



Circuit Rider Dispatch



Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

Lasting Legacies-Helping a Family Remember their Loved One

Earlier this year, the Foundation received a call from Concord UMC, Oak Ridge District, to visit with Bob and JoAnne Nelson along with Brent Hall and Vicki Eleazer. Roger Redding asked them to share about themselves and their charitable interest in the church. The Nelsons were born and raised in Meigs County... married and moved to Concord back when it was still the boonies. Bob worked at Oak Ridge and JoAnne wound up teaching business classes at Farragut High School.



Mark Nelson

They raised their three children in the church and each one participated and loved the youth choir and youth activities. JoAnne got a tear in her eye when she shared that her youngest, Mark, died of cancer. Though Mark was in his 40's, he was still her baby boy. Instead of being bitter, the Nelson's said they realized that their church had helped them raise three children to be successful adults.

The Nelsons prayerfully decided to give a gift to their church and with the help of the Foundation, created an endowment in Mark's memory to help the church's youth choir program. Because of their generosity and desire to make a difference in the lives of others, those who cannot afford mission trips will have the same life-changing experience their children enjoyed through their childhood. Their fund will also provide support for equipment, transportation, and other needs incurred by the choir.

The youth will still do the car washes and events to build teamwork and raise funds for their annual mission trip, but the endowment will provide an extra boost to help their program grow and excel. Their gift will provide significant, consistent each year to an important ministry at their local church. ! In Mark's precious memory, the Nelson's left a lasting legacy!

The Holston Conference Foundation wants to help you envision how your planned gift—whether it is in a deferred estate plan or immediately available—can make an impact in your local church, your favorite ministry or charitable organization. Our consultation to individuals and organizations is free of charge as we are here to serve the body of Christ.



PERSONAL PLANNER

Married Couples and Property

Mary was a surviving spouse. She and her first spouse, Ryan owned a lovely home and placed it into joint tenancy with right of survivorship. After Ryan passed away, Mary met [Read More](#)

SAVVY LIVING

How to Get Paid for Being a Family Caregiver

I have been taking care of my elderly mother for nearly three years and it's taking a huge toll on my finances. Are there any resources you know about that can help family caregivers financially? [Read More](#)

Edith Leming Skinrood

EDITH LEMING SKINROOD had the looks of a movie star and the disposition of an angel. [Read More](#)

WASHINGTON NEWS

Baucus Chooses Tax Reform, Not Extenders

At a meeting on September 19, Senate Finance Committee Max Baucus (D-MT) was asked whether there would be a separate tax extenders bill. For the past seven years, approximately 50 separate tax provisions have been extended on a one or two year basis. [Read More](#)

FINANCES

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Investment Performance Update

Last week the U.S. financial markets, as measured by the DOW and S&P, moved ahead to new record highs as Ben Bernanke announced QE3 will remain intact. Unemployment is still high and inflation is projected to run below the Fed's longer-term objectives. September is sure looking good!

Through the end of August, our Balanced Growth Fund was up 8.36% and 11.86% over the past 12 months. Our Equity Growth Fund is up even higher.

If your church or ministry has funds sitting idle or you have received a bequest or sold a parsonage or have other funds to steward, then we invite you to contact the Foundation. Establishing a [new account](#), adding funds, or even taking out funds to use in easy and we would be glad to explore the options or even meet with a committee.

The Foundation is your servant and we want to serve you! By the way, the Foundation follows the Social Principles (*Book of Discipline* ¶716) in our investment offerings so you can also take pride in knowing that besides a track record of competitive results your investment also upholds church values.

[Contact](#) us to discuss our investment policy or to schedule someone to meet with your church committee.



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