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## COMMENCEMENT WEEK 2014

Since the days Dr. Russell Dennis, Sr. created the pattern many years ago, Graduation Week at Heritage has become a much anticipated occasion full of outstanding events.



Everyone is invited to participate in the various activities: **Alumni Fish Fry, Wednesday Night Rally, Golf Scramble,**



**Commencement Exercises, & Spring Graduation Banquet.** The banquet this year will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria. Besides the delicious food,

Dr. David Price will encourage us with his special message.

The Commencement service will be held on Friday, May 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hopewell Campus. President Russell Dennis will be the speaker for the evening, and we look forward to another wonderful graduating class. Please plan to join us during this special week.

## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR YOU AT HERITAGE

- *Graduation Week*  
April 29-May 2
- *Wednesday Rally*  
Dr. Tom Wallace  
April 30
- *Graduation Banquet*  
Dr. David Price  
May 1
- *Commencement*  
Pres. Russell Dennis  
May 2
- *Fall Semester Begins*  
September 3, 2014

## The President's Perspective



A few months ago, I ended a lively family discussion with... “son, you don’t have to fight every battle. You need to choose your fights.” After attempting to impart this wisdom, my mind remembered an illustration from the past.

Born April 19, 1922, Erich Hartmann became the greatest fighter pilot in the world. Before WWII was over, Germany’s Major Erich Hartmann would shoot down 352 enemy airplanes.

In his 1405 combat missions, Hartmann was never injured or shot down by an opposing aircraft. As a trainer of future pilots, he never had a wingman captured or injured, a feat that he was more proud of than his personal exploits. What was even more amazing was that Hartmann came into his own as a young fighter pilot in the spring of 1943, a time that the German war effort was in decline. Fighting mostly on the Russian front, Hartmann’s squadron moved 37 times during 1943 – 1945, as the Russians pushed the Germans back in retreat.

How did pilot Erich Hartmann succeed and survive? Early on as a fighter pilot, this young 21 year-old pilot had a battle plan. In his autobiography, Hartmann revealed that whenever a battle presented itself he talked himself through these four segments “See – Decide – Attack – Reverse, or ‘Coffee Break.’”

Hartmann would not fight every battle. Out of over 1400 missions, he only got in 825 dogfights, shooting down less than half of the combatants.

No one will probably ever match the young, blonde ace’s accomplishment... a record that was made by choosing which battles to fight. (Toliver, Raymond and Constable, Trevor. *The Blond Knight of Germany*. New York: Doubleday, 1970. p. 61.)



Erich Hartmann

Russell Dennis

## Graduation Week

### *Advancing Our Heritage for the Future*

#### TUESDAY April 29

**9:30  
A.M.  
OH** Rick Stone  
Indianapolis, IN

**10:30  
A.M.** James Lyle  
Palm Coast, FL

**11:30  
A.M.** Emery King  
Webster, FL

#### **Alumni Fish Fry** (12:30 p.m.)

**7:00  
P.M.** David Halcomb  
Franklin, IN

#### WEDNESDAY April 30

Tim Lindsey  
Little Hocking, OH

Daniel Dennis  
Phoenix, AZ

Gerald Stokes  
Jacksonville, FL

**Combined Church Rally  
at Hopewell Campus**  
Tom Wallace  
Murfreesboro, TN

#### THURSDAY May 1

**9:30  
A.M.** Harry Strachan  
Ashland, OH

**10:30  
A.M.**

**11:30  
A.M.** **Golf Scramble**  
12:00 P.M.

**7:00  
P.M.** **Graduation Banquet**  
**Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria**

David Price  
Cooperstown, TN

#### FRIDAY May 2

Jerry Chaney  
Montezuma, GA

Justin Surface  
Edinburgh, IN

Tommy Trammel  
Cincinnati, OH

**Commencement  
Service**

Russell Dennis, Jr.  
Indianapolis, IN

## Meet Our Students

Several years ago, we saw the need of helping to train leaders in the inner city of Indianapolis. Back in the 1970's, there was an active Bible program that led to the establishment of some fine churches and preachers.

After being contacted by an inner city pastor in the fall of 2012, the college put together a 32-credit training program and enlisted several Heritage instructors to travel downtown.

To date we have had over fifteen students to take part in the program. The curriculum is specifically targeted to assist in

training prospective leaders for the inner city churches. From basic Bible studies

to Leadership qualities, the custom designed curriculum is geared to assist in helping the downtown churches and their important needs.

We are excited about the opportunity Heritage Baptist College has to make an impact in such a needed and vital area.



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### Wednesday Night Rally

For the eighth year, Heritage will host a special Wednesday night rally for the churches. All are encouraged to attend.

**Date: April 30, 2014**  
**Time: Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Place: Hopewell Campus**  
**Speaker: Dr. Tom Wallace**



Dr. Tom Wallace  
Sword of the Lord