

Chronology of John Wesley	Chronology of Methodism
<p>1703 born June 28 at Epworth</p> <p>1707 brother Charles born December 18 at Epworth</p> <p>1709 rescued from burning parsonage in Epworth, February 9</p> <p>1714-20 student at London's Charterhouse School</p> <p>1721-24 student at Christ Church, Oxford</p> <p>1725 began keeping spiritual journal, while studying for Master's degree</p> <p>1726 elected Fellow (in Greek) at Lincoln College, Oxford, on March 17</p> <p>1727 awarded Master of Arts degree, February 14 becomes curate at Epworth, under father</p> <p>1728 ordained Anglican priest on September 22</p> <p>1729 in March Charles initiates small gathering of students at Oxford (first "society") John called back to duties at Lincoln College in October; became leader of the small student group</p> <p>1735 father Samuel Wesley Sr. dies on April 25; after April 25, John and Charles Wesley sail for Georgia (under auspices of SPCK), October 14</p> <p>1736 Charles Wesley leaves Georgia in July, returning to England</p> <p>1737 John Wesley leaves Georgia on December 22, returning to England</p> <p>1738 experience of assurance at Aldersgate on May 24</p> <p>1739 first "open-air" preaching in Bristol, beginning of Methodist revival; brother Samuel Wesley Jr. dies on November 8</p> <p>1740 starts Kingswood School for coal-miners' children</p> <p>1742 mother Susanna Wesley dies on July 30</p> <p>1744 begins annual meetings with traveling preachers</p> <p>1749 Charles Wesley marries Sarah Gwynne on April 8</p> <p>1751 marries Mary Vazeille in February</p> <p>1760-62 controversies over Christian perfection</p> <p>1763 Model Deed adopted</p> <p>1765 sermon "The Scripture Way of Salvation" (his mature position)</p> <p>1769 sends first lay preachers to North America</p> <p>1771 issues first set of collected works</p> <p>1775 questions legitimacy of American colonists' complaints</p> <p>1784 "blesses" new American church, sending Sunday Service, Articles, and newly ordained ministers (Thomas Vasey and Richard Whatcoat) with Thomas Coke</p> <p>1788 brother Charles dies on March 29</p> <p>1791 dies on March 2</p>	<p>1725-1739 The Rise of Methodism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First rise - Oxford Second rise - Georgia Third rise - London <p>1739-1744 The Revival Begins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The revival in Bristol Disputes with Calvinists and Moravians The Mission of Methodism The Widening Parish <p>1744-1758 Consolidation of the Movement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Evolution of Connectionalism Nurture and Mission Discipline in the Connection <p>1758-1775 The Maturing of Methodism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards of Doctrine and Discipline Forging a Theology Doctrine, Discipline, and Conference Expansion, Controversy, and the Question of Control <p>1775-1791 Tensions and Transitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theological and Political Polemics Conference and Ministry The Final Phase

