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1703 born June 28 [June 17 by the Julian calendar then in use] at Epworth
1707 brother Charles born December 18 at Epworth
1709 rescued from burning parsonage in Epworth, February 9
1714–20 student at London's Charterhouse School
1721–24 student at Christ Church, Oxford
1725 began keeping spiritual journal, while studying for Master's degree
1726 elected Fellow [in Greek] at Lincoln College, Oxford, on March 17
1727 awarded Master of Arts degree, February 14 becomes curate at Epworth and Wroot, under father
1728 ordained Anglican priest on September 22
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
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
1736 Charles Wesley leaves Georgia in July, returning to England
1737 John Wesley leaves Georgia on December 22, returning to England
1738 experience of assurance at Aldersgate on May 24
1739 first “open-air” preaching in Bristol, beginning of Methodist revival; brother Samuel Wesley Jr. dies on November 8
1740 starts Kingswood School for coal-miners’ children
1742 mother Susanna Wesley dies on July 30
1744 begins annual meetings with traveling preachers
1749 Charles Wesley marries Sarah Gwynne on April 8
1751 marries Mary Vazeille in February
1760–62 controversies over Christian perfection
1763 Model Deed adopted
1765 sermon “The Scripture Way of Salvation” [his mature position]
1769 sends first lay preachers to North America
1771 issues first set of collected works
1775 questions legitimacy of American colonists’ complaints
1784 “blesses” new American church, sending Sunday Service, Articles, and newly ordained ministers [Thomas Vasey and Richard Whatcoat] with Thomas Coke
1788 brother Charles dies on March 29
1791 dies on March 2
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