

Book Review – by Mrs. Robin Fraker

“Growing Up in Vietnam”

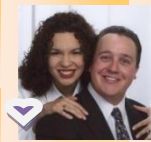
by Dr. Tom Vogel

We have each been paralyzed by daunting circumstances in our lives such as chronic illness, marriage difficulties, unruly children, financial setbacks, false accusations or gossip, and the list goes on. Dr. Tom Vogel, a.k.a. Vog, truly lived day after day in paralyzing terror as a servant for freedom during his thirteen month tour in Vietnam in 1968. Dr. Vogel is now a servant of the Lord at First Baptist Church in Hammond, Indiana. He has been a master teacher and school administrator, as well as Sunday school teacher, church bus worker and youth baseball league commissioner.

In his book *Growing Up in Vietnam*, Dr. Vogel reveals many of the chilling situations he lived through while traversing the jungles, rice paddies and bullet barrages of Vietnam. In riveting concise chapters, Dr. Vogel holds your attention captive. The high points of his book are at the end of each chapter when he uses the Bible to reveal lessons he learned from each account. The lessons are not only applicable to the war situation, but to marriage, the home, the office, relationships with family and friends, church work; wherever you find yourself.

Throughout training, long perilous missions and face to face combat, a young Dr. Vogel gained insight into his peer relationships, teamwork, his relationships with his authorities and how a good leader prepares, guides by the *Book*, protects and loves. Ladies, this may seem like a book geared to the machine gun slinging male crowd, but it will also interest you and change how you view the sniper-fire and shrapnel we have to dodge from Satan every day right here in our “safe” little worlds. *Growing Up in Vietnam* will be a help to every lady who wishes to “grow up” in her own Christian life.

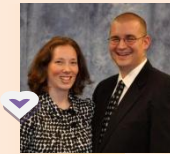
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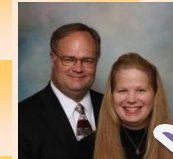
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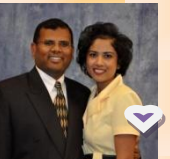
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On the Calendar . . .

*Christian Womanhood Spectacular – Hammond, Indiana
October 20-22, 2010

*see Mrs. Jenny Will for details

*Ladies of Grace Shopping Trip – November 6

*Ladies of Grace Meeting – November 9 at 6:30 p.m. -- *Split Sessions*

*Focus on Relationships

Listen in church for announcements or go to www.galaatgrace.com

Yesterday I went to the doctor for my yearly physical.
My blood pressure was high. My cholesterol was high.
I'd gained some weight, and I didn't feel so hot.

My doctor said eating right doesn't have to be complicated,
and it would solve my physical problems.

He said, “Just think in colors.

Fill your plate with bright colors.

Try some greens, oranges, reds,
maybe something yellow, etc.”

So I went right home and ate an entire bowl of bright colors.

And sure enough,
I felt better immediately !!

I never knew eating right could be so easy !!



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Ladies of Grace

binding our hearts together

“For they have refreshed my spirit and yours...” 1 Corinthians 16:18

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Welcome to Ladies of Grace!

I trust tonight will also be enjoyable. For those of us who enjoy fall and the beautiful foliage, there will be an extra element of pleasure. We have planned a variety of fun activities, as well as a brief "meeting" time when we'll cover just a few announcements and focus on Missions.

I'm glad you are here tonight! Enjoy yourself!

I love each of you! Mrs. Bane

What's the Temperature in Their World? -

Mrs. Bane Our new Ladies of Grace theme, "Binding our Hearts Together," has been very meaningful to me as it relates to Grace Baptist Church in general and to the Ladies of Grace, in particular. The Lord places people in our lives – and us in the lives of people – for His purposes. It is no accident that our relationships are as



varied as they are. God wants us to be involved with each other. He gives us relationships to fill needs in our lives, relationships that run deep and even transcend decades in longevity. The value of these relations is obvious, but we must remember that ALL relationships come from the Lord. Yes, even the relationship in which we are uncertain what our position is, with new acquaintances, and even with those we may find challenging or perhaps difficult to have in our lives. I hope everyone has at least one relationship that is meaningful, fulfilling, and mutual. God has provided us so many avenues to build relationships – spouse, family, friends, etc. – which provide us with security and meaning.

However – please don't get mad – I think we also need relationships that pull us out of our comfort zone and force us into someone else's world –relationships that require us to be the giver. Why? Because we tend to easily become self-focused when we are not deliberately focused on someone else. Everything becomes all about ME! God made us with different personalities – some are talkative and outgoing, some are quieter and shy. What's easy to some is painfully difficult to others. The fact is, though, that everyone has something to offer to someone else. In recent years I have heard a few people jokingly say to someone who was distracted, "Hello? What's the temperature in YOUR world?" It is a great line to get a laugh, for certain. I wonder, though, if there isn't someone who needs us to purposefully enter "their world" to find out what the temperature actually is and what they are experiencing – for the express purpose of showing we care. Our natural tendency is to gravitate toward and build close relationships with those who are the most like we are because there are few demands placed upon us. It's easy; we know how to do it, and the expectations are manageable.

A few years ago my mother said to me, "Don't you think if God has brought this opportunity to you that He will give you all the help you need to do it?" (I had actually called her to discuss an "opportunity" that scared me to death, and was hoping for her agreement that I should not commit to the request.) However, I've never forgotten her simple little question and have applied it to many "opportunities" that have come my

way. (Surprisingly, I have found challenges to be easier than I anticipated because God was giving me what I did not have!)

I hope you will consider applying this truth to two areas:

1. Relationships at GBC and LOG – Continue to build the relations you already have, but reach out to someone you don't know well. I think you will be amazed and blessed by what you receive from giving!
2. Fostering our Faith Promise Family – This is an "opportunity" to reach all the way around the world to touch the hearts of real, live people in deeply meaningful ways. Preacher is so excited about this new program, and I am excited to see how God will use GBC in the lives of our missionaries! Let's enter their worlds and find out what the temperature is! This past Wednesday evening, Preacher read Philippians 4:19 and labeled it the "Faith Promise Promise." As we supply needs, God will supply our needs. What a great promise! ***"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*** Philippians 4:19

Scripture Memory Challenges

October Scripture Memory Challenge #1: Jonah 3:1-2

October Scripture Memory Challenge #2: I Corinthians 16:5-7

Ladies who memorize the selected monthly theme-related verses and designated passage verses each month, September through March, will receive recognition and awards. Go to www.galaatgrace.com for award details.

*At tonight's meeting, each lady participating in the challenges will receive a "sticker chart" bookmark. As each challenge is completed, you will be given a sticker for your bookmark so you can track your progress. Your bookmark will be the "official record." Listen tonight for information on reciting your verses.

*Challenges are to be completed within the designated period of time.

*All questions regarding the Scripture Memory Challenges may be directed to Mrs. Robin Fraker.

Rules of Holy Living - Mrs. Jenny Will

Adoniram Judson was the first Protestant missionary sent from North America to Burma. He served for almost 40 years on the field. While reading about his life I came across the following rules by which he lived. They were convicting to me, and since "misery loves company" © I thought I'd share them with you.

Adoniram Judson - Rules of Holy Living

The rules of living which follow are copied from a paper in the handwriting of Dr. Judson. They are inserted here for the sake of illustrating the earnestness with which he strove after personal holiness, whilst engrossed with the labors of his missionary calling. He well knew that no external services could purify the heart; that this work could be done in no other way than by practically subjecting the whole soul to the commandments of Christ.

1. Be diligent in secret prayer, every morning and evening.
2. Never spend a moment in mere idleness.
3. Restrain natural appetites within the bounds of temperance and purity. "Keep thyself pure."
4. Suppress every emotion of anger and ill will.

5. Undertake nothing from motives of ambition, or love of fame.

6. Never do that which, at the moment, appears to be displeasing to God.

7. Seek opportunities of making some sacrifice for the good of others, especially of believers, provided the sacrifice is not inconsistent with some duty.

8. Endeavor to rejoice in every loss and suffering incurred for Christ's sake and the gospel's, remembering that though, like death, they are not to be willfully incurred, yet, like death, they are great gain.

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Re-adopted the above rules, particularly the 1st, on Sunday, October 29, 1826, and adopted the following minor rules:

1. Rise with the sun.
2. Read a certain portion of Burman every day, Sundays excepted.
3. Have the Scriptures and some devotional book in constant reading.
4. Read no book in English that has not a devotional tendency.
5. Suppress every unclean thought and look.

God grant me grace to keep the above rules, and ever live to His glory, for Jesus Christ's sake. A. JUDSON.

Focus on Missions

Marc & Charin Patton - Hungary

Marc and Charin Patton, along with their four children, are missionaries to Hungary. They currently are serving in the cities of Tat and Esztergom, with a church in each city. Their ministry includes a large number of outreach programs like VBS, sports' camps, English camps, and school evangelism.

Hungary has a rich and varied culture due to its mix of people. The cultural differences mean that often the Pattons must spend a great deal of time with individuals before they accept salvation. The Hungarian people seem to want time to process and fully understand all they learn.

Please pray for the Pattons as all their children go to school in the Hungarian school system, with each child at a separate school location. Bro. Patton may be emailed at pattonhungary@yahoo.com.



Running for the Lord - Mrs. Havilah Yoby

I recently purchased a DVD for my son from Gray's Gospel Shop entitled "The Eric Liddell Story." I was only vaguely familiar with this man's accomplishments as an Olympic Gold medalist in the early 1900's. After watching the DVD, I learned that Mr. Liddell was a committed Christian and refused to run on Sunday, with the consequence that he was forced to withdraw from his best event, the 100 meter race. He chose rather to run the 400 meter race which was scheduled for a different day. His success in this event was largely unexpected. On the day of the race, as Mr. Liddell went to the starting blocks, a piece of paper was slipped into his hand. Inside the paper was a quote from 1 Samuel 2:30, "Them that honour me I will honour." Needless to say, he not only won the race, but broke the existing world record.

This story has inspired many over the years, but what I found truly inspirational was that this man left his athletic career to become a missionary in China. Mr. Liddell's missions work included time spent teaching Chinese students. He believed that these students would later become influential figures in China and promote Christianity. On the mission field Mr. Liddell was able to use his God given talent as an athlete to train the boys in a number of different sports. He died in 1945 serving God in China.

We may not have the athletic ability or talent of Eric Liddell, but each of us has a talent that we can surrender to the Lord. In Matthew 25: 14-30 we are told about the man who gave talents to his servants. Matt 25:15 states "Unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability." Later we read that the man returns to learn what has become of his talents. His faithful servants have used their talents wisely, and gained more talents in addition to what they were originally given. These servants were blessed to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant." One of his servants however has buried his talent in the earth and faces condemnation for his actions.

What talents and abilities do you have that can be used for the Lord? Mr. Liddell had a talent that some may have dismissed as not profitable in the Lord's service. However, when he yielded his talent to the Lord, he was able to win many to Christ in China. What can God do with your talents- many or few, here in our local mission field of Delaware, Ohio?

