

# The Harbinger

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## MEMORY VERSE



## OF THE MONTH!

The Lord your God is with you,  
He is mighty to save.  
He will take great delight in you,  
He will quiet you with his love,  
He will rejoice over you  
with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

**We are starting a new section in the Harbinger called Helps for Worship. Following is the first article in the series.**

## #1: What Is Worship?

William Shishko

"The first foundation of righteousness undoubtedly is the worship of God."  
(John Calvin)

The term *worship* comes from an old word that means "worth-ship." It is to ascribe honor to one who is worthy. The highest duty of those made in the image of God is to "ascribe worth" to the one in whom they live and move and have their very being (Acts 17:28).

Christian worship has been rightly defined as "the activity of the new life of a believer in which, recognizing the fullness of the Godhead as it is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ and his mighty redemptive acts, he seeks by the power of the Holy Spirit to render to the living God the glory, honor, and submission which are his due" (Robert Rayburn). "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:12 NKJV). Our worship is to reflect the worship of heaven, in which all that is around the throne of God gives glory to him. "The Father is seeking such to worship Him" (John 4:23 NKJV).

Your worship personally, in your families, and especially when gathered together as a church ought to be the most wonderful experience of your lives. It ought to be a foretaste of an eternity of worship of the One who has saved us and who blesses us with good things beyond measure.

### For Reflection

1. Why is God worthy of your *best* efforts in giving him worship?
2. What things hinder you from giving God the honor that is due to him in your worship?
3. What are the best ways you can remove those hindrances, so that your worship is more pleasing to God and more satisfying to you?

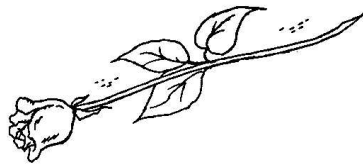
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### COMPASSION CHILD ADVOCATE

Our own Mary Anna Fox has trained to be an area church and helped with our Com-writes:



an advocate. She has already spoken to passion Sunday here at SWHCC. She

I was so impressed with all the Compassion staff on my sponsor tour to the Dominican Republic that I felt the Lord leading me to do more. I took an **Advocate's Training**, on the computer, previewed many Compassion DVDs, and had a three and a half hour conference call with my delightful training coordinator along with nine other advocates! It was fun and very helpful. This was all to prepare me to speak with "integrity" about Compassion International and to acquire new sponsorships of children.



### What goes on in between?

In between the Sunday school classes and the church service we found our selves with a half an hour and nothing for the kids to do. So Chaz got out his guitar and we started singing with the children. Each week from 10am to about 10:20am we practice that month's kid's chorus song, a monthly Bible verse from their Sunday school lesson, and the up coming song for the next month.

Earlier in the year we were fortunate enough to have a group get together and plan out the entire years songs. Pastor Brown then sent out a collection of the songs on CD to each of the families with young children. If you would also like a copy of the CD please speak to Erin Ritter.

The idea behind the Kid's chorus song is to have something to tie the Sunday school time to church time, and to make it easier for the children to sing along and take part in the church service. By choosing simple songs that we all know by heart, our hope is that visitors will also feel familiar and at home in our church. (If that is not reason enough, the songs are just fun to sing!)

Our memory verse is from one of the son provides during the month. I pick dren will be able to call upon for en- for our wall of verses in the yellow posting the current verse on the CE and in the Harbinger soon.



four verses the Sunday school les- one to focus on - one that the chil- couragement when needed. Look Sunday school room. We will be bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

At our **May Fellowship Night, May 17th**, (our monthly potluck) we will have an example lesson from the Hands On curriculum. We will also be thanking the very dedi- cated teachers that have taught this year. **Please make every effort to attend and support their work.**

A decorative graphic for "work day". It includes a stack of books, a pencil, and a small bouquet of flowers. The words "work day" are written in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

# work day

**Come Saturday May 17th  
9AM—Noon  
We will have a delicious**

In case of rain—we will do the  
May 24th!



**ready to work!**

**lunch provided**

same thing the next weekend,

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