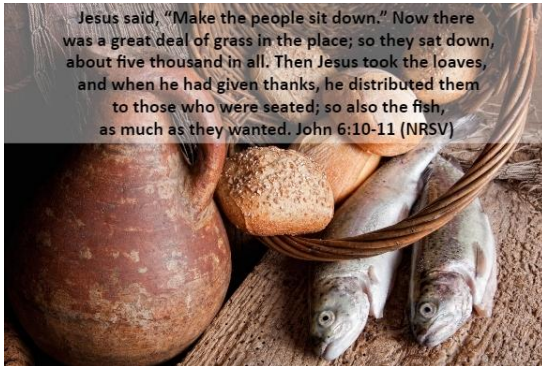




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Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. John 6:10-11 (NRSV)



Where Do You Recognize Jesus? October 2020 Meditation

*By Dr. Laudis H. "Rick" Lanford, GUMF
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I have always favored this miracle in the Gospel of John. Jesus finds Himself about nine miles from the city of Bethsaida on the side of a hill with a grassy slope. The crowd had followed Jesus to this place because they knew He had performed many miracles for the sick and possessed.

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Pastors! Do You Need a Financial First Aid Kit?

Do you feel confident in your ability to manage both your personal and the church's finances? If not, help is on the way! The Georgia United Methodist Foundation has pioneered a program called the **Clergy Financial Literacy Academy**. CFLA is an online and Zoom course designed especially for pastors with little training in finance and less time to invest.

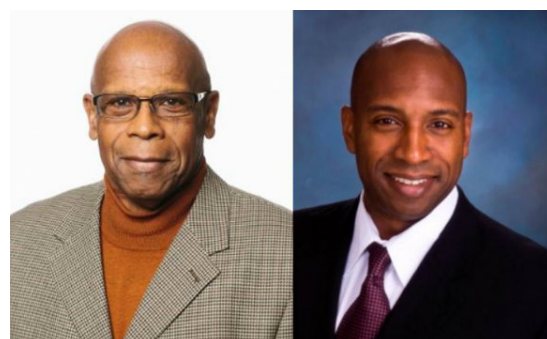
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It Can Happen to You!

*By Rev. Keith E. Lawder, GUMF
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Financial scammers seem to be everywhere today. They seem to target good-hearted people. I recently received three scam attempts within 24 hours. Two



Charles Buffington Jr.

Charles Buffington III

He Said It! I Did It! Lesson 6: Avoid Debt at All Cost

In their book "*He Said It! I Did It!*", Charles W. Buffington Jr., and his son, Charles W. Buffington III, take readers on a journey to financial freedom and a life of abundance that honors God. In lesson 6 of

were by phone and the other was by email. The calls each involved threats of dire action over allegedly past due accounts if funds were not sent immediately via credit card.

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this ten-part series, the Buffingtons explain why debt can be so devastating to your family life. When you stay clear of debt and avoid paying finance charges, your money is freed up so you can tithe, while still increasing your investments.

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Do Good! October 2020 Pastor Appreciation Calendar

Although Pastor Appreciation Day is historically celebrated on the second Sunday in October, why not celebrate your pastor all month long? Please see the ideas below or [download the calendar now](#).

1. Pray daily for your pastor and his/her family.
2. Establish a pastoral care team.
3. Send a thank you note to you pastor.
4. Organize a drive-by appreciation parade for your pastor.

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Do Good! October 2020 Calendar

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

1. Pray for all infected by COVID-19 and for their caregivers.
2. Start a laptop drive to help students in need.
3. Take a stand against system racism.
4. Honor your pastor during National Pastor Appreciation month.

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