



# Dekle Dispatch

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## What are the Dekles doing?

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Summer has rushed in with a vengeance and like many other places we have a heat wave. Not a whole lot of Spring weather but the flowers did bloom. We were told to prune the blueberries in late winter early spring so we did in February. They shot up and out of the arbor so they got another trimming the other day. Unfortunately, this year not very many berries. Maybe they will bear more next year. Reminds me of John 15 which talks about pruning in our lives by God in order that we will produce much fruit. I shared a lesson on this passage of scripture a few weeks ago when our pastor was away. He asked me to teach this past Wed. night as well when he took a week off for their anniversary so I shared on the Security of the Believer in Christ.

We finished our series in Genesis in our adult Sunday School class and started a new series in the book of Acts. Several of the lessons this month have focused on God's providence. It has been interesting to study how God worked in the founding of the church and the result of the early Christians following His leading.

We celebrated our 57th wedding anniversary Sunday June 23rd. I've been asked how we celebrated and had to respond, "about the same as most years, engaged in ministry". I taught Sunday school, Di played piano for church and I led the invitation song.

Then we went back to church for several hours for VBS drama practice. We watched videos of the drama for several hours in the afternoon. I was asked if I (John) would be in a drama for VBS. When asked it sounded quite simple. It turns out to be one of the main characters every night for 5 nights. Now they have added another night to do all 5 dramas put together. The play is very good emphasizing the armor of God and absolute truth from the Bible. But acting and memorizing all these lines is NOT in my comfort zone at all. I listen to the videos and think I have the lines (for day 1) memorized only to totally forget them when we practice. I really need A LOT OF PRAYER!

We did take a trip to Columbia, TN in April to visit the Roy & Diane Koki—Roy built our house in Hawaii. Then the first week-end of May we went to southern GA for a family reunion and I preached at for the church that Sunday. Each of the trips Di did well with the traveling. Shortly after returning I got to do a colonoscopy which went well but they found a little glitch in my heart doing the EKG so I had to show that to my MD. He in turn scheduled me for a stress test and as a result of that I have to now go see a cardiologist. I am feeling fine and the bright side, with the various fasts, I lost some weight. I figured I might as well keep working on that which is helping the overall health. How blessed we are to be in the control of our Omnipotent God.

