



Martinsburg Union  
Rescue Mission

# LIGHTHOUSE NEWS

“A Door of Hope to the Hopeless” | May 2026

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

### MEMORIAL DAY

Burning alive, he entered the vehicle three times, saved seven soldiers, then died, nobody remembers Alwyn Cashe Iraq War 2005. Born in Florida, Alwyn C. Cashe was quite leader-respected, steady, and devoted to one principle; never leave anyone behind. On October 17, 2005, in Samarra, Iraq, his Bradley Fighting Vehicle struck an IED. The explosion ignited fuel instantly. Flames consumed everything. Cashe was inside. Fire covered his body. Burns spread across 72 percent of his skin. Most men would have run. Cashe ran back. He pulled one soldier out. Then another. Again, and again. Three times he went into the fire, dragging six soldiers and one Iraqi interpreter to safety. His hands were burned, his body breaking but he refuses treatment until everyone else was cared for. Seven lives were saved. His own injuries were too severe. On November 8, 2005, Alwyn Cashe died. Then came silence. Recognition stalled His family waited. Years passed. Finally, in 2021-sixteen years later-The President of the United States awarded him the Medal of honor.

Memorial Day is a reminder of the many sacrifices that are made by others we may never know, like Mr. Cashe, so we can have and enjoy the freedoms we have every day.

The same goes for the Cross of Christ. John 3:16,17; For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son (Jesus) into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him would be saved. *“And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.’”*  
- Luke 22:19-20

I pray this Memorial Day we would thank God for His Son Jesus for saving us from our sins. We thank God for those that gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in service to this country; to enjoy the freedoms we have in our every day lives. Please keep in your prayers those that are currently serving our Country throughout the world for protection and safety to them and their families back home. God Bless

*Hope Lives Here,*  
Pastor Tim Guerino



**HAPPY  
MEMORIAL  
DAY** ★ ★ ★

Because of your  
*Caring and Sharing* ...

#### TOTALS FOR MARCH 2026

Decisions for Christ .....	2
Nights Lodging provided at:	
Men's Ministry - 608 W. King St .....	1,577
Haven House - 604 W. King St .....	537
Hope House - Berkeley Springs .....	163
Chapel Attendance .....	1,976
Meals Served .....	10,342
Employment Program .....	17
Discipleship Track Students .....	71
Clothing Vouchers .....	180 Adults, 76 Children, 32 Families
Furniture Vouchers .....	2 Families

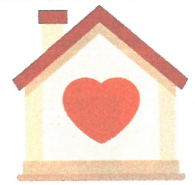
#### TOTALS FOR JANUARY - MARCH 2026

Decisions for Christ .....	5
Nights Lodging provided at:	
Men's Ministry - 608 W. King St .....	5,419
Haven House - 604 W. King St .....	1,515
Hope House - Berkeley Springs .....	667
Chapel Attendance .....	5,629
Meals Served .....	30,810
Employment Program .....	51
Discipleship Track Students .....	228
Clothing Vouchers .....	587 Adults, 198 Children, 85 Families
Furniture Vouchers .....	6 Families

*“For I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you took me in.”*

MATTHEW 25:35

# HOPE HOUSE UPDATE



Angela came to the Hope House in dire straits. She had stopped working the streets, as well as drugs, but had a short relapse and turned to alcohol. She lost a good paying job and had financial dependency on her roommate. So, when her roommate suddenly moved out, Angela did not have money for rent.

Since coming through the doors of the Hope House, Angela has re-dedicated her life to Christ. She is now a success story of the vision, motto and values that the Hope House encourages and tries to instill in the hearts and minds of every woman that walks through the doors of the Hope House. Angela has now gone through the process of healing and restoring her dignity by the grace of God. Upon arriving at the Hope House, Angela secured a job within 2 weeks. She received "Employee of the Month" after only being on the job for 1 month. Angela consistently demonstrates the same qualities and work ethic at the Hope House. Never complain, while completing all of her chores before she leaves for work each morning. She gladly takes on tasks on her days off as well. Angela is very responsible and has a pleasant attitude of gratitude, often making cash donations to the Mission, while simultaneously building her savings account. One day, while uplifting Angela

on how much we appreciate her fruits of the spirit and attentiveness at church and bible studies, she said that if we knew her past, we wouldn't feel the same about her. She was immediately assured that she is loved unconditionally, and that her worth is not defined by her past and that her past does not define her worth to God. Galatians 1:10 "Your life is not defined by the approval of others, but of God. Live for an audience of One."

Angela leaves the Hope House next month to begin a new chapter in her life. She's traveling to meet her first granddaughter for the first time. She moves forward as a disciple, with excitement and a renewed mind and heart gifted by the Holy Spirit, to fulfill the purpose God has for her life. God's speed, Angela!

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3:23-24

Vikki,  
Case Manager

## PATRICK'S MAY PROJECT

Hello Patrick's Project team members. We have quite the challenge this month. We are in desperate need of HYGIENE KITS! What the heck is that? Well, go to Amazon or Google and check it out. Personal hygiene kits are so essential to the women and children we serve, special items like combs, toothbrushes and feminine products give so

much dignity that it is impossible to express. Think about it-how much does it mean to you to have personal products that are just yours? Go online and send any kit you would like to have for yourself. Personal dignity is a gift beyond price!

Thanks in advance from the PPT  
(Patrick's Project Team!)

