## What Are You Paying Attention To?

These statistics are available everywhere. But they are not presented for our attention.

The first problem with the news is that it must be new. Generally, events that are both aberrations from the norm and spectacular enough to attract attention are reported, such as terrorist attacks, mass shootings and plane crashes.



But far more common, and thus even less news-worthy, are the 117 suicides in the U.S. each day (in comparison with 43 murders), the 129 deaths from accidental drug overdoses, and the 96 people dying a day in automobile accidents (27 of whom aren't wearing seat belts, not to mention the unspecified amount driving distracted). Add to these the 1,315 deaths each day due to smoking, the 890 related to obesity, and all the other preventable deaths from strokes, heart attacks and liver disease, and the message is clear: The biggest thing we have to fear is not a terrorist or a shooter or a deadly home invasion. We are the biggest threat to our own safety. Jesus came to offer us a new life. Consider that.

More Info

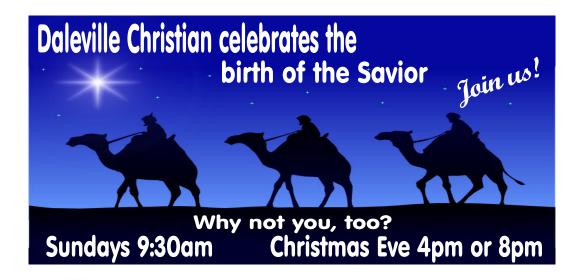
A box has been placed in the donations .... Cash donations complete food baskets. If to donate to the Fall Food can. Preparations are under Holiday Baskets ready in



narthex for your food may also be given to help you've not had a chance Drive, now is the time you way now in order to have December .... So that the

DCC Food Pantry will not be depleted, and to help us fulfill the needs of those in our local community who find themselves in emergency situations, and to also provide holiday beaskets for the needy, we'll be continuing the Food Drive for a few more weeks ... Items needed: Canned Goods and Boxed Foods! Thank you for your support of this ministry!

A box for snack donations (for Daleville Elementary School) is outside the office. The DES Nurse has been distributing the snack items at the school. In consultation with the DES Nurse, here is a list of snack Juice boxes Granola bars ideas needed: Nutri-grain bars Cereal bars Cheese cracker packs Trail mix Peanut butter cracker packs . . . . Single serve items: applesauce, fruit cups, soups, spaghetti O's, pudding cups, jello cups, mac-n-cheese, raisins, pretzels, chips, cookies, gold fish crackers, and Cheez-its.



Is this Saint Nicholas?

Santa Clause is one way that Christmas got lost in American culture. [Let us not debate Santa as an image for American consumerism.] Santa has gotten lost from his origins--Saint Nicholas--a follower of Jesus Christ. Gracious sakes, he was even a church leader! (Americans are not big on church, you know.) Although Nicholas lived so long ago that the history is pretty murky, there is plenty of evidence that he lived, he followed Jesus, he was a church leader and he died doing deeds for which he should be remembered and

At DCC this Christmas (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) we will hear a letter FROM Saint Nicholas (because, as a church leader, he had things to say). Pastor McManus has done his usual homework to bring you an accurate representation of Saint Nicholas' views on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. So, children, you have written to Santa, how would you like to receive a letter FROM Saint Nicholas? Coming Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

