

# Sew Precious In His Sight



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## GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN

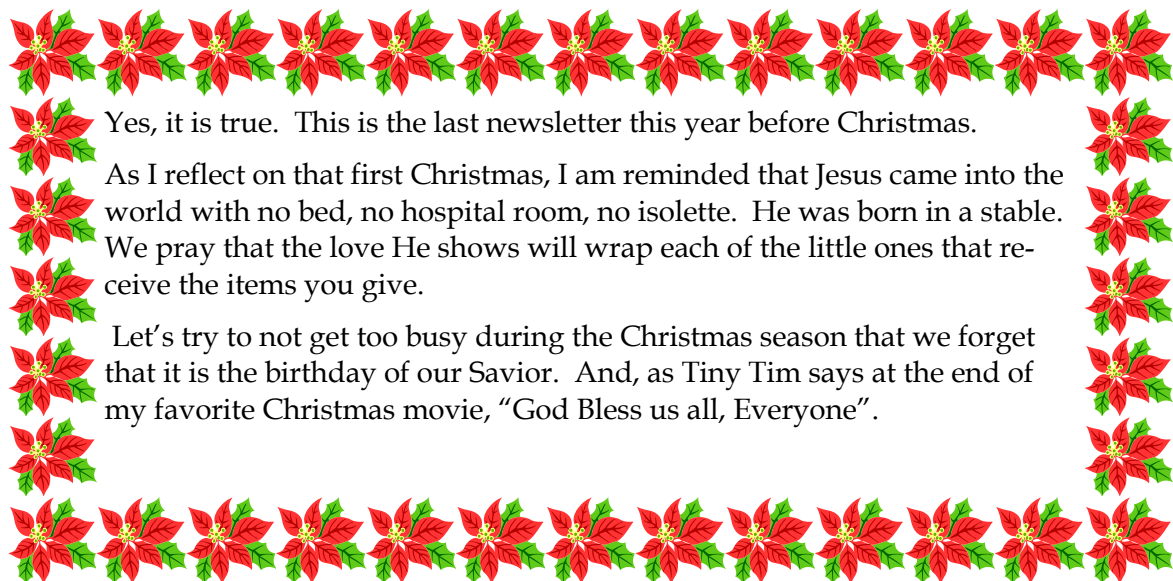
"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.." Luke 2:11



Remember, I would love to share something from all of the chapters. Please send me things your chapter is doing or ideas that you have come up with to share in the newsletter.

Thank you, Joyce, from Georgia for sharing the pictures of the gowns. They are so precious.

Also, thank you to Cynthia Young Venable for volunteering to do a devoional for the newsletters. Great job.



Yes, it is true. This is the last newsletter this year before Christmas.

As I reflect on that first Christmas, I am reminded that Jesus came into the world with no bed, no hospital room, no isolette. He was born in a stable. We pray that the love He shows will wrap each of the little ones that receive the items you give.

Let's try to not get too busy during the Christmas season that we forget that it is the birthday of our Savior. And, as Tiny Tim says at the end of my favorite Christmas movie, "God Bless us all, Everyone".

Evergreen Valley Church Chapter had a shower/fund raiser on August 18. I was a lot discouraged at first with the RSVP's. I had several "no's". My husband and Sissy were very encouraging. The attendance was low, but the results were fantastic. I had a lady come up after one of our morning services where the shower had been announced and shared that she had a baby four years ago that was born with a heart problem. The baby survived three days. She told the story in tears. She was touched by the hospital giving her items for her baby. It was not Threads of Love, but it was something, and she was grateful for it. So I was encouraged that people that receive items are grateful. We received \$950.00. Mostly cash with a few gift cards to JoAnn's and one to Beverly's. I am excited about the lives that are going to be touched by these donations.

Don't be discouraged. God will provide all you need. Give this a try. It was work, but it was fun and well worth it. My ladies all were involved and very enthusiastic.

If you want to give this a try and have questions, please contact:

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Cupcakes decorated with pastel sprinkles and business card.



Some of our sewing ladies



We strung a clothesline and put articles we make on it. It was also used for money and gift cards to be pinned on.



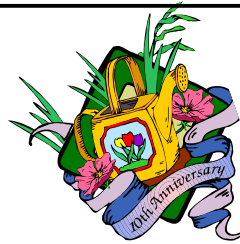
Bagels, fresh fruit, juice and coffee. Very simple



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Our chapter is located near Lake Oconee, Georgia. We have been cutting, sewing, crocheting, and donating preemie bereavement packets since May 2010. I attended the TOL convention in NC, came home and presented the info to my Bible study and our group blossomed. We make 1-2#, 3-4#, and 5-6# gowns and flannel blankets in pink, blue, and white paired with a prayer card and certificate of recognition that are packaged in a gallon zip-lock bag. We service hospitals in Georgia, Mississippi, Iowa, Florida, Michigan, Cabo San Lucas, MX, etc. One of our gals brought the completed pink gowns shown to our September meeting. They turned out so cute that I wanted to share them with you. Each packet is prayed over as we are putting it together. Prayer is the one thing that will help this family deal with the loss they have experienced losing their precious child.

Joyce Daniel

If you have any questions about these gowns, you can contact Joyce at [mdaniel@plantaoncable.net](mailto:mdaniel@plantaoncable.net)



In the picture to the right here is just one inverted pleat with the lace sewn just under the edge of the pleat, top right gown actually has three pleats done the same way. This picture just isn't showing the depth of the pleat. The other picture on top is done the same way just more pleats, but still gathering the neck. It's fun to get creative.

I love to add lace or trim of some kind to them but got tired of just putting it down the front or lace on the hem so tried some other options. I do inverted pleats one or more and put the trim in different places.







We wanted to let you all know that we were blessed by Threads of Love last week. We lost our baby girl, Theresa, due to complications in delivery. In our need for grief we were given various garments and literature to comfort us, and we have truly been blessed. Thank you so much for this sweet ministry, and please know that your work has been a blessing in our lives. Jordy & Allison

Hello Renee,

We welcome our baby girl, Gianna Rose three months early. Upon arriving in the NICU, we were scared of our little one's future. We were given your blanket and were comforted that someone was thinking of our baby. Thank you... your blanket provides our daughter with love and the comfort and darkness she needs to grow until we can take her home. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

With gratitude,

Clemente, Julia and Gianna Gonzalez

Gianna's blanket looks gorgeous on her islette...thank you! You are more than welcome to share her story. Please let them know that my pregnancy was very difficult and that we almost lost our baby many times (even doctors had no hope). My baby fought for her life and made it to 26 weeks after no one but her father and I believed in her strength. She truly is a miracle and her name means "God is gracious." Thank you again for bringing happiness to families like ours.

Gianna is a true fighter and so far is doing well in the NICU. Please continue to pray for her progress and that she may be home in our homes soon. Thank you!

This is Shawn (Halpain) from Kansas.

I am looking forward to the TOL newsletters, especially stories from other chapters. Just putting together my chapter and learning the patterns, I sometimes wish I had everyone in one room together so I could ask the zillion questions I have! I am sure that this is going to be a big help for Sissy; thanks so much for doing this for us. You are going to do a great job.

I wanted to follow up and tell you what I liked best about the conference. I liked everything! I learned so many new sewing techniques and terms that I am still learning about and practicing them. I am very excited to make gowns with these techniques. But mostly I liked hearing the testimonies from Sissy, the nurse, the father, and the doctor. When I got home from the conference, remembering their stories helped me stay focused on the babies and their families as well as stay encouraged.

I have a little trick for getting the ribbon through the neck band that I would like to share with others. When the neckband is sewn on the gown and you are ready to 'thread' the ribbon through, use a Dritz Loop Turner. Insert it through the neckband by itself, attach the ribbon at the other end (by poking a hole in the ribbon), and pull it back through (backwards) toward you. Voila!

I bought mine at Joanns for under \$5.



I am not real savvy about these things, but perhaps someone knows how to start a blog or something like that, that we could post questions on as they arise for all the chapters to see. Just a thought. Anyone willing?



Greetings to Threads of Love members!

I had the privilege of attending your Threads of Love Conference for the first time in April of this year and have enjoyed learning more about this wonderful ministry. I also have the privilege of knowing Sissy Davis as a “fellow-servant of Christ” as we work together in various areas of our local church and community. What a blessing to see the Lord's work being carried out up close and personal through the gifts He provides through His people all over the world! THANK YOU to all Threads of Love Members for being His instruments of Grace to so many!

Sissy shared with me a report from one of our members in California of the way her Chapter was blessed during a recent event. Part of her description of that blessing caught my attention when she said...”He (God) answered BIGGER THAN I COULD IMAGINE.” I immediately thought of the verses in Ephesians 3:20-21 which expand on that description:

“Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the (action of His) power that is at work within us, is able to (carry out His purpose and) do superabundantly, far over and above all that we (dare) ask or think (infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams)...To HIM be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen (so be it).” The Amplified Bible.

Wow! These words speak my heart and experience as I have enjoyed this 'adventure' of “superabundance” of His Mercy, Grace, and Love through the past 49 years since I first came to know the Lord personally as my Lord and Saviour. These verses speak of the “action of HIS power that is at work within us which is able to do superabundantly far over and above all that we DARE to ask or think!” I couldn't have dared ask or think all of the ways the Lord has blessed me and my family...it's a good exercise to think back on some of this superabundance...for example in the Godly parents He gave me, the precious children and grandchildren we enjoy, and most recently...the husband the Lord blessed me with in 2010 (far above all I dared to ask for)! Beside the blessings we also thank Him for the Grace, Peace, and Comfort He pours out on us when we are hurting. Even though I have never lost a baby or had a miscarriage (thankfully)...I do know the pain of un-prepared for loss...such as the time in June 2006 when I received an unexpected call from my sister that our nephew, our sister's son, had been called Home to Heaven unexpectedly at the age of 36. Another call came to our family at Christmas 2009 when our son received the diagnosis of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma... Thankfully he is in remission and in good health physically at this time. We all receive some sort of call as these sometime in our lives. All these life experiences cause us to lean HARD on the One these verses speak of who is able to heal and comfort far above what we could ever dare to ask!

Let us continue to look to Him who carries out His Purpose through Threads of Love servants and give Him the Glory throughout all generations. AMEN!

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