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## **"THE ULTIMATE ADVOCATE"**

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**1 John 2:1-2** *"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."*

**Purpose of M145:** A ministry at Harmony Hill that exists to awaken our church to God's love for the marginalized of our society, specifically children who have no family, caregiver, or voice.

**Mission of M145:** Maintain a gospel-centered approach as our church body strives for obedience to foster, adopt, and advocate.

### **God's Hall of Justice (1 John 2:1)**

- The Indictment: You have violated the law of God.
- The Judge: God
- The Prosecutor: Satan
- The Defense Lawyer (Advocate): Jesus Christ
- The Ruling: You are declared just in Christ.

**TRUTH:** Salvation is a matter of advocacy.

**DEFINITION:** Advocate: in all its forms seeks to ensure that people, particularly those who are most vulnerable in society, are able to: Have their voice heard on issues that are important to them. Defend or safeguard their rights.

**TRUTH:** Advocate for others in the same manner Christ advocated for you (1 John 2:2).

The main ways we will advocate for the children who have no family, caregiver, or voice:

1. Become a CASA volunteer and advocate for the best interest of an abused or neglected child who is in the state's care.
2. Become respite care certified and provide short-term relief for primary caregivers.
3. Join an advocacy team that advocates on behalf of foster and adopting parents who are members of Harmony Hill.
4. Sponsor a child through Compassion International.