

# Sew Precious In His Sight



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## GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN

**"You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14:14**



It's true that God gives us everything we need..... just when we need it! Bob and I loaded up our motor home and "hit the road" so to speak, bound for Arlington, Texas to attend the Martha Pullen Sewing Market. Our first day on the road to our destination....guess what!

We had a "BREAK-DOWN"! We had stopped our motor home, put it in "park", and when we came back to start on the road again, we found we couldn't get our motor home out of "PARK". What did I do????? I made a phone call and asked for prayer!! While we were praying Bob went into a store to call the Ford Service Department to see if someone could "verbally" figure out the problem. My husband was told what they thought the problem was, ~ a blown fuse! The store "just happened to have" the correct fuse that was needed! Bob installed this new fuse and off we went.!

**Now....for the "rest of the story":**

This was the third year that Satan had tried to stop me from going to the Martha Pullen Sewing Market to share God's word and spread our efforts of meeting the needs of families in need.

Four years ago we had been on the road about an hour from home when the alternator burned up. I called my son-in-law who is a mechanic, and don't you know God had placed him "fifteen minutes

away from where we were". Jeff picked up a new alternator, changed it, and we were back on the road in no time.

Two years ago, AGAIN, on our way to the Martha Pullen, Satan did his best to stop us with two blow-outs on our travel trailer. The first one happened when we about an hour from home. We called a service truck to come and change the tire. Then about 2 ½ hours out we had a **second blow out**, this time we were on the Interstate. We pulled over on the side of the road ~ I went to the back of the trailer to put out flares, and there sat a state trooper to help us. Before we knew it, we had the "Fix" and were back on our way.

The point of these "road trips" is to make diaper shirts or Guardian Angel dolls to donate to John Peter Smith Charity Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas ~ and of course to "recruit" new people to join in our efforts in spreading His Word and His way.

When God sends you to do His work, He is clearly right there with you. Blessings abounded on all of these trips and I had to share our adventures with you.

Thank you Lord for watching over us as we follow in Your steps!!!

Your sister in Christ,

Sissy, Director, Threads of Love

**God bless each of you for being the willing hands of Christ in spreading hope to those families that receive your stitches of love.**



From the Threads of  
Love mail box

Dear Donna,

I wanted to thank you again for your beautiful gown, blankets, shawl, and keepsakes and prayers you gave to my sister's family and their son Robert. We did drive it to Ft Wayne that evening and Robert wore the gown to his funeral and looked like a little angel. I gave a copy of the prayers you gave me to all of my family. It was just perfect and will give us all comfort and peace knowing Robert is in God's hands. You are truly amazing, I had no idea what exactly Threads of Love was and was blown away of how your charity helps families during deep sadness with the loss of a child. Thank you so much, I am so happy to have you in our lives. You are an angel and may God bless you always.

With much love and appreciation,

Note from:  
Donna Hoey – Mary Rose-TOL



**How many times has this happen at your chapter?**

Sissy, I just had to share this story with you!

We sew at our church and use the long tables. We set up 4 machines on each table. We have had a new lady join us this year and though not always there, she fit right in with the group. She was working

away learning how to make the hospital shirts when she accidental got the foot peddle across from her when she accidental got the foot peddle across from her. I was sitting at another table across from that table when I heard a desperate cry coming from Lori, " That's mine! That's mine!" After the third and loudest cry I looked up to see Jackie desperately tries to make her machine go and Lori trying to keep her sewing and hands away from her machine. Jackie finally realized that Lori was talking to her. Everyone was in tears laughing at these two. You see, unlike me, Jackie was blessed with long legs. They still sit across from each other but are careful to keep up with their foot peddle now.

Faye Chasteen

First Baptist Alpharetta, GA TOL

My Payer warrior friend wanted to share her story with you.

**Celebrating a birthday with a "thimble of love"**

Sissy Davis' birthday was April 22 and as I was shopping to find a little something for her, I found in an Antique Shop, the most usual "thimble". I thought this might be "cute" to celebrate the anniversary of her birth ~ AND her God given talent of sewing. I started toward the "check-out" area, where there is a "change of shift" so to speak. When the lady at the service counter asked me if I found everything I was looking for.....I begin my story stating how excited I was over finding this "thimble" for Sissy. Now....here's the amazing part of how I had a touch of heaven that afternoon!

I told the sales clerk about how Sissy honors God with the sharing of her talents and gifts with others....and the Threads of Love mission. She immediately stopped.....took a deep breathe....and shared with me that her daughter was a recipient of the clothing for her stillborn child. This grandmother related the most moving story of the loss of this baby, and how much it meant to the family to hold the baby dressed so beautifully in clothing made by this group.

I left that store knowing that God had lead me to this little thimble at just the right time ~ for the sales lady to be the one to wait on me ~ to have the exchange of conversation and testimony of the kindness shown to this family at such a difficult time in their lives.

I just had to share this story! Please know that God loves each of you who so graciously give your time, effort, and love to help others during such life changing events. I know I was blessed just hearing and sharing the story.

Nancy L. McGraw



## Our newest Chapters

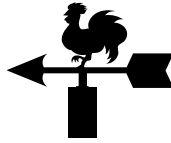
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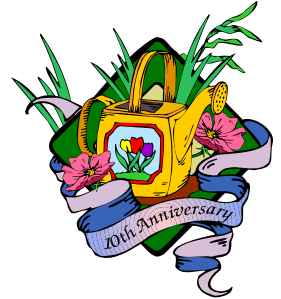
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Charles Spurgeon, perhaps the greatest preacher of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, was walking through the English countryside when he noticed a weather vane made of the words, "God Is Love." As it turned in the breeze, Spurgeon asked the farmer, "Do you mean to say that God's love is as fickle as the wind?" The farmer smiled and replied, "Not at all. I mean to say that no matter where the wind blows, God is still love."

Happy 10th Anniversary to these two chapters !

Brenda Roberts, Coordinator  
TOL Nazareth Presbyterian Church  
Woodruff, South Carolina



Brenda Dalton, Coordinator  
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## An Extreme Makeover



It's time for the Threads of Love Handbook, 4th Edition!

### Help Needed!

Requesting ALL Chapters to submit patterns with instructions (please include picture of final product too). The last update was 2007. Please share this request with your Chapter members upon reading. Deadline for submission is August 31, 2011.

*Please identify the pattern's designer and your Chapter name when submitting.*

Send your patterns to:

Threads of Love, P. O . Box 73, Watson, LA 70786

Email pictures: [siisy@threadsoflove.org](mailto:siisy@threadsoflove.org)

**THREADS OF LOVE  
NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

April 2012						
Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**Mark your calendars !!!**

**Location: Greenwell Springs Baptist Church  
Greenwell Springs, LA  
suburb of Baton Rouge, LA**

By March 1, 2012, complete informational packets will be sent via email regarding travel arrangements, registration forms, and costs.

**Conference Class offerings are:**

- Serger 101
- Heirloom Embellishment
- Smocking
- Shadow Embroidery
- Silk Ribbon
- Use of twin & wing needle
- How to use those feet
- Memory Envelope
- Boys Bubble Suit \*
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



**Want the look of hand worked buttonholes without the "work"?**

1. Stitch the proper size buttonhole in the correct place with your sewing machine. Set your machine to the heirloom buttonhole setting which makes a nice light buttonhole. To keep it especially lightweight, use 80 wt. thread in both the bobbin and the needle.
2. Cut open the buttonhole.
3. Thread a #10-12 sharp needle with 50 or 60 wt. thread and hand stitch over the machine stitching with a buttonhole stitch, making satin stitch bars at the ends of the buttonhole.

You have the machine stitching to follow your stitches are straight but the machine stitching is covered by the handwork giving a look of hand worked buttonholes.

We need your input on any other class offering you might be interested in.

Please ask each member for their input and email me at [sissy@threadsoflove.org](mailto:sissy@threadsoflove.org)

We're so excited to have an opportunity to host this conference. Please share this information with each member. It's hard to be told that some members had never heard there was a Conference planned. Our volunteers have been sewing for almost a year creating "gifts" for all attendees and praying for great attendance!

We are blessed to have such great "entertainment" planned for this Conference. Look for future information but for now, save the dates!

*\* News Flash: At this time we are working on a bubble suit for little boys . This pattern will be taught at the conference.*



## A Selection of Prayers

Lord, help me to relax about insignificant details, beginning tomorrow at 11:41.23 a.m. EST

God, help me to consider people's feelings, even if most of them are hypersensitive and wrong.

God, help me to take responsibility for my own actions, even though they're usually not my fault.

God, help me to try not to run everything; but if You need some help, just ask.

Lord, help me to be more laid back and help me do it exactly right.

Lord, help me to stand up for my rights [if you don't mind my asking].

God, help me to take things more seriously, especially parties and dancing.

God, give me more patience, right now.

Lord, help me not to be a perfectionist [did I spell that correctly?].

God, help me to finish everything I start."

God, help me to keep my mind on one th - look, a bird - ing at a time.

God, help me to do only what I can and trust you for the rest. But it would help if you put that in writing.

Lord, keep me open to the ideas of others, wrong though they may be.

Lord, help me to be less independent, but let me do it my way.

Lord, help me to follow established procedures today; on second thought, I'll settle for a few minutes.

Lord, help me to slow down and not to brushthroughwhatIdo.

Lord, thanks for helping me not be a bigot like all those other people....

God, I am happy to report that I did this great work all for you. I know you could not do it yourself.

O God, please please let me win this lottery: I promise to pay you 10%. cross my heart and hope to die.

Dear God, help me get revenge on these people because they really have hurt me. By the way, thank you for forgiving me my sins.

Lord, I dedicate my life to you, so long you do not touch my bank account and do not mess about with my golf schedule, and my choice of office secretary.

-Submitted by CJ