



Circuit Rider Dispatch



Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

Many close followers of the financial markets cheered the rise in June, held their breath in July as markets stumbled, and celebrated new record highs in August. While news reports of war and Ebola can raise our blood pressure long-term investing success requires patience and discipline. Diversification also helps.

Over the last few days while Paul Bowman is on a mission trip to South Sudan, I have been on the road visiting churches and people. This week I visited with leadership at Kinsley UMC (Kingsport District), Cedar Bluff UMC (Tazewell District) and Sand Branch UMC (Knoxville District) about investment opportunities and spending tools to enhance their performance. In each church I also stressed gift and legacy planning education and opportunities to attract new gifts.

Is it time to put fear aside and at least see what others are doing? Is there a better way to steward funds other than burying your talents in a no-yield or low-yield account? How can I set up a special fund to permanently strengthen my church or favorite ministry? Please visit our website or call or email the Foundation and we will be glad to listen and help you explore the options! Maybe something really great can happen!



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PERSONAL PLANNER

Chronic Illness - Care of Your Person

If you have a chronic illness, your personal planning will need to involve careful consideration of your condition. Many Americans experience ALS disease, Alzheimer's, [Read More](#)

SAVVY LIVING

How to Get a Medicare Covered Power Scooter or Wheelchair

What's the process for getting Medicare to pay for an electric mobility scooter or power wheelchair? My 76-year-old mother has arthritis in her knees and hips and has a difficult time getting around anymore. [Read More](#)

YOUR PLAN

Bob Hudson

On October 14, 2008, Bob Hudson was the special guest of Walt Seaman... [Read More](#)

WASHINGTON NEWS

Koskinen Warns of IRS Problems

Speaking to the National Society of Accountants (NSA) in Baltimore on August 21, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen warned of future IRS problems. The two primary challenges for the IRS are budget cuts and tax extenders. [Read More](#)

FINANCES

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The Holston Conference has supported the development, independence and sustainable peace in Yei, South Sudan since 2006. This week six individuals from Virginia, Tennessee and the foundation's own Paul Bowman have been very busy in and around Yei visiting churches and helping with the distribution of health and school kits along with conducting a health screening of 170 school children.

Key to Bowman's visit is understanding the ongoing needs of the churches and schools supported by the Conference. Seeing first-hand the bore holes and wells funded by donors throughout the conference and special funds from the Foundation helps put into perspective the basic needs of the peaceful communities served by South Sudan UMC churches.

Paul is looking forward to sharing his trip and the ongoing needs of the people of South Sudan when he returns to Holston. Pastors, church members, students and teachers as well as scores of individuals express their gratitude for the support they have received from our conference and wish to pass on their hope for the future and love of God to others.



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