1600
1682 Church began in Kittery, Maine
1696 Arrive Charleston
1696 Met in home of William Chapman
1699 Gift of 61 Church St. by William Elliott

1700
1701 First meetinghouse completed
1725 Members met on Ashley Road, also Stono
1730 Purchased land for members on Edisto
1731 Storm almost destroyed Church
1736 Ashley and Stono Churches form separate congregations
1745 Split lot 102 brick building built: down to three members
1746 Edisto formed separate congregation
1748 Church was held in Mariners Church
1751 Charleston Baptist Association (Oliver Hart · 1750-1780)
1752 Hurricane: house and all records destroyed
1755 Mission work by John Gano to upstate and NC
1755 Baptist Religious Society formed by Oliver Hart (first in America)
1778 Charter of Incorporation
1780 Revolutionary War: British seized meetinghouse for storage and salt beef; Oliver Hart forced to flee Charleston.
1787 Richard Furman called as pastor: Sunday School established
1787 Property of 63 Church was awarded
1791 Church accepted Constitution: amended 1824: still in use
1792 Petition to incorporate the General Committee for the Charleston Baptist Association: By-product: Mercer College, Furman University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
1800
1804 Charleston Bible Society
1822 Present Sanctuary completed
1822 Furman led to Christ Hepzibah Jenkins who established the Wadmalaw/Edisto Female Mite Society (first organized women's missionary society in SC)
1841 Wentworth Street Baptist organized: 92 letters granted
1845 Southern Baptist Convention (August, GA)
1847 Sunday School for Slaves
1853 Proposed church for African Americans (Morris Street Baptist)
1854 Citadel Square forms separate church
1855 Two members, Basil Manly, Jr. and James Boyce were two of the four founders of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
1861-5 Civil War: met mostly at Citadel Square (Church Street under fire by Union ships)
1863 Bicentennial Celebration
1865 Cyclone: Church closed 6 months
1886 Earthquake: SS met at Circular Congregational Church
1868 Mission on Cannon Street begun by Miss Elizabeth Hyde, a church planter, who was the first statewide Secretary of the Sunbeams and an influence in local/foreign missions. After her death, the Sunbeams raised money to build a mission building on King Street which later became Hampton Park Baptist.
1890 Attempt made to disband the Church and dispose of the property. Nine faithful women later known as the “Old Guard” kept the Church open. Dr. Lucius Cuthbert came to serve as Pastor without salary.
1890 Pew rentals discontinued
1892 Cannon Street Baptist became Rutledge Avenue Baptist (now Rutledge Memorial Baptist).
1900
1911 Hurricane: great financial difficulties (sold some property)
1935 Worship service on the radio by Pastor, Vance Havner (WCSC)
1940 Enlarged the conference room
1940 Hurricane: roof of Church repaired with three stories.
1941 War: Navy Base brought large influx of members
1947 Building extended across back of property
1949 First Baptist Church School
1955 24 Water Street purchased
1948 Meeting Street purchased
1960 Charter for Baptist College at Charleston (now Charleston Southern University)
1961 22 Water Street purchased
1968 Renovations and Wicks Organ
1970 53 Church Street purchased
1971 Beach house burned, then rebuilt
1972 Property on Market Street purchased, gym constructed
1977 Mission group started new church: East Cooper Baptist
1989 Hurricane: Extensive renovation to Sanctuary
1995 Period of division culminates in the formation of Providence Baptist Church
1999 Property on James Island purchased (30 acres for school use)
2000 Named by the International Mission Board “Global Priority Church” for missions partnerships.
“Extraordinary” in missions giving