

**INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016,
10:30AM,
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax**

We are meeting at **10:30AM**, this week, at Lord of Life, in the Sanctuary. No registration is required.

We will meet on September 14 at 10:30AM at Tallwood, TA-1, assuming the parking lot renovations at Tallwood are completed. If not . . . stay tuned.

The Fall Term begins on September 21, at 11:50AM, at Lord of Life.

Market Perspective. Once again, a fairly quiet week. The DOW and S&P were up 0.5%, and the NASDAQ was up 0.6%. Bond yields drifted slightly up, and oil prices drifted slightly down. The biggest news for the week was the jobs' numbers on Friday, which were slightly below expectations. This reduced the odds that the Fed will raise rates in September. We continue in the upside-down world, where weak news is greeted positively, because the Fed is less likely to raise interest rates. Remember the days when positive economic news was good for the stock market, and vice versa?

Investment Advisors. Sooner or later, for one reason or another, there will come a day when we will no longer be able to manage our own finances. For some of us, or our survivors, that may mean hiring a professional to perform the task. Tom Crooker and his family have had experiences attempting to deal with investment professionals dating back to 1972. Some valuable lessons will be shared.

Options. Several weeks ago, the Buy/Sell list included a sale of put and call options on Netflix (NFLX). Charles Murphy will tell us his strategy.

Barron's 10 Best Dividend Stocks (continued.) The August 29 Barron's listed ten large cap stocks, that have good dividends but are not overpriced and have good prospects. Those were: Verizon (VZ); MetLife (MET); Dow Chemical (DOW); Qualcomm (QCOM), Cisco (CSCO); Target (TGT); Carnival Cruise Lines (CCL); JP Morgan (JPM); and US Bancorp (USB). Last week, we looked at seven of those. This week, time permitting, we will look at the last three: JP Morgan, US Bank, and Target.

Future Topics. We will look at the following topics that you have suggested:

Investment Advisors. Maury Cralle will discuss his experiences with Vanguard's "robo" advisory service - a low-cost portfolio allocation strategy.

Ongoing feedback of forum topics is always welcome. We will look at topics suggested in the survey, sometime in the Fall.

Buys and Sells

Buys - week of August 31

Hanesbrands, Inc (HBI) - MC: \$10B.

Nuveen High Yield Municipal Bond Fund (NHCCX) - Yield: 4.45%

Sells - week of August 31

Fidelity Biotech (FBIOX)

Thinking About . . .

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