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THE NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY PARISH • TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

June 2026

Over the past year, Calvary has been planning and preparing to host the Duke Endowment Summer Literacy Initiative. This program was started in 2012 and was designed as a faith-placed partnership between the Duke Endowment, the Rural Center, the Impact Center, local school systems, and faith communities in rural North Carolina counties. It is designed to help students who are struggling with reading in rural North Carolina before they reach the critical point of 3rd grade, when studies show it is harder to help them get to their reading goals. This has taken the effort of many in our church and our community through multiple meetings, trainings, and planning sessions. Calvary has hired local teachers to help run this program, and we have been given two Roberson Scholar Interns, along with many volunteers from our church and community. We will have two classes. One of 11 rising 1st graders and one of 12 rising 2nd graders. The program will run for four weeks, Monday through Friday, in July, in Memorial Hall. The students will have two certified teachers in each classroom, and they will receive literacy instruction every morning from 8 a.m. to noon. Each afternoon, they will have 3 hours of enrichment and fun, including STEAM activities, exploring our local community, learning about our community helpers, and getting exercise. In addition, they will go on a field trip once a week. There is also a once-a-week dinner for the children and their families to engage with the families about their literacy needs and progress. As you know, we collected books to give to the children to take home and read. The students will also be fed breakfast and lunch each day through the USDA summer feeding program, in partnership with Edgecombe County Schools. All of this is free to students, funded by a grant we received from the Duke Endowment and the Rural Center, along with donations from individuals in our church and community. Please pray for our teachers and students as we move closer to implementing the exciting program we are calling Calvary Summer Reading Adventures! If you would like to volunteer or contribute to the program, you can contact Mary Jane Jenkins or the church office.

Peace, Stephen+



Calvary Parish Baseball Night

6:30 pm on Thursday, June 18
Tarboro Municipal Stadium

Come cheer on the Tarboro River Bandits with your parish family. Pick up your *free* ticket to the game and a coupon for a hot dog and chips from your Parish Life committee in front of the stadium from 5:30 to 6:30.

Show your Calvary spirit by wearing our new church t-shirt, available for purchase from the Cotton Press (252-563-6507).

Youth and Adult (Sm-XL) shirts \$16 each, 2XL-4XL \$20 each. Place your order no later than June 10.



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ART CAMP

3RD - 7TH AUGUST 2026

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

**CHILDREN 3RD - 8TH GRADES
9A.M. - 12NOON DAILY
(\$225/WEEK)**

**HIGH SCHOOL & ADULTS
6PM-9P.M. DAILY
(\$350/WEEK)**

**INSTRUCTOR: CATHLEEN
OZMORE**

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AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE**



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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS NEEDING ASSISTANCE

Complete information and online registration at: calvarytarboro.org/upcoming-events/
For more information please reach out to Josh Dumbleton (919-744-7193
or joshdumbleton@yahoo.com)

2026 SHARED SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE 10am

June 7 St. Luke's

June 14 Calvary

June 21 St. Luke's

June 28 Calvary

July 5 St. Luke's

July 12 Calvary

July 19 St. Luke's

July 26 Calvary

Aug. 2 St. Luke's

Aug. 9 Calvary

Aug. 16 St. Luke's

Aug. 23 Calvary

Aug. 30 St. Luke's

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