



THE GRACE MESSENGER

Grace United Methodist Church

Mission: To love God completely and to serve Jesus Christ unselfishly



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From the Pastor

September, 2019

The Exchange

Our dear sisters and brothers of Grace,

What an absolutely wonderful experience you've afforded Sherry and me to participate in the exchange ministry! Our time was filled with getting to know the wonderful people at Reigate, Redhill and Trinity Methodist Churches. We'll never forget the many wonderful opportunities. There were many times of joy, i.e., worshiping together and sharing Holy Communion, the delicious meals, teas and times spent sharing with House Groups and families of the churches, visiting Wesley Chapel, Queen Victoria's Seaman's Rest, Chartwell, the Cranston Library and St. Mary's Church and Reigate Residential Home to name a few. We can't forget the adventures of Messy Church and Holiday Club...my, oh my, what great times! Below are some pics of our time in England.

Reigate Methodist Church



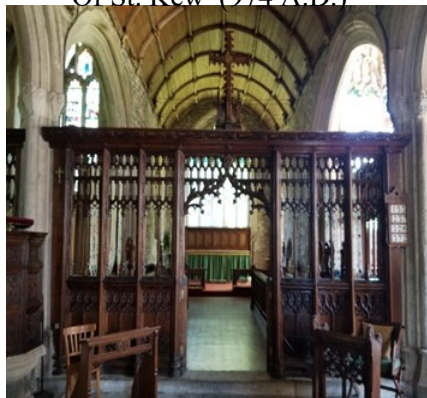
St. James The Great Parish Church
Of St. Kew (974 A.D.)



Carving over front door
of St. James Parrish Church



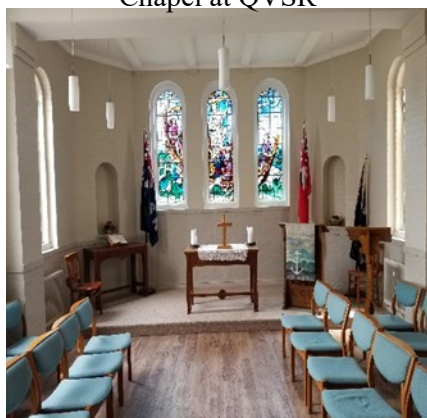
Book in the Cranston Library
Dated 1544



Chapel at QVSR



White Cliffs of Dover



British Spitfire
flying over the White Cliffs



WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2019

Offering Report as of :		August 25, 2019
2019 Budget:	\$	400,331.00
Needed for 2019 Budget YTD:	\$	261,754.88
Budget Rec'd YTD:	\$	216,063.28
Surplus/Deficit YTD:	\$	-45,691.60
Weekly Offering Needed:	\$	7,698.67

Please put Grace as a priority in your financial planning. Our combined gifts keep the Church's mission alive and growing. Thank you so much!!

Sincerely, Pastor David

Circle of Hope:

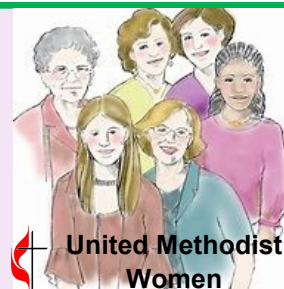
Mon., Sept. 9 10:00 AM
Nancy Yockel's Home

Johnnie Sanders Circle:

Mon., Sept. 9, 10:00 AM
Church Conference Room

Lucy Lee Shuler Circle:

Wed., Sept. 4, 6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
Bring "Tailgate" dish to share



United Methodist Women



Join us at Andy's on Wednesday, September 11th at noon, for good food, fellowship, and fun! We are grateful to Joanne Mason who so willingly monitors blood pressure for our members at each meeting. We hope to see everyone on September 11th. Please invite other Grace members to join us!



Family Night Supper

Please join us for our Family Night Supper on Wednesday, September 25th

at 6:00 PM. Bring your favorite covered dish to share and enjoy the fellowship with other Grace members, friends, and family. Our host will be the Clyburn/Whitener Class.



Important Notice to MCF/Sonshiner Parents:

In order to keep our children from running out into a dark parking lot alone, we are asking that parents drive by the church kitchen doors to pick their children up. Our leaders will attend them until they are safely in the car with their ride home. Thank You!

2019 MCF/Sonshiners Fall Schedule

Welcome to our 2019 Fall season for MCF/Sonshiners! We will begin with a church-wide kick off, Back with a Splash, on September 15th. Our first meeting will follow on Sept. 22nd. Our schedule is below.

Sun., Sept. 15, 2019	5:00 - 7:00 PM	BACK WITH A SPLASH
Sun., Sept. 22, 2019	5:00 - 6:30 PM	MCF/Sonshiners
Sun., Sept. 29, 2019	5:00 - 6:30 PM	MCF/Sonshiners
Sun., Oct. 6, 2019	5:00 - 6:30 PM	MCF/Sonshiners
Sun., Oct. 13, 2019	5:00 - 6:30 PM	MCF/Sonshiners
Sun., Oct. 20, 2019	NO MEETING	
Sun., Oct. 27, 2019	5:00 - 6:30 PM	TRUNK OR TREAT/FALL FESTIVAL
Sun., Nov. 3, 2019	5:00 - 6:30 PM	MCF/Sonshiners
Sun., Nov. 10, 2019	5:00 - 6:30 PM	MCF/Sonshiners
Sun., Nov. 17, 2019	5:00 - 6:30 PM	MCF/Sonshiners
Sun., Nov. 24, 2019	NO MEETING	
Sun., Dec. 1, 2019	5:30 PM	SINGING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE/CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
Sun., Dec. 8, 2019	5:00 - 6:30 PM	CHRISTMAS MOVIE/PARTY

***Please see note to parents above.**



Sunday, September 8, 2019



A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Grace would like to thank both Fran Love and Rev. Rebecca Wilkins for their dedication to Grace and serving as our worship leaders on August 11th and 18th during Pastor David's last two weeks abroad. To Fran and Rebecca, your messages were very inspiring!! Thank You!!

What an Anchor Cross Means



You may see United Methodist missionaries wearing a cross with what looks like a boat anchor at the bottom. The anchor cross symbolizes the need for the missionary to be anchored in Christ and in the community they serve, and their call to ministry with all people, wherever there is need. When missionaries are commissioned for service, an anchor cross is placed around their necks.

Ask The UMC answers, 'Why do missionaries wear an anchor cross?' The United Methodist Church has a long tradition of sending people into mission service. Our call is to go forth into the world to share God's grace with all people. And when missionaries are commissioned for service, an anchor cross like this one is placed around their necks. The anchor cross is one of the oldest Christian symbols, found on tombs in the ancient Roman catacombs, on gravestones and in Christian art. It expresses faith and hope in Christ. Hebrews 6:19 says, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." (NIV)

The reason the cross is presented to missionaries is that Christian mission can be a perilous journey and its challenges are no less today than at any other time. Together, the anchor and the cross is a reminder to be anchored in faith, hope and love while engaging in God's mission.

Have a question you want us to answer? Just ask. Go to UMC.org/AskTheUMC.



5th Sunday Breakfast Sunday, September 29, 2019

Our 5th Sunday Breakfast will be on Sunday, September 29, 2019, at 9:30 AM. The Lucy Lee Shuler Circle of The UMW will be hosting. Pastor David will be sharing highlights from his and Sherry's European Exchange and adventures.



**The Church Office
Will Be Closed On
September 2nd
In observance of Labor Day**



Neighbor Helping Neighbor - September 14, 2019

NHN will have a workday on September 14th. They will meet in Grace's parking lot at 8:00 AM. There are currently four requests for ramps at this time. David Turner thanks everyone for their support of this ministry and hopes to see volunteers there on the workday.



**There is a Sunday School Class, and more,
for YOU at Grace -
Young, Old, and In-Between!**

Adult Sunday School Classes

Grace has three wonderful adult Sunday School classes: The Clyburn Whitener Class, the Upper Room Class, and the Young Adult Class. The Clyburn Whitener Class and the Upper Room Class both have class members who rotate teaching lessons using the Cokesbury Adult Bible Series curriculum. The Young Adult Class curriculum is determined by class member suggestions, including video lessons from various sources and much discussion from class members. It is taught by Bob and Fran Love. All three classes welcome all adults,

including college students and young couples. AGE IS JUST A NUMBER!

Youth Sunday School Class

Our youth from sixth to twelfth grades are encouraged to attend Sunday School and Reconnection Youth on Sundays. Grayson Fallaw, our Youth Minister, is in charge of these classes and plans meaningful lessons, discussions, fund-raisers and adventures! Suppers are also provided by generous volunteers!

Children's Sunday School Classes

Our children's Sunday School Class includes 3K – 5th grade. The children enjoy a snack, Bible story, songs and hands on crafts to help them connect with the story. Please invite any children to participate in this exciting class. Also on Sunday evenings, MCF/ Sonshiners meet. We have supper, music and bells with Miss Sally Summers, an appropriate Bible lesson and recreation. We also plan holiday celebrations and fun trips!

Nursery When Needed

The nursery for children up to age 3 can be provided during Sunday School and church if needed.

****Parents**, please bring your children to Sunday School and then enjoy adult interaction in any one of our 3 adult classes. Your children will be receiving Christian education as they hear, read and discuss Bible stories and concepts and learn to apply them daily. You will also enhance your own faith and spiritual development as you are encouraged to live by God's word. One last benefit of attending Sunday School is ... **YOU WILL NEVER BE LATE FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE!** If you have questions, please contact Pastor David Bauknight (803-480-2153), Karen Hibbard (864-426- 1655), Margie Ruff (864-426-2726), Grayson Fallaw (864-466-7010) or the church office (864-427-1266).



Heartland Residential: Raye Hellams,
Mary Jo Rogers
John Flynn

Ellen Sagar: Jane and Bernard Bishop
Kat Willard

Summit Hills, Sptbg: Elwood Eason
White Oak, Sptbg.: Dr. Bob Kincheloe
Inverness, Sptbg.: Betty Rash
Home: Ruth Roof

Cumberland Village, Aiken: Carolyn and
Johnny Turner

Chancel Choir

Wed. Sept. 4 7:30 PM
Wed. Sept. 11 7:30 PM
Wed. Sept. 18 7:30 PM
Wed. Sept. 25 7:30 PM



You are never too young and definitely never too old to join the choir. The choir welcomes anyone interested in joining them in singing for the Lord. Come out to practice one Wednesday evening and give it a try! You will be amazed!

Tommy and the choir want to say thank you to those that provided special music during the worship service in July and August. They were the Adult Sunday School classes and Bob Love, Rev. Melvyn Cooke, Sally Summers, Tommy Bishop, Nancy Kennedy and Tommy Bishop, Richard Cobb, and Susan Lawson. Performances on the piano or the singing of an anthem were beautifully done and greatly enjoyed by the congregation. Grace is blessed to have so many members willing to share their musical talents.

FAITH CUP

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

— ROMANS 5:2 KJV

September

- 1 Brad Valentine
- 3 Mimi Charles
- 5 Mary Finley
- 6 Ann G. Nichols
- 7 Carolyn Alexander, Raye Hellams
- 9 Nancy Mahan, Ruth Roof, Betsy Trakas
- 10 Jill Jeter, Sally Palmer
- 11 Megan Mathis
- 13 Dennis Langley
- 14 Helen Jolly, Becca Morrow
- 16 Alexa Robbins
- 18 Tommy Sherbert, Neely Swygert, Benjamin Williams
- 20 Charlie Kelly
- 21 Peggy Langley
- 22 Tommy Sinclair
- 23 Mary Brooks, Tommy Garner
- 24 Sherry Bauknight, Dawn Fallaw, Bayla Morrow
- 26 Mike Cassels, Janet Sherbert, Carson Valentine
- 27 Stan James, Virginia Walker, John Robbins
- 29 Addison Ivey
- 30 Mike Mahan, Ruth Robertson



On your special Day,
We pray for you.
We pray for Smiles and
Love, for Warmth and
Tenderness.
We pray for unexpected
moments of Joy and
Laughter.
But most of all,
We pray for Peace for
you...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Invest. Care. *Transform.*

Investing in comprehensive care transforms the life of a child.

Did you know?

100% of your Work Day offering provides comprehensive care for children at Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference. Work Day is a vital means of supporting Epworth's ministry to children and families who are in need.

Did you also know: □ That South Carolina ranks in the bottom tier in the nation in overall child wellbeing. □ Next to the last tier in economic wellbeing. □ Next to the last tier in children's health. □ And ranks in the bottom tier in education.

Epworth's Annual Work Day Offering

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Please consider making an investment in these children's futures by giving your offering.



**We will
never forget
09.11.2001**



Lighting Our Way!

Grace is blessed to have our children as disciple makers each Sunday as they help to begin our beautiful worship service by lighting our candles to remind us that God is always with us. We are grateful to our Grace acolytes: Allie Owens, Alex Wagner, Reagan Turner, Bayla Morrow, Corley Turner, Cooper Turner, Cullen Morrow, and Gage Love. Thank you also to Allie who continues to be our acolyte teacher to train our new acolytes. If anyone is interested in our acolyte training, please contact the church office or Karen Hibbard.



Dear Methodist Friends,

The Community Prayer Meeting will be observed at noon on Thursday, September 5 at the USC-U gazebo. Let us come together to praise God for His never changing love and grace.

Let us pray for the salvation of the lost and for revival among believers. Pray for our pastors, teachers, and other church leaders, and for all other believers. Let us let us pray for the revival and awakening we need in Union County and across the nation. Let us pray much for healing of the divisiveness and bitterness among our leaders and others in our country. Let us pray for the salvation of our leaders and judges who are not already saved, and that all our leaders may seek and do the will of God. Pray for God's guidance and protection for our leaders, law enforcers, fire fighters, and other emergency responders. Let us pray for those who are in need of food, clothing, or shelter. Please pray for the students, teachers, and staffs in our schools and colleges.

If you can't get to the gazebo, please take time in the day to join in these prayers. Thanks again.

Grace and Peace,
Sanders Read



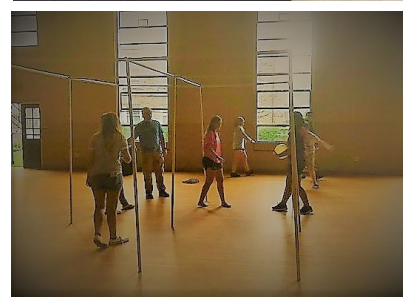
The *ReConnection* Youth

Lead by:
Grayson Fallaw



Grayson meets with the youth for Sunday School at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings before worship. His class meets down at the back end of the Education Building. On Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM The ReConnection Youth meet for a time of social interaction, a lesson prepared by Grayson, supper, and fellowship. Recreation often occurs in the Fellowship Hall. They also volunteer to help the Back Pack Ministry, MCF/ Sonshiners' Back with a Splash, VBS, and other events held at the church. The youth have sponsored spaghetti suppers, too. Currently, they are accepting donations for their September 7th big yard sale to be held in the Fellowship Hall. The money raised will go towards a Lake Junaluska Retreat in 2020. Donations are still accepted through September 6th.

The youth will be helping on September 15th with the Back With A Splash event, also.



Youth Sub-District

The Union County Council on Ministries wants to encourage starting Youth Sub-District meetings once again for Union County youth. Sub-District meetings were held years ago to provide interaction among the youth from other Methodist churches in our county. Plans are being worked out for the first sub-district event.

FIVE PRAYERS FOR SCHOOL AGE PARENTS

Lord, **help me remember** this school year that You have purposes I cannot see for my child.

Knowing all our days are numbered by You, **help me relax in Your sovereignty and control**, and not be ruled by fears.

Teach me, O Lord, as I walk this parenting journey, to be a child before You, learning what You have for me this school year.

Jesus, **give me strength to trust you** when he/she encounters hard days. Help me remember that sometimes my role is to defend and engage, but other times my role is to pray and wait. **Give me Your wisdom.**

Father, **keep me close to you** so that my personal significance comes from you and not from my child's successes.

AMEN



SC Conference of The United Methodist Church Spartanburg District Charge Conference Sunday, September 29, 2019, at 4 PM

Charge Conference is scheduled for Grace at 4:00 pm on Sunday, September 29, 2019. All church members are invited to attend. We welcome Rev. Cathy Mitchell, Spartanburg District Superintendent, to Grace to preside over our charge conference.

All of Grace's church leaders should have their specific area of ministry write-ups available to Pastor David by Sunday, September 22nd. All church leaders should attend.



From the Church Mouse

I am deeply appreciative for all the newsletter submissions. Please continue sending in your noteworthy articles and events. It takes all of us working together to have the best possible newsletter. **Deadline for the October Grace Messenger will be September 18th.**



WELCOME BACK!

For six weeks, Pastor David and Sherry spent time on a European Pastor's Exchange Program in Reigate, England. They left on June 24th and returned on August 20th. They experienced a different worshipping method, met new and interesting people, enjoyed congregational events, had loads of fun with the children at Holiday Club (our VBS), traveled all around England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern and Southern Ireland to landmark and historical places, and enjoyed the manse that Rev. Melvyn Cooke lives in. There was a learning curve required to drive on the left side of the road and to understand road signs, which Pastor David finally mastered. Once they departed Reigate, they experienced a two week travel tour through France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, and Belgium. Still, there is **No Place Like Home** and Grace is glad to have you back!

Back with a 2019

Back with a Splash is back!! Back with a Splash will be held Sunday, Sept.15, from 5-7 pm. Families and friends are invited to this fun time. Come one come all....'cause there will be something for everyone! Bring your own lawn chair! We will be serving delicious hamburgers with all the fixings and homemade ice cream for a delicious and refreshing "one of a kind" afternoon treat. Fun activities include a Dunking Chair, Giant Soapy Water Slide, mini Soapy Water Slide, Kid Car Wash, Kiddie Pools full of bubbles, and many more "wet" activities. Our Youth are also planning water balloon activities! There is something for everyone. If you do not want to get wet, we have a Giant Ker Plunk, Tic Tac Toe, Corn Hole, and Gazillion Bubbles just to name a few! Please bring your lawn chairs and be ready for fun with our Grace Family and friends. Not interested in playing...enjoy the fun and food from the comfort of your own lawn chair, or just eat and walk around socializing with everyone. We also need volunteers for set up, food preparation, game supervision, and clean up. Please say "YES" when asked to volunteer!! Pray for great weather and great attendance. (Children, please bring your friends!) Mark your calendars today! Don't forget your lawn chairs, extra towels, change of clothes, flip flops and huge appetite. You don't want to miss this last bit of summer fun with our Grace family!

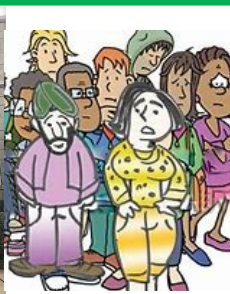


Children's Moments This Summer

Each Sunday during the service the children learn a lesson designed just for them. Afterwards, as they leave, there is usually a yummy treat they can take to Children's Church. Believe me, they watch out for Barbara! She sometimes gives \$1.00 bills!



Before



After



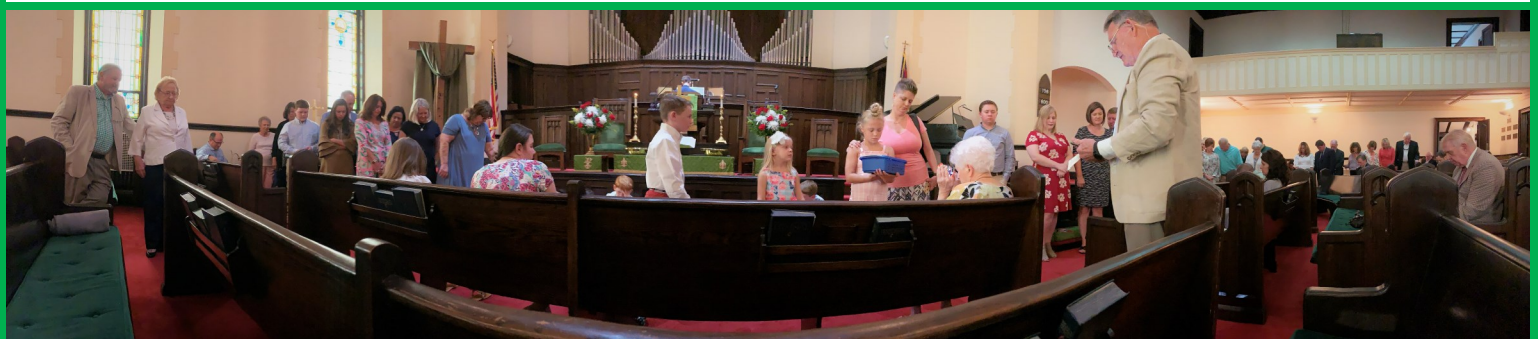
Grace's Sign: Before and After

It's sad to see a church landmark disappear under these circumstances, but please bear with us as we determine how to replace it with another.



Christian Education Sunday 2019

Christian Education Sunday was Sunday, August 25th. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Brenda Childers and her Hostess Committee of Peggy Langley, Virginia Blackmon, and Kathie Sinclair. Pastor David recognized our Christian Educators at Grace as each one was presented an appreciation gift. Everyone participated in a meaningful worship service with a Back to School theme. Christian Educators were again recognized, our third and sixth graders received Bibles, and back packs/book bags were blessed. Congratulations to our third graders, Cullen Morrow and Cooper Turner, and our sixth grader, Sarah Paige Glenn. Pastor David presented a Bible to each of them. We pray this presentation will begin a lifelong devotion for each child to read and study his Bible and grow in God's word.



Cooper Turner



Sarah Paige Glenn



Cullen Morrow



STUDENTS EXPERIENCE SPAIN DURING MAYMESTER

August 23, 2019

Submitted by Dawn Fallaw

This past spring, five professors took a group of 36 students and alumni on a week-long Maymester trip to Spain. The Maymester proved to be a rich and rewarding experience in a country with a long and varied history, strong culture, beautiful scenery and architecture, and world-class food and drink. The experience followed a semester of research and study by the students and faculty. Students learned about Spain from its ancient and medieval beginnings through to its colonial and modern periods. Read what two students had to say about their time in Spain.



“A breathtaking experience”

“A Maymester is a way for PC students to learn with their senses like I did when we traveled to Madrid, Toledo, Granada, Seville, and Barcelona.

It was a breathtaking experience to be able to sit in the classroom in February and then learn about the Visigoths and see the architecture in person a few months later. I was able to see things that I only dreamt of being able to see: Christopher Columbus’ grave, beautiful churches, and magnificent palaces.

The trip was not only about being able to see and touch history. It was about submerging yourself in another country’s culture.

Whether it was witnessing a subway strike in Barcelona or a wedding in Granada, the options were numerous in experiencing Spanish culture and enjoying the Spanish people. This was my first time being overseas, and I will say it was a lot different than the small town that I’m used to!”

Grayson Fallaw '19
History and Christian Education double major

See For Yourself

Next spring break, the history and political science departments are taking students on a Civil Rights Tour through major sites of the Civil Rights era in the southern U.S. Please visit [Student Opportunities & Resources](#) for the rich and rewarding experiences that await you in the PC History Department.



“One of my favorite memories”

“Being able to participate in a Maymester has become one of my favorite memories of PC. A Maymester gives students the opportunity to study a foreign country: first in the classroom and then by experiencing what you’ve learned about the country during a trip at the end of the year.

For this particular Maymester, I took the classes Ancient and Medieval Spain and Imperial Spain. I learned about things such as Roman Spain, the Catholic Monarchs and the times of Franco.

At the end of the year, my professors, fellow students, and I went to Spain and saw all the things that we had been learning about. It was truly a rewarding experience.

As a history major, I spend a lot of time with the students and professors in the department. It was refreshing to be able to spend time with them in a more relaxed setting and be able to form deeper relationships with these same people.

Studying abroad is the best way to be able to learn and experience a new culture in a fun and educational way. I’ll remember this trip and the experiences I had in Spain for forever! I can’t wait to go back!”

Samantha Fink '20
History major



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***FALL-ing For
Jesus...***

Fall begins on September 23, 2019



***FALL
down on your
knees and PRAY!***

Jesus Never LEAVES you!