

**INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015, 11:50AM,
Fellowship Hall, Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

The is the last session of the Spring term. We will begin meeting at 10:30AM at Tallwood, TA-1, on May 20 and continuing to June 10. The Forum Summer session begins on June 17.

Market Perspective. Friday and good jobs' numbers saved what was otherwise a bad week. For the week, the DOW was up 0.9%; the S&P up 0.4%; and the NASDAQ was even. Bond prices, especially the German Bund, were volatile. Elections in Great Britain have introduced more uncertainty about the European Union going forward.

Biogen (BIIB.) Biogen is a hot biotech, with a promising Alzheimers drug, but which price has declined 20% in the past six weeks. Ed Swoboda will discuss BIIB, and comment on the biotech sector.

International Stocks and Funds. The week's Barron's has a section, "ETFs Go Global," which includes comments by experts on international ETFs, and which give well-informed views on a number of issues that we have been discussing recently. The article is posted on the Forum website.

This week, I will look at ETFs that invest in emerging markets.

Stock of the Week. Salesforce (CRM.) What do they do?

Carr Whitener funeral. Carr's funeral will be Saturday, May 23, at 4:00 PM, at Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield.

Buys and Sells (week of May 6)

Buys

Biogen (BIIB)

Market Vectors Vietnam ETF (VNM) - MC: \$446M. Dividend: 2.91%

Salesforce (CRM) - MC: \$47B

LendingClub Corp (LC) - Online peer to peer loans. MC: \$6B

Sells

Noodles and Company (NDLS)

Dupont (DD)

Thinking About . . .

ADT Corp (ADT) - residential security. MC: \$6.4B

I Shares US Preferred Stock ETF (PFF)

Cummins (CMI) - engines. MC: \$25B

Lear (LEA) - seating. MC: \$9B

NVIDIA (NVDA) - computer graphics. MC: \$11B

Corning (GLW)

Forum Resources

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