



# Shepherd Care®

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*To Care for People Where They Live and Work*

## COMMUNITY Care TOPIC

### **The Tailor of Greensboro**

A tailor is a person who makes, repairs, or alters clothing. Tailors take professional measurements, assess posture and body shape to make unique modifications to the garment, and give the customers an opportunity to see the fabric and garment samples.

A tailor sews. The tools of their trade involve stitching a needle through the fabric. There also are several types of stitches.

#### **Living like a Tailor.**

But the “tailor” term transcends those who work with fabrics and garments. It is also a Philosophy of Life.

- As a person navigates through the fabric, material, and stuff of life, using a trained eye to determine quality.
- As challenges and opportunities arise, a skillful person can adeptly weave and navigate through whatever situation that develops.
- A person can make recommendations to others, based upon a person's ability to assess people and situations.

An expert in this way of living is called a Tailor.

As this Tailor steers down Battleground Avenue, facing traffic and pattern changes, he uses the running stitch. This may seem like the most basic of the sewing stitches but has many variations. The skillful Tailor pilots the car through the flow of vehicles, in and out of traffic. The car is threaded to the left or right, is brought back to center, and then repeated.

Sometimes a precise stitch is required. This is the time for the buttonhole stitch. The Tailor has their life with a secure anchoring and works near the edge of the problem or challenge. Coming around from a new perspective, facing the problem again and again, often in a close time frame.

Other times a cross stitch is needed to fasten, maintain, preserve, and bind the edges or boundaries of another life that would otherwise have a tendency to fray or come apart. A wise Tailor can tack this stitch invisibly. Working from both sides, tiny adjustments and steps are encouraged, counseling a course that is clear and even. The result is seamless support.

When there is a larger objective or significant crisis being faced, a blanket approach may be required. Pieces may need to be cut away and others adapted to fit correctly. Tailors combine multiple resources in a patchwork quilt pattern to completely blanket and cover the event.

Anyone can become a Tailor, even an unassuming and quiet individual. It is all a matter of diligently applying this stylized approach to life.

Introducing your Community Chaplain

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“Dedicated to a fine Tailor that I know...my son.”

**Chaplain Eric Kieselbach**

“No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse.” Mark 2:21

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