent eighty-four years of her life in the temple praying and worshipping. The day she saw the baby Jesus she knew the trip of a lifetime was complete. Her focus on the promises of God was consummated by the appearance of the promised One!

If you are wondering "How long?" before God brings you through-----be faithful and focused on the One who came and will come again!

Drinking From The Saucer,  
Pastor Ray

Dear Church Family,

*Johnny and I want to take this opportunity to say to all of our church family that we love you very much. Thank you for the great support and love that we feel from so many of you. We pray that during the Christmas season that you will be blessed beyond measure with fun times with family and friends. Don't forget to rejoice for a Savior came into the world to save us wretched people. Have a very Merry Christmas this year.*

*Praising Him Always,  
Vicki*

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

\*Twas the month before Christmas\*

\*When all through our land,\*

\*Not a Christian was praying\*

\*Nor taking a stand.\*

\*See the PC Police had taken away,\*

\*The reason for Christmas - no one could say.\*

\*The children were told by their schools not to sing,\*

\*About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.\*

\*It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers would say\*

\* December 25th is just a ' Holiday '.\*

\*Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit\*

\*Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!\*

\*CDs from Madonna, an X BOX, an I-pod\*

\*Something was changing, something quite odd! \*

\*Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa\*

\*In hopes to sell books by Franken & Fonda.\*

\*As Targets were hanging their trees upside down\*

\* At Lowe's the word Christmas - was no where to be found.\*

\*At K-Mart and Staples and Penny's and Sears\*

\*You won't hear the word Christmas; it won't touch your ears.\*

\*Inclusive, sensitive, Di-ver-si-ty\*

\*Are words that were used to intimidate me.\*

\*Now Daschle, Now Darden, Now Sharpton, Wolf Blitzen\*

\*On Boxer, on Rather, on Kerry, on Clinton !\*

\*At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter\*

\*To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.\*

\*And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith\*

\* Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace\*

\*The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded\*

\*The reason for the season, stopped before it started.\*

\*So as you celebrate 'Winter Break' under your 'Dream Tree'\*

\*Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.\*

\*Choose your words carefully, choose what you say\*

\*Shout MERRY CHRISTMAS ,

not Happy Holiday !\*

Please, all Christians join together and

wish everyone you meet

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christ is The Reason' for the Christ-mas Season!

THERE IS A LESSON HERE! WE NEED TO HEED IT!