Timeline of important SNCC and related events

Spring, 1941:  March on Washington Movement (A. Philip Randolph)
May 17, 1954:  Brown vs. Board of Education
Dec. 1, 1955-Nov. 13, 1956:  Montgomery Bus Boycott (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
Mar. 7, 1956:  Founding of the (White) Citizens Councils of America
Sept. 9, 1957:  Civil Rights Act establishing Commission on Civil Rights passed (Eisenhower)
Aug. 1958:  Sit-Ins in Oklahoma City, Okla. and Wichita, Kans.

April 15-17, 1960:  Founding conference establishing SNCC.
Oct. 19, 1960:  Sit-in demonstrators including King arrested in Atlanta, Ga.
Nov. 8, 1960:  Election of John F. Kennedy as President.
May 4, 1961:  Freedom Riders begin their ride from Washington, D.C.

Fall, 1961:  Albany, Ga. movement to desegregate bus and train facilities.
Sept. 30, 1962:  James Meredith integrates University of Mississippi after white insurrection.
June 12, 1963:  Medgar Evers of NAACP assassinated in Mississippi.
Aug. 28, 1963:  March on Washington (King and civil rights organizations incl. SNCC)
Sept. 15, 1963:  Birmingham, Ala. church bombing, 4 girls killed.
Nov. 22, 1963:  President Kennedy assassinated.
June 1964:  Oxford, Ohio training for Freedom Summer voter registration project.

July 2, 1964:  Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed, promoting equal employment, etc. (Johnson)
July 18, 1964:  Harlem, New York City riot begins new phase in “race relations.”

Nov. 1964: SNCC staff meeting in Waveland, Miss. MFDP supports L.B. Johnson, who is elected.


July 12-17, 1965: Newark, N.J. riots.


Aug. 6, 1965: Civil Rights Bill (voting rights) passed under Johnson.

Aug. 11-17, 1965: Watts, Los Angeles riots.


Nov. 1965: Julian Bond wins seat in Georgia Assembly; is refused. U.S. Supreme Court. orders him installed.

Jan. 1966: Murder of Sammy Younge (SNCC); Assassination of Vernon Dahmer (NAACP).

May 1966: Stokely Carmichael replaces John Lewis as SNCC chair.

June 5, 1966: James Meredith shot; Meredith march for voter registration continues. Black Power slogan introduced by SNCC.


Dec. 1966: SNCC staff vote to exclude whites.


April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King assassinated.


June 4, 1969: James Forman disrupts Riverside Church service seeking reparations.

July 1969: SNCC changes name to Student National Coordinating Committee.
Mar. 9, 1970: SNCC members Che Payne and Ralph Featherstone killed by bomb in their car.
May 1971: FBI reports SNCC incapable of mounting any demonstrations or disruptive activity.
Dec. 1973: New York FBI closes file, no SNCC activity for several years and “future prospects for such are exceedingly faint.”