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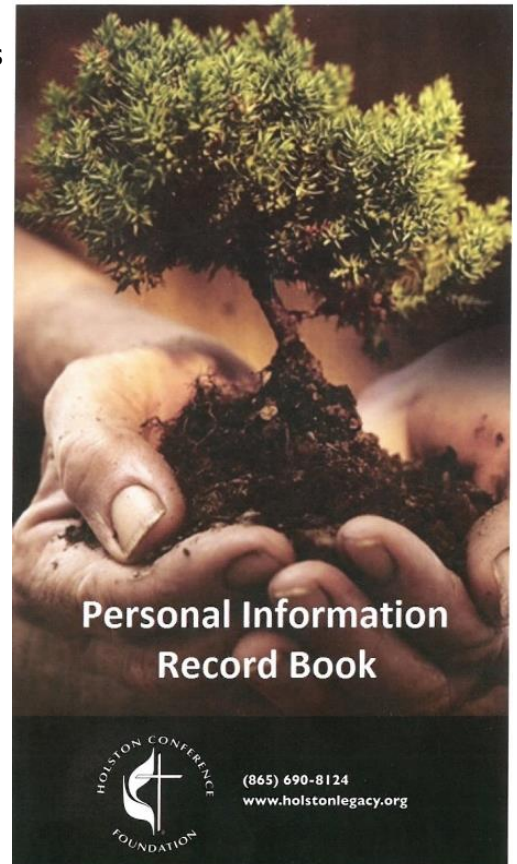
What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal. Albert Pike

Having your affairs in order is possibly one of the greatest gifts you can give to your family as you embrace the inevitable. Too often individuals leave this world without taking the time to prepare for the day when they join the church triumphant. When you take the time to consider your financial affairs, write down important facts and create a list of important contacts you are loving others well. It is a blessing to those we leave behind with much to do in settling your estate as they have all the information they need available to them. As so much emotional turmoil is involved in the loss of a loved one, taking away the added pressure of other issues is an admirable goal.

To help you "get your affairs in order" we have recently printed a revised version of our popular *Personal Information Record Book*. To order a copy click [here](#) and we will gladly send you one via US Mail. To request a speaker for your church or Sunday School class (and multiple copies for attendees) click [here](#) or call 865-690-8124.

I strongly also encourage you to take the time to create your own last will and testament. Too many Americans die intestate-meaning they rely upon the state to create their will. You forfeit your right to determine who receives what from your estate and possibly delay the settlement of your estate by choosing not to create own will.

Paul Bowman
Director of Gift Planning



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Financial Paperwork: What to Keep, What to Toss

How long should a person hang on to old receipts, stock records, tax returns and other financial documents? I have accumulated boxes full of such papers over the years and would like to get rid of some of it now that I'm retired. [Read More](#)

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Evelyn Caldwell

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Congratulations to Leonard Memorial UMC in Galax, VA for a successful grant proposal from the Holston Conference Foundation. A check was presented for \$1000 to help fund their capital needs for indoor plumbing. The church has raised \$21,000 since August of 2015! Sitting on a picturesque hill and surrounded by a community cemetery, Leonard Memorial UMC is a great example of the Methodist tradition of serving the local community.

Grants such as this are made possible by individuals who create endowments through gifts to the Foundation or their local church. Endowments can be created by either a current gift or a deferred gift through an estate plan. The Foundation can assist you in creating a donor agreement that will in perpetuity fund the church or cause that you care about. For some great endowment ideas click [here](#) or contact the Foundation at 865-690-8124.



*Paul Bowman presenting a check
to Norma Haynes of
Leonard Memorial UMC*

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