

Public Record

Anthony Darrell Jewell, no or expired plates, no or expired registration, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, no insurance, driving on a suspended/revoked license, possession of drug para-

phernalia, 30 days
Donna M. Johnson, alcohol intoxication, \$25 fine
Nicholas A. Stone, possession of marijuana, 30 days probated for 24 months

James L. Terry, careless driving, driving on a suspended/revoked license, 20 days probated for 24 months
Amber D. Wiser, speeding 25 mph over the limit, \$50 fine

PRAYERS

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ten by an unknown author when I feel like that. The plaque says: I asked for strength and God gave me difficulties to make me strong. I asked for wisdom and God gave me problems to solve. I asked for prosperity and God gave me brawn and brains to work. I asked for courage and God gave me dangers to

overcome. I asked for patience and God placed me in situations where I was forced to wait. I asked for love and God gave me troubled people to help. I asked for favors and God gave me opportunities. I received nothing I wanted and I received everything I needed. My prayers have all been answered. I couldn't find out who wrote that but it sure is

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point, "I don't understand it all myself and never will." I told him we can never completely understand how God would come to our messed up world and be born in a manger. Christmas comes to us in the mess of life. It certainly did for Mary and Joseph. They didn't call ahead and schedule a midwife to meet them when they arrived in Bethlehem. "Make sure we have a clean birthing room, please." That's wasn't an option. Jesus was born in a barn of sorts. That's how he came to us, in a birthing suite that not only echoed with his infant cries but with barn animals mewling, grunting, and snorting. The aroma filling the room that night was not the clean, antiseptic smells of a baby-friendly environment but the stench of fresh manure, dried hay, and dirt. Most of us would have wretched at that potpourri. "Welcome

to earth, Baby Jesus." Christmas comes not to those who have their lives put together, nice and neat like, so that they can lean back, poke their chests out and boast, "Look what we did." No, Christmas comes in those desperate folks who have stumbled in the darkness and fallen flat on their ego-centered faces. Christmas comes to those who hear cancer hissing, "I win." Christmas comes to those whose homes have been destroyed by a tornado, or a foreclosure notice, or a divorce settlement, or addiction. Christmas comes to those who are isolated in a retirement home, whose only guests are health care workers. Christmas comes to those who fear that the darkness has overcome hope for light. And, oh yes, Christmas comes to those whose dog jumped on the table and chowed down on the Christmas ham while the family ran outside to watch Johnny ride the new bike Santa put by the

tree. It comes to whose least favorite aunt and uncle announced they could stay "one more day," after all. Christmas, it's never perfect. That's why it's Christmas, after all. Christmas is for those who have somehow come to the end of themselves, recognizing their desperate need for what Christmas is, the welcoming of Christ into our broken lives, the One who can make us whole again, able to live and love again. "I want to be a follower of Jesus, PopPop. I know I need Him," my grandson said to me in an unusually soft voice. And so, right there, not in a temple or a church sanctuary, but sitting on a messy couch with some of my newspapers strewn about it, next to a dog's blanket, there, in the stillness of the morning, the two of us traveled to Bethlehem and bowed at the manger of the Christ child. And prayed. And it was Christmas, after all.

COMER

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coast to coast have contributed monetarily to the relief and cleanup efforts. In the very communities affected by the storm, unsung heroes have stepped up to help their friends and neighbors. First responders have pulled bodies out of rubble. Electric crews have pulled long hours restoring power to residents. And many people have volunteered by setting up relief funds, coordinating local donation centers, and much more. All of these efforts have been essential to getting communities back on their feet, and represent the very best that America has to offer. In terms of size and volume, this tornado was unlike anything we've ever seen. After touring damaged sites all over the 1st Congressional District, I'm heartbroken to see such devastation hit so many of our small towns.

I'm thankful to all the local leaders and concerned citizens who are working tirelessly to restore the beauty of their communities. I am committed to using my office as a resource for anyone in need of assistance from the federal government for cleanup and relief efforts. While the work of private charitable organizations and community leaders have been instrumental, there are also government disaster assistance programs to help those in need. The White House has approved a major disaster declaration for 14 Kentucky counties, making these areas eligible for federal aid programs designed to cover basic needs not covered by private insurance. This can include rental payments for temporary housing, home repairs, low-interest loans (for losses not fully covered by insurance), counseling, farm assistance, and more. For more information on these various pro-

grams available, as well as how people can access them, you can visit my website resource page at comer.house.gov/tornados. Please do not hesitate to also call my office if we can answer any questions. We will never forget the 77 Kentuckians lost to such grave tragedy. Gone but not forgotten, their families remain in my thoughts and prayers as they navigate such tremendous loss. Likewise, the communities affected by this disaster will remain at the top of our hearts and minds as we conclude a year that is unfortunately ending on a sad note. But even in the wake of such devastation, we can be inspired by the resilience that Kentuckians have shown to help their friends and neighbors - and come together to rebuild all that was lost. Rep. James Comer is a United States Congressman for the 1st Congressional District, which spans from south central Kentucky to the river counties of far western Kentucky.



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