

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.

Trusting you all have a wonderful and safe 4th of July.



If you are struggling with ideas on how to get started with a chapter, this is a must read. I know that after a break, our chapter is starting up again, and I will read and reread this article.

Thank you, Linda from Parker & Billy's Threads of Love.

PLEASE, any of you that have ideas like this, send them to myself or Sissy to include in a Newsletter.

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Parker & Billy's Threads of Love

In June 2016, I learned about Threads of Love when my grandsons were born prematurely and did not survive. The nurses brought them to us dressed in tiny gowns, diapers, caps, and wrapped in a beautiful blue blanket. This gift from others gave our boys dignity and provided us comfort. I wanted to turn this tragic situation into something that would glorify God and help others in similar situations. Finding the name of the organization, I contacted Sissy Davis to set up a local chapter in memory of Parker and Billy. In September 2016, we provided our local hospital all they needed to launch this ministry. It took long, dedicated hours, but my co-chairperson, Anne Hudson, and I had everything ready in one month. In less than three years, we have grown to serve five hospitals! We have a small, dedicated team and though we are a few, we have done so much! This chapter would not be helping so many if we didn't have our team. The following steps helped us get up and running so we could provide items to our hospitals. You may also find these helpful for your chapter. If you would like more information about any item below, please email me at hayestrent@yahoo.com or Anne at achudlake@gmail.com.



- Contact Sissy Davis to set up your chapter and get the Threads of Love handbook (it is invaluable & so is Sissy's advice).
 - Ask someone you know well to be a co-chairperson. It is vital that a chapter has a co-chairperson who can step in and take the lead if the chairperson is unavailable.
 - Contact a local church for sponsorship. Being sponsored by a church gives the chapter credibility. Our church sponsor manages all monies donated to our chapter. We purchase what we need, and then the church reimburses us. If your church does not offer this, set up a non-profit (501(c)(3) tax-exempt status bank account.
 - Set up an appointment with your hospital's Labor & Delivery Director to discuss Threads of Love. Take a packet with you to the meeting.
 - Ask the local newspaper to attend when you launch the ministry.
 - **COMMUNICATE!** Communication is so critical to a chapter's success. This ministry operates as a team, not in silos. As the Holy Bible states in 1 Corinthians 12, though the parts of the body are many, they are all needed to make up the body. So it is with our ministry. Each of us brings different talents to the ministry and all those talents are needed to make this ministry successful.
 - Have a baby shower at your church. The Threads of Love Handbook discusses this. Place a baby shower announcement with, date, time, location, and what people can donate in your church bulletin.
- At the baby shower, do the following:
- Have refreshments.
 - Talk about your chapter and the Threads of Love Organization.
 - Announce your first project day (date, time, location).
 - Ask for volunteers (have a sign-up sheet). Stress that there are plenty of non-sewing things to do.
 - Allow time for questions and answers.
- Have monthly meetings with co-chairperson. Discuss topics such as who is working on what, what items are needed, and what needs ordering. We have a document that tracks this and more.
 - Set up a closed Facebook group. Give administrative access to your co-chairperson. Post all information pertinent to the group, including pictures, here.

— Spread the word! Look for organizations, churches, and civic groups where you or someone in your chapter can present Threads of Love to make the community aware of this precious ministry and to raise funds for this ministry. Be willing and God will provide opportunities. Not everyone likes public speaking, but God provided the folks to do this in our chapter: Jan Roller, formerly with the Montgomery, AL chapter, Gwen Morrow from our sponsor church, and me. Others in our chapter share this ministry one-on-one when opportunities arise. He blesses us in so many ways and knows our needs even before we do, and always paving a way to meet those needs.

— Get business cards with yours, your co-chairperson's, and your spokesperson's (if other than you or your co-chair) names and telephone numbers. Carry them with you and hand them out!

— Customize the flyer (found on the Threads of Love website under members section) to include yours and co-chairperson's names, email addresses, and telephone numbers. Include contact information about your sponsor church. Have plenty available when you do presentations.

— Create a display board to use when speaking about Threads of Love or launching the ministry at a hospital.

— Place an announcement in your church bulletin the Sunday before a project day. Remind everyone that there are plenty of non-sewing things to do.

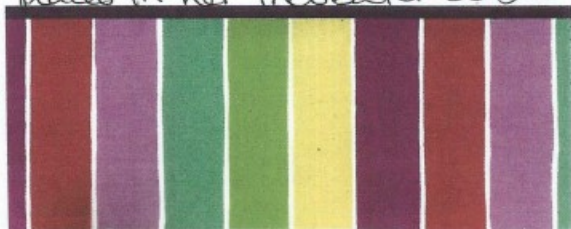
— Write a note or short article for the sponsor church's newsletter, especially when nearing a project day.

— On project day have a sign-out sheet so the chairperson and co-chairperson know who has taken items with them. This form is helpful when preparing packets for a hospital or planning the next project day.

I wish I had one more minute with Parker and Billy, to hold them and tell them that I love them. I don't so I do the next best thing: keep their memories alive through this precious ministry.

Threads of love,
Thank you from the
bottom of our hearts for
the beautiful handmade
gowns and blankets
you provided to our twins
in the NICU at Longview
Regional. My husband and
I prayed for children for
many years and became
pregnant with boy/girl
twins through IVF. I delivered
very unexpectedly at
23 weeks and our baby
boy, Rylan, survived 7 hours

and then went to be with
Jesus. While holding sweet Rylan
while he passed, I realized out
of all of his clothes, we had
nothing to fit him since he
was only 1 pound 8 ounces. The
NICU assured us they had the
perfect clothing for him to be
in and we cried when we saw
the beautiful blue gown with
ducks at the bottom. It brought
so much peace knowing my
baby had a beautiful outfit
that fit his perfect body. While
our baby girl, Sydney Kate, fought
very hard for 5 days, we
slept with a blanket that was
placed in her incubator so she



knew our scent that was also
provided by you. When she also
went to be with Jesus, we
were given the most beautiful
gown. My words can never
reflect how truly grateful we
are for your ministry. You
provided the only clothes we
ever saw our babies in and
that is such a beautiful thing.
Thank you for being the
hands and feet and ministers
to families in the darkest
times of their lives. You
are such a light. May
God bless each of you.
Thank you again for
blessing our family.

♡
Lacey
Adkins

Some Teasers

We have already begun planning for the 2020 conference. This is the Sew Together Bag that will be taught at the next conference. It's a cute bag with 3 zippered interior pockets and another zipper makes the handle for carrying.



This bag is ideal for carrying all of your sewing supplies to class or used as a beach bag. Prairie points made the quick and easy way, how to sew on vinyl mesh, and tips on making French seams will be learned.

Most of us in California have to buy grocery bags. So, these make excellent bags for that purpose. The vinyl mesh (also I've heard it called pet screen) makes them very strong. I've made several, but not this fancy.



2 Cor. 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Does my perspective reveal a biblical view of God's resources?

I read this today in my Bible reading and thought of Threads of Love. We may feel inadequate at times. In our humanness, we are. But God is able to make all grace abound in you and me so we have all sufficiency at all times. It isn't in or from ourselves that we have sufficiency, it is all from Him.

So, when you feel like you aren't making a difference, or you are tired and just want to quit, call on Him to replenish you with His strength.

2 Cor. 12:9

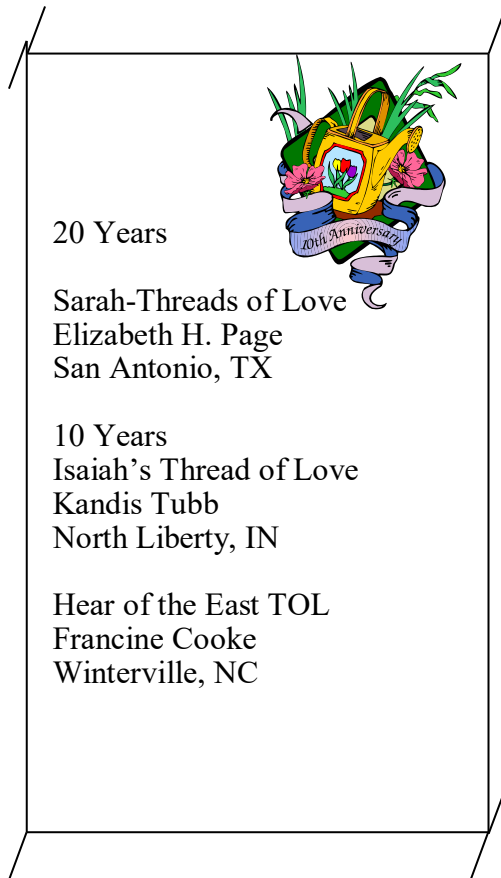
My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

I may just be saying all this for myself, but I am sure we all get tired and weary and want to quit. Spend some time with the Lord and let His strength pour out into you.

This is one of the favors that was given out at the 2018 conference, what a handy little thing to care in your Purse, thanks to the Carol Robinson Field Street Baptist Church-Threads of Love. These little bottles of Purell are hard to find. Here is a hint if you can't find them.

The plunger comes with a jar of seasoning to injection into your turkey which is found at the grocery store. It's called Cajun injection.





20 Years

Sarah-Threads of Love
Elizabeth H. Page
San Antonio, TX

10 Years

Isaiah's Thread of Love
Kandis Tubb
North Liberty, IN

Hear of the East TOL
Francine Cooke
Winterville, NC

Our newest Chapters

Threads of Love
Angie Livingston
Panama City Beach, FL



The ladies at Greenwell Springs are working hard on the upcoming Threads of Love Conference. For you new chapters, and anyone that hasn't been, I would encourage you to make plans now to go. April is not that far off. You will make new friends as well as see those you only see every two years.

Sissy has said that some of the classes at the 2020 conference would be longer so we can finish projects in class. I

If any of you are like me, I have draws full of UFO's.
Or, as I saw recently,

I have a PHD in sewing. My family calls it "Projects Half Done".

SHOULD I BUY THIS FABRIC?
HEAD: NO
WALLET: NO
CRAFT ROOM: PLEASE NO.
HUSBAND: CRAP NO

ME: I'LL TAKE 3 YARDS.

Joke:

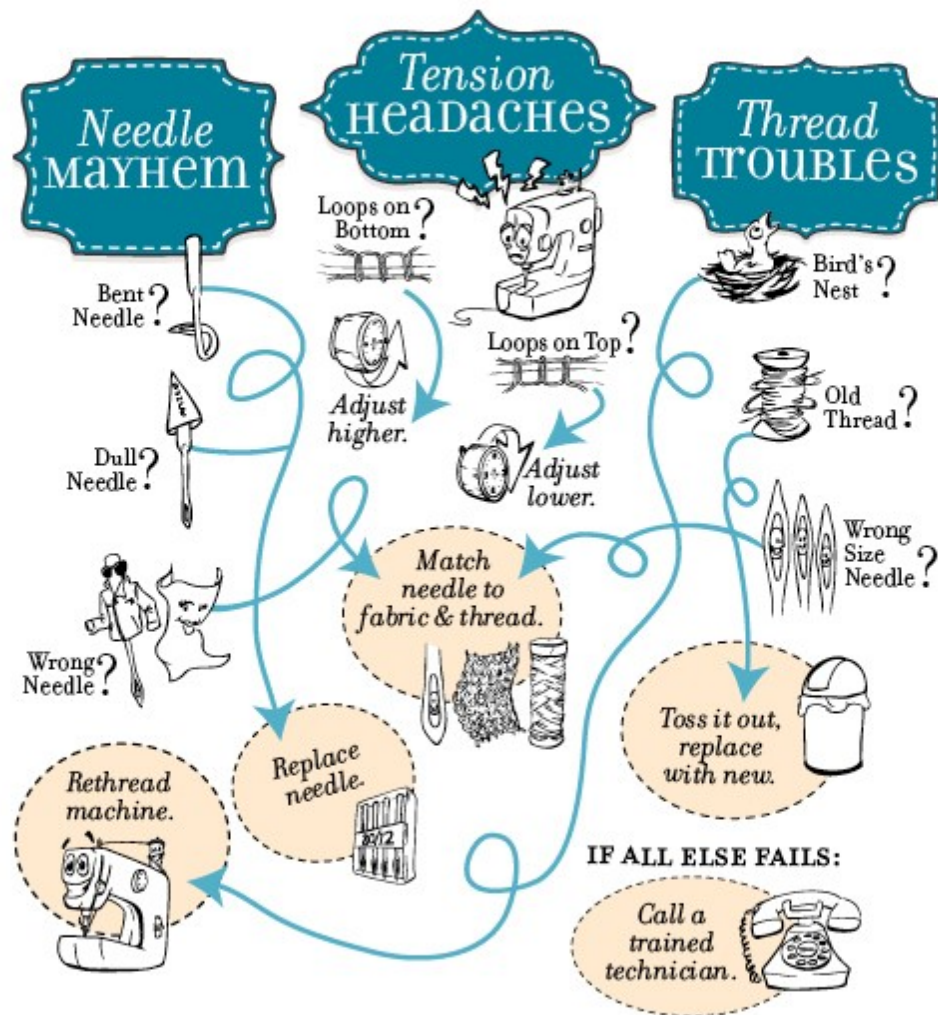
Two sewing machines are sitting at a bar.

One turns to the other and says, "Hey, aren't you a Singer?!"

It turns and says, "Why? Ja-no-me?"

And then the bartender said, "Oh Brother."

SEWING MACHINE TROUBLESHOOTING



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