

# 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**

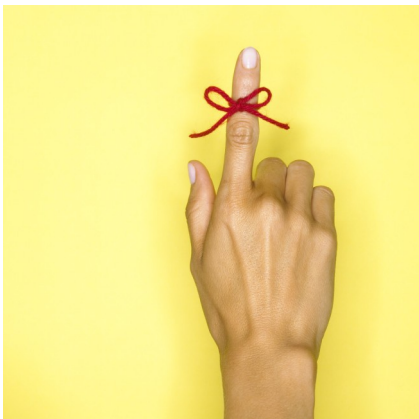
When you read the new chapters and anniversaries, you will see they go back several months. We didn't forget you. Because of Sissy being ill the beginning of the year, and then the convention, there was not an email the first and second quarter of this year. Please continue to pray for Sissy. I saw first hand at the convention the hard work of her and Bob. And that was for four days. She works hard all year long.

THANK YOU, Sissy for all you do for Threads of Love.

I can say with sincere honesty that I look forward to the biennial Threads of Love Conference. In fact, my enthusiasm has me purchasing my airline ticket an entire year before the event. (Thank you Sissy for planning ahead!) I make note on my calendar when the tickets will be released for purchase and then cash in my miles on that date. For me personally, the Conference gives me an opportunity to recharge my batteries. Don't get me wrong; I love being a chapter head for Threads of Love. But, we all know that it is a job that takes time and energy. While an extremely rewarding job, it at times keeps me more busy than I ever imagined. I thank God that we have helped so many babies and their families. Thank you, Sissy for providing this Conference to help us realize that what we do matters!

Ann Katapski, Chapter Head, South Orange County

### REMINDER:



"PLEASE" send your monthly tallies to Linda at [linda@threadsoflove.org](mailto:linda@threadsoflove.org). We have many chapters that do not have any tallies listed. Even if you have zero for the month we really need to know that. We don't need to have a list of what you donated just the number of items. Not packages, but items. If a package has a gown, blanket, and hat, that is 3 items. If we don't receive a tally (even if it is "0") or an order for labels by the end of the year, your chapter will be put on the inactive list.

Thank You,  
Linda

EVERGREEN VALLEY CHURCH CHAPTER  
SAN JOSE, CA  
Renee Brogdon

I have asked all of you to volunteer to send me an article of what your chapter is doing along with any patterns of items you might be making. I saw several items at the convention that I haven't seen a pattern for. It would be nice if some of you would share some of the patterns you have. I will go first with a little about the Evergreen Valley Chapter in San Jose.

We are still trying to get a group of ladies built up. We have about five faithfuls that are here every month. We do get a lot done, but would like more so we can add more hospitals.

We do have a lady starting this month that had a baby in NICU for four months. She doesn't sew, but wants to give back in any way she can.

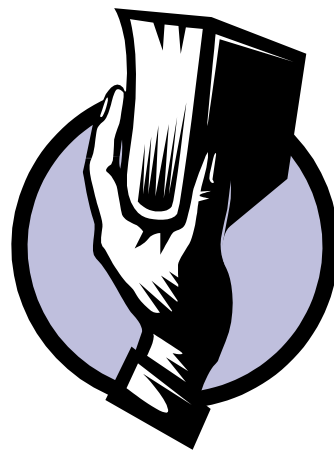
We also have a few ladies coming that are not Christians. What a way to be a witness.

We sew at my home, since we are a small group. My dear hubby, Mike, is always there to set up and tear down. Husbands can be involved. There were several at the convention. It is wonderful to have them involved to see what their wives are doing.

I am trusting that next time I share I can tell you how much we have grown. We are planning to have a "baby" shower to help grow awareness and get new ladies to sew.

Sissy and others are working on a new Handbook. If you have any patterns that your chapter uses, we would love to have you share them with all of us. If you will send Sissy a picture (or the real thing) along with a pattern and written directions, it will get put into the new Handbook for other chapters to use and enjoy.

Please send the information to Sissy as soon as you can so it can be included.



The convention held in Baton Rouge was no disappointment to those that attended. We walked away with samples we made to use on our burial gowns, blankets and other items. We cried and laughed, sometimes until it hurt.



Eric Fairley told how Threads of Love touched their lives when they were hurting. It was different hearing it from a father's perspective, but very necessary. Thank you, Eric, for sharing from your heart.

# 2012 Threads of Love Convention



For those of you who have had this wonderful (or not so wonderful) experience, we learned all about menopause (in a funny sort of way) and that we are not the only ones that feel like we do. We forget things, cry for no apparent reason, and get exercise taking off the sweater, putting it back on, taking it off, putting it back on.



We had Ice cream made with a John Deere tractor. I am sure it was the best I've had since my mom's. I know I wasn't the only one that had seconds, and I don't want to mention names, but her initials are SD. And we weren't the only ones. It was so yummy. Thank you Pete Firman for a job well done.



Balloon release at Conventions is always a touching moment. This year it was at the grave of 12 babies that Threads of Love was asked to dress and give a burial to that were not claimed from Katrina. All of them have the last name of Love.

We also heard from Dr. Rachael Housman , the nurse that first contacted Sissy about some gowns that ultimately started Threads of Love. Little did she know when she made the call, nor did Sissy know when she raised her hand, what would come of that phone call and raised hand. If you ever feel lead to do something, no matter how small you think it is, God can bring about something big from it if you will let Him.





An article sent to the local paper in Baton Rouge. Thank you, Lisa for a great job.

Local Sewing Chapter Hosts National Convention in Central  
*by Lisa Magee*

The Greenwell Springs Baptist Church chapter of Threads of Love hosted the bi-annual conference of the international organization last Wednesday through Saturday (April 25 - 28, 2012). A total of 87 women and men volunteers representing eight states attended the conference and received education, entertainment and encouragement to continue their special Christ-centered ministry of sewing and creating clothing, blankets and other handmade articles for tiny premature and sick infants.

Those who attended were offered a variety of educational classes ranging from smocking, embroidery, serging, scrapbooking, jewelry making, heirloom sewing techniques as well as loss counseling and web building.

One of the guest speakers at the conference was Rachel Hausmann, M. D., the pediatrician from Earl K. Long Charity Hospital in Baton Rouge who made the call to a local pastor in 1993 for a request with someone with sewing skills to make tiny gowns for patients who were born prematurely and were too sick or too tiny to survive. Sissy Davis and Anna Miller responded to their pastor's request. Little did Dr. Hausmann know that her call and Sissy Davis' response would grow into an international organization with 136 chapters and thousands of volunteers who have provided over 1.3 million items for babies and their families throughout the world in the last 19 years.

Other speakers included a Labor and Delivery nurse, a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NIC-U) nurse, and a father who lost his infant son because premature birth. Each one spoke of how the items supplied by Threads of Love have positively impacted their lives.

Entertainment included a hilarious performance by the Menopausal Ladies; ventriloquist Christie McMorris; chalk art by GSBC minister, Wilton McMorris; and a concert by the southern gospel group Spoken4.

The conference concluded Saturday morning with Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, encouraging the group to continue their work and pass their sewing skills on to young people so that the art of sewing will continue. A final prayer and balloon release was held in the GSBC cemetery in memory of prematurely born babies and abandoned children who have passed away alone.

Threads of Love is a nondenominational organization. Their mission is healing and binding hearts of parents in time of uncertainty about their baby's health or when they lose an infant. Threads of Love welcomes volunteers. Additional information on Threads of Love can be found at [www.threadsoflove.org](http://www.threadsoflove.org) or by calling their office weekdays at 225 667-7714.





## Our newest Chapters

Our Beloved Children- TOL/Elizabeth  
McKuslu/Elgin, IL

Threads of Love/ Carolyn Bailey/Pineville, La

Little Miracles-Threads of Love/ Carol Mercer/  
Bay De Verde, New Foundland

Threads of Love UK/ Katherine Dowdy/  
Chelsea, London, England

NW Oregon-Threads of Love/ Jennifer Pischel/  
Molalla, OR

Salina Loves-Threads of Love/ Shawn Halpain/  
Salina, Kansas

Agape-Threads of Love/ Nora Sinkankas/  
Bethany, OK

Threads of Love/ Martha Mc Neil/Tupelo, MS

Oasis-Threads of Love/ Michaela Blig/San An-  
tonia, TX

Odessa FL-Threads of Love/Ginny Deep/  
Odessa, FL

Threads of Love/ Leticia Sexton/Coeburn, VA

Eagle, Idaho-Threads of Love/ Pamela Burns/  
Eagle, Idaho

Threads of Love/ Betsy Friedrich/Amarillo, TX

Threads of Love/ Mariah Kelly/Deer Park, TX  
Susan Harrison and Bobbye Meaux/Lafayette,  
LA

Threads of Love/Mariah Kelly/Deer Park TX



HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY  
TO THESE CHAPTERS

### October

Central Illinois-Threads of Love/Claudette Cremer/  
Washington, IL

### December

La Vernia UMW-Threads of Love/Carol Duke/  
Adkins, TX

### April

The Littlest Angels-Threads of Love/Sheri Hoss/  
Madison , NC

First Baptist Columbia-Threads of Love/ Laurie  
Anderson/Columbia, TN

Threads of Love/Carol Miller/Trussville,  
Al.

Threads of Love-Caring Ladies/Patsy LeCompte/  
Houma, La

### May

Golden Valley-Threads of Love/Cathy Blankenship/  
Merced, CA

Central Texas-Threads of Love/Emily Burkhalter/  
Belton, Texas

### June

Caring Hearts-Threads of Love/ Kay Hill/  
Northport, AL

Threads of Love/ Maureen Macleod/ Toronto,  
Ontario, Canada

