



# Dekle Dispatch

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## What are the Dekles doing?

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As of our last newsletter I had just started teaching the book of Genesis. We are still in that book up to about the middle so a few more months to go. We have a rotating deacon board at our church so I rotated off in January as the chairman. There are always many other things to do around a small church so I continue to serve where needed.

We are in preparation mode for Easter now. I've mentioned before we hold our Easter service at the State Park, about a mile from our church, where we have opportunity to reach three to four times as many as we would in the church building. Our music leader resigned a few months ago and Di has been filling in at the piano until another person steps into the position. She has been playing the piano for the services for several month. Easter she gets to play a keyboard, which she is not looking forward to with excitement. I'm sure it will go well. I'm going to get to sing in a quartet for the first time in a loooong time at the service.

As I look back over the calendar for the past 3 months I see doctor appointments and odds and ends but not too many major events. Sometimes we wonder how the days slip by so quickly and how little we seem to get done. We did get to celebrate Di's birthday in January so we could do that before Tim and Mari left for CEF Headquarters in MO. Thanks to all who showered her with

cards. Tim prepared a wonderful dinner for us to enjoy and Di got to read greetings from more than 70 people. Tim and Mari left January 26 to teach at the CEF Leadership Training Institute for 13 weeks. When they finish they go to WA state to work with CEF in various ministries, primarily fairs and festivals with the story barn.

Di continues to keep in touch and encourage people over the phone. The sewing machines keep spitting out new projects from her talented hands. I can't let her have all the fun so I keep the lathe going in the garage. The turning club provides many opportunities to connect with people. Di has been going with me to the meetings and finds lots of opportunities to interact with people there. Outside the turning club I'm often asked what is wood turning? If you are curious check out our clubs web site and you'll also see the newsletters I write for the club each month at, [www.Tristatewoodturners.com](http://www.Tristatewoodturners.com).

We plan to take a short trip with the RV to see how it goes in early April. If all goes well we hope to go to southern GA for a family reunion and maybe over toward Savannah to see our grandson and his family (gotta see the great-grand sons). Otherwise we don't have many plans for the spring or summer.

The Second page has some wood & acrylic turnings from the past month.

*Where did Turning411 come from in my email and web site?*

*411 used to be the number for information and it fit so well with this Bible reference that became part of our retirement theme.*

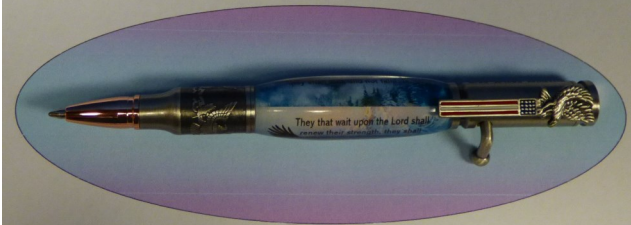
**1 Thessalonians 4:11**  
*"Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands"*



These are some of the wood turned pieces and acrylics John has poured and turned this past month.



Cortona with stylus - Gun Metal  
Clear Acrylic with Is. 40:31



Bald Eagle Insignia Flag Bolt Action - Pewter  
Clear Acrylic with Is. 40:31



Vertex Click Pen & Pencil set - Gun Metal  
with Silver & Black Inlay

