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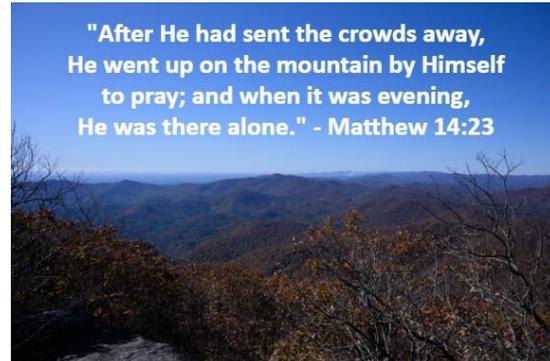


Blessings to a Good Friend and Colleague

By Rev. Keith Lawder, GUMF President/CEO

Pardon me for exercising a moment of personal privilege. May 1, 2020 marks a milestone for the Georgia United Methodist Foundation. Our good friend and colleague, Rev. Steve Waldorf, begins a new chapter in his life and ministry. Steve's medical leave means he will have time to pursue some long-desired bucket list items rather than working daily as our regional vice president. Even so, I am optimistic that Steve will continue to represent us on a volunteer basis. (He has already written our May meditation and May and June weekly devotions).

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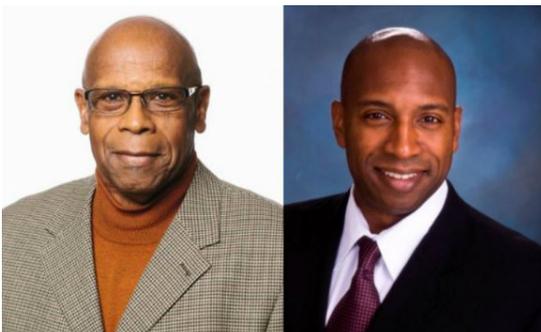
Talking With God on the Mountain

By Rev. Steve Waldorf, Former Regional Vice President at GUMF

Over the years, Blood Mountain has become one of the pinnacles of backpacking in Georgia. Although some may think it is because of the exceptionally high elevation of 4,458 feet, it is because of all of the boulders one must climb over to reach the majestic view at the top!

It is a very rocky, long, rough climb, especially for young teens or first-timers. As young Scouts, we were all exhausted by the time we reached the top of Blood Mountain. The less experienced Scouts would sometimes stop in the middle of the trail and have a good cry until they could find the strength again to keep climbing.

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Charles Buffington Jr.

Charles Buffington III



He Said It! I Did It! Lesson 3: Keep Score

In 2005, Georgia United Methodist Foundation Board of Trustee Charles W. Buffington Jr. and his son, Charles W. Buffington III, did what many aspire to do: They co-authored and published a book. "He Said It! I Did It!" takes readers on a journey to financial freedom and a life of abundance that honors God.

In lesson three of this ten-part series, the Buffingtons explain the importance of keeping a financial scorecard. In layman's terms, your economic worth is the value of what you have minus what you owe. They note that your financial scorecard reveals the state of your financial health and that real wealth comes from living within your means and making sound investments. The following text identifies five practices for "keeping score" to ensure that your actions are in step with your financial goals.

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Do Good! May 2020 Calendar

Jesus practiced radical hospitality. And you can too! In 2020, GUMF will publish a monthly calendar with ideas on how you can "Do Good!" [View now](#) or see below.

1. Eat healthy today.
2. Mow someone's lawn.
3. Run an errand for a senior citizen.
4. Sacrifice something in order to help someone today.
5. Surprise your pastor's spouse with a gift card to a restaurant.
6. Provide financial support for a missionary.
7. Participate in the National Day of Prayer.
8. Find someone you need to apologize to.
9. Pray for all who are infected with the coronavirus and for their caregivers.
10. Honor Mother's Day with a gift to Wesley Woods or Magnolia Manor.
11. Call friends you haven't talked to in ages.
12. Appoint, review or update your power of attorney.

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