

**Important Dates in History of
First Baptist Church
of Sandy Springs**

- August 1853 - Providence Baptist Church is organized in Dunwoody.
- Summer 1876 - A "brush arbor" revival is held in the Sandy Springs area. It led to building a new church there.
- 1887 - Providence takes the lead in forming the Roswell Baptist Association.
- Early 1890s - Sabbath school is first mentioned in church records.
- 1894 - A new church building is constructed on rock piers.
- 1911 - Providence withdraws from the Roswell association and joins the Atlanta association, where it remains.
- May 8, 1938 - Ground is broken at the corner of Mount Vernon Highway and Glenridge Drive for a new building, made of stone. (It presently houses a Methodist church.)
- April 11, 1949 - The Annie Houze Cook kindergarten is started.
- 1950 - L.B. Huston becomes the first fulltime pastor of Providence Baptist.
- 1959 - Rev. E.B. Shivers becomes pastor and remains 21 years. During his tenure, the name of the church is changed to the First Baptist Church of Sandy Springs.
- November 1966 - The present worship center is dedicated. The sanctuary seats 600. The building includes classrooms, a nursery, library, parlor, choir room and pre-school office.
- April 1976 - The Family Life Center is dedicated. It houses a gym, kitchen, crafts rooms and some Sunday School rooms.
- 1998 - Brazilian mission church now known as New Life World Mission is established.