

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

Mission Statement: Our mission is to show parents the love of Christ, especially at a time when their personal pain is hard to endure, and let them know that God is faithful. Through acts of obedience and donations, His work can and will continue. We pray that this ministry will have an impact far beyond our expectations.

Our Purpose: Threads of Love is a sewing ministry meeting the needs of newborns and tiny premature infants.

Oh my! It is January, 2018 and the conference is almost here. I hope to see all of you in April. If you have never been, you won't be disappointed for going. You will meet new friends, find out new ideas, and eat lots of good southern cookin'. Greenwell Springs Baptist Church has been so gracious in accommodating us and the men of that church are great cooks. This is just me (Renee Brogdon) speaking, but wouldn't it be nice to give a love offering to them for what they do for us?



The thinking of a 5 year old

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3
The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.
Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson..
'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say,
'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said,
' Ryan , you be Jesus !'

Our newest Chapters



Beverly Smith
Frisco, TX

Tammie Reed
Allen, KS

We hope to meet you at the 2018
Conference.

A NOTE FROM Sissy

I would also like to take this time to say how much I appreciate each one of you. Threads of Love could not continue to be what it has become if it wasn't for the wonderful dedication of you and your ladies. A great big thank you and hope to see you at our conference in April.

In 2018 we will be going into our 25th year. The Lord has kept His hand on this ministry all these years, He gets all the praise of how we have continued to grow and how Threads of Love has reached so many families when the love of Christ is so needed.

2018 CONFERENCE

Sissy has reserved a block of 40 rooms, 10 king size and 30 double queen beds, at the Comfort Inn, [249 Rushing Rd West, Denham Springs, LA 70726](#). Phone #[225-243-7210](#). These rooms are held until April 15th and after that our guaranteed rate of \$89.00 a night plus tax will be honored if rooms are available.

We want to do our best to accommodate individuals who might like to share a ride and /or a hotel room. If you are interested in either, please contact Marilyn Porterfield. She can be reached by phone at (225) 221-3506 or her email address is mmplinks@aol.com). Marilyn will serve as our liaison and keep a master list.

New this year is our Grab Table where chapters can contribute excess or items no longer used by their hospitals. This is a great way to share with chapters who may have limited resources and also secure some fabric or items for their chapters.

We don't have a definite list of the classes. We will have a lot of hand embroidery, tatting, etc. I am trying to secure a Bernina Ambassador to teach a basic applique class and I can speak from experience that she is an awesome teacher. One of our all day classes may be a take off on a Chubby Charm bag. It is not a purse but a bag that is approx. 14" tall x 18" wide and 10" deep that is heavily stabilized to stay open and would be great for carrying to sew with TOL.

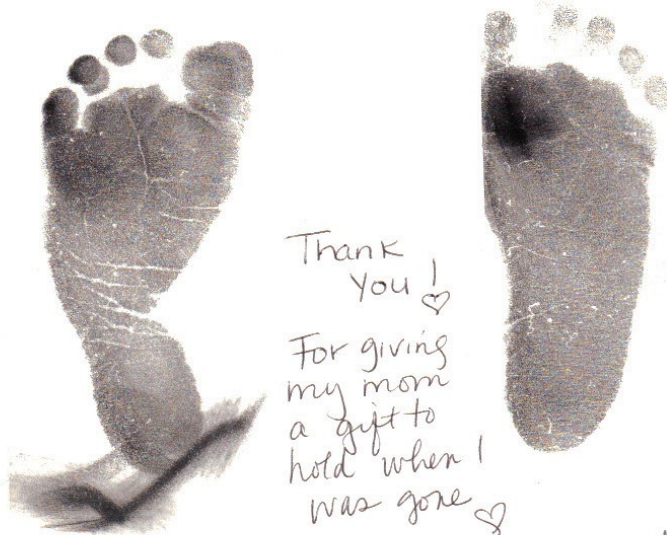
Our Idea Table which, replaces the Best Dress, we hope will be very informative to all.

No entertainment and at night Sissy will speak and conduct an open forum.

There is a group of angels working behind the scene to make sure the 2018 conference will be a great success. The Greenwell Springs chapter members along with others are making preparations for the conference. The Greenwell Springs ladies will serve as "class angels" during the conference to assist in the classrooms, give directions, answer questions, etc.

Debbie Gares is working on teachers and our classes and we are so excited she will be with us again. Debbie will once again teach the little girls dress from a man's shirt along with other classes. As some of you know, Debbie has fought a hard battle with cancer these last two years. After a long road of medical appointments, treatment and lots of prayer she is cancer free. Praise God for His mercy and healing.

Hope you had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed time with your family and friends. We look forward to our time together in 2018 at the conference. Keep up the great work!



Thank
You! ♡
For giving
my mom
a gift to
hold when I
was gone ♡

Thank
you for thinking,
praying and loving
our patients at SFH.
You have touched
several of our patients
this past month.
Filled arms
with blankets
when a baby
is lost.

Thank you for choosing St. Francis Women's Hospital.
We are grateful you trusted us with your care.

Thank you
for taking time,
love and caring -
Parents may never
say it! But they
know of your gifts
and greatly appreciate
them. Staff @
SFH.



My baby was in the nicu at us San Antonio hospital. He had a sock lovey and a few hats and a blanket from you. He's home now, as big as a turkey and I was just nursing him and grabbed a burp cloth. I saw the threads of love tag and remembered how special it was to have something sweet for my baby to wear when I was far too scared and upset to even think about bringing something back to the nicu. Thank you so much for being a blessing during such a tough time

It's A Boy!



It's that time again ladies, you will be receiving your form to fill out for the 2018 chapter update information.

Please fill them out as soon as you get your update form. It will make my life a lot easier. If your chapter is closed or inactive PLEASE let me know that also. We are trying to get the website updated before the 2018 conference. As you know there is lots of last minute work to be done.. Your cooperation in the matter will be greatly appreciated. Sissy

We just finished the Christmas Season. My husband is in a men's Bible Study at our church. One of them said something that has really stuck with Mike and I.

We hear so much the saying "Jesus is the Reason for the Season". Someone said in his group, "I am the reason for the season". I am the reason Jesus came. He didn't come so there would be a Christmas when we could shop, wait in long lines, get cranky and eat too much. He came for me and you. We are the reason He came.

So, "I/You" are the reason for the season.

So, going into 2018, let's keep the "season" in our hearts all year long. Let's not forget why He came. We may pack away the Nativity with all the other decorations we have out, but let's not put Him away. Keep Him out all year long in your hearts.

Happy 2018 to all of you. Renee

Congratulation on 30 years of service

In July of 1997 an article appeared in Family Circle magazine about Threads of Love. Shortly after that I received a call from Carolyn Casewell asking how she could start a chapter in Alpharetta GA. Since my in-laws lived there we set up a meeting. And from that magazine article and our meeting Threads of Love first chapter was born in Alpharetta GA.

Carolyn lead this chapter for many years and then turned the leadership over to Faye Chasteen. Faye continued until this past fall when she relinquished leadership to Robin Messer and Carolyn Caske.

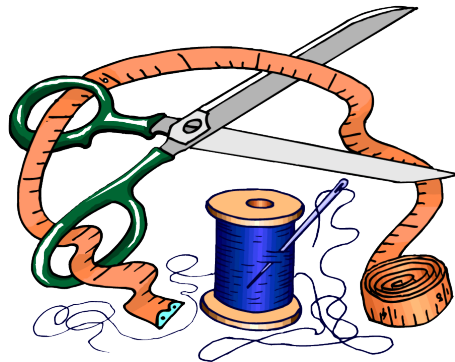
Congratulations for not only being the first chapter but also the oldest with 20 years of servicing the needs of God's Littlest Angels

This chapter serves as an example of how a chapter continues on with change of leadership.

Sissy Davis



Be sure to always take time outside to enjoy the change of seasons and actually see everything coming back to life, the beauty of God's creation, birds singing, and all that Christ has done for us. Thank Him and praise Him and acknowledge His as Creator of all.



Sewing hints.

-As you turn your iron on and pour water in for it to steam, be sure to slide it over a cloth, etc. to be sure there is no residue on the plate that will transfer to your garment.

-Keep a Sticky Roller in your sewing room to "clean" your ironing board, etc. of little cut ends, etc.

-An EZ way to sew on 2 or 4 eye buttons is to drop your feed dogs, tape the button on the garment, place it under the presser foot, lower the foot, and zig zag in place over the button holes.

-Binder clips come in all sizes and are great to use to hold fabric or binding in place or out of the way as you sew/embroider.