

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



I have heard it said that "time flies when you are having fun", or "the older you get the faster time flies". Well, I've decided I am either having the time of my life, or I am really old, because time is flying. I can't believe it is April already. As I write this it is the first day of spring and raining in California.

Devotion for Threads of Love Newsletter
April 2013

“To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted.” Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 (The Amplified Bible)

Greetings to all our Threads of Love Members and friends! It's Springtime! We have just completed a long winter and some of our readers are actually still having winter-like weather even though our calendar tells us it is Spring. My husband has already planted several veggies which we will enjoy in just a few weeks (yay!)... and we do thank the Lord for the seasons of the year...they change every few months so we don't have to endure the harshness of cold wintry weather too long. Here in the Deep South we enjoy a very short springtime then before we know it we'll be suffering through those HOT humid summer days and dreaming of the balmy fall weather that seems so far away at times. Then all of a sudden...it'll be winter again as we end our year. WOW! That was too fast! Please Lord! Can't we slow down the seasons just a little??? Our life seasons seem to be passing just as fast as our calendar seasons! I became eligible for Medicare this year! Wait a minute!!! Didn't I just graduate from high school, then Nursing School, then marriage, motherhood, and grandmotherhood?? WHOA!!! Let's stop for a minute as we meditate on the above words of wise Solomon...there is a season for EVERY matter or purpose under heaven. As we pray over the seasons of our lives and the people in our lives, and the work of our hands...and as we concentrate on the upcoming Springtime of our year...let's remember WHO created the seasons and as verse 11 of this same chapter reminds us... “He has made everything beautiful in its time. He also has planted ETERNITY in men's hearts and minds (a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy...)” THAT Creator God, in the form of Jesus His Son, whose Resurrection we just celebrated, spoke on a hillside to His disciples these words in Matthew 6:25-34:

“Therefore I tell you, stop being perpetually uneasy (anxious and worried) about your life....Look at the birds of the air...And who of you by worrying and being anxious can add one unit of measure to his stature or to the span of his life?....Consider the lilies of the field and learn how they grow...they neither toil nor spin....Yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his magnificence...was not arrayed like one of these...But seek FIRST of all your Father's kingdom and His righteousness...and then all these things taken together will be given you besides....So do not worry or be anxious about tomorrow!”

Yes, Lord, Spring is here and we have lilies coming up in our yard to enjoy. Thank you for your Eternal Words you have blessed us with to meditate and learn from today!

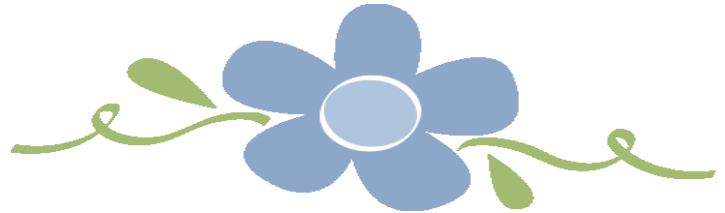
Cynthia Young Venable
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*Happy 10 year
anniversary*



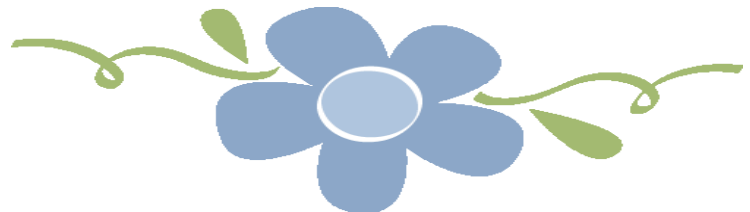
Love San Angelo-TOL Julie
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If you laugh a lot, when you get
older your wrinkles will be in the
right places.



I am excited to help your ministry deliver comfort
and God's love to hurting mothers. Thank you for
your consideration and for what you do. I have a
very close friend who lost a 40 week old baby and
the mementos given to her remain a precious mem-
ory and possession to this day- 12 years later. Please
know that what your ministry does and is doing in
the lives of these women makes a difference and is
ministering to broken hearts.

Thanks for your service to God's kingdom!



Our newest Chapters

West Cobb of GA-TIK
Kristina Aldred of Mableton, GA

Threads of Love
Andrea Fisher of Boerne, TX

"When you are going through difficulties and wonder where God is, remember the
teacher is always silent during the test."

These are pictures of a shower a new chapter had. Below is a little bit of what they did and on the next page is the invitation. We have also had a shower in San Jose, and it was very effective. It is a great way to raise money for materials. They are fun and it gets the ladies involved, even if just for that day.

We advertised the shower somewhat within the church. The email went out to roughly 700 women. We had a pretty decent turnout – about 15 showed. I also emailed every woman (and some men) I knew and asked that they do the same to invite them. (I've attached a copy of the invitation in case someone else would like to use it.)

If I were to do this again, I'd concentrate on making one thing during the shower. In our case, the lovie dolls won out. We set it up assembly style, so everyone had a job. Even those with little to no sewing experience could participate. We also hosted another lovie doll making party at my house, since we needed so many. That worked out well too.

Some women wanted to sew, so I had two machines already set up (a couple brought their own) so they could do that. I had some patterns already cut to make that run smoothly. I had one woman who wanted to cut patterns, and she knew how. So she cut patterns and made kits the entire time.

The key to doing multiple things is to ask people when they call or email to RSVP. It makes everything run smoother if you know what their talents are. Otherwise, stick to one thing and delegate.

Have a donations box on a table where people can drop gift cards or cash. I also pre-made several items and pinned them to a display board so people could see what they were making. Some people are visual learners, so the samples are extremely helpful.

Take extra empty boxes and bags to collect any tangible items like fabric, yarn, Ziploc bags, ribbon, etc. Have a sign in sheet there for people to give you contact information. You'll also want a sign out sheet for anyone who takes something home to work on.

I would also eliminate the food if you are planning on working. My crew ate virtually nothing. They wanted to get busy!! And it's hard to do both. So my advice would be to either eat and socialize or work. I took about 10 minutes at the beginning of the shower to give everyone the history of TOL and explain what I thought our vision and focus should be. I also asked for input and suggestions, because I was flying by the seat of my pants! Lol. We prayed, then we got to work.

And lastly, ask for help planning the shower. I was so fortunate that a friend made all the snacks. I made the punch, while the church provided water and coffee. Another lady who wanted to help (who didn't sew) offered to make items for the little gift bags we gave out. She also provided all the decorations. Then others brought plates, cups, etc.

I know I kind of jumped around, but I just kept thinking of things! Use as much or as little of this as you need, and let me know if I can fill in any blanks.





This is the invitation that was sent out for the shower.

You are cordially invited to a baby shower to benefit the Threads of Love Ministry here at Savannah Christian Church. This is our kickoff event that we hope to continue on an annual basis.

Where: Adult Ministries Building Room 214 – Savannah Christian Church

Date: October 4, 2012

Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

What to bring:

If you sew, bring your sewing machine. If you knit, crochet or embroider, bring your supplies. If you know how to cut a pattern, bring a pair of scissors. If you can press, bring an iron and ironing board. We will have patterns cut and ready to assemble, we will have fabric ready to be cut, and we will have garments ready to be embroidered. If you crochet, we will have blankets ready that will need edging, or you can crochet the whole thing. We will have some yarn available for knitted hats, booties and blankets. We will also have all the patterns. Because this is our first event, our supplies will be limited until we begin receiving donations.

We will have a sew-in at the shower for those who are interested. Or come and socialize with us and learn more about this newest ministry.

If you don't sew or knit or embroider, no worries, you can still help. We are in need of donations of fabric, thread, yarn, lace, ribbon, gallon Ziploc bags, tissue paper in sheets or rolls, pins, and lots more. Be sure to pick up a copy of the "How You Can Help" sheet on the Real Women Ministry table. This list contains specific information regarding the types of items needed as well as quantities. Our greatest need is for white batiste fabric and Orlon Acrylic Baby Yarn or something comparable. Or you can bring gift cards from local fabric stores or checks/cash and drop them in the donations box at the shower.

Please contact Angela Lee at 912-663-3123 or angela@lanyarddevelopment.com to RSVP or if you have any questions about the ministry and/or how you can help.

Our monthly meetings will begin the following month and continue the first Thursday of every month.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
And before you were born I consecrated you;" Jeremiah 1:5

Sissy sent out an email letting us know of the 2014 Threads of Love Conference. If you have not been to a Threads of Love Conference I would urge you to make plans to go. You will not regret it. You will laugh, cry, eat a lot, (there is nothing like Southern cooking), learn a lot, and just have a great time. Sissy is asking that each chapter attending make a favor to share. You will need to make 100. Her chapter has done all of them in the past. Let's all pitch in and make the load lighter for all involved. When you decide what your chapter will make, please let Sissy know so we all make something different. Stay tuned for more about the Conference.

Mark your calendar
It will be April 23-26

