SCAPC HISTORICAL TIMELINE

May 1911
First Presbyterian Church votes to erect a new church building on St. Charles Avenue

May 1912
The "Little Church" is erected as a secondary church site for 1st Presbyterian Church

October 4, 1914
Regular morning and evening services begin at the "Little Church"

April 8, 1917
John Samuel Land preaches trial sermon on Easter Sunday as is hired on a provisional basis. He ends up staying as a Pastor for 42 years!

Dec 19, 1920
St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian is formed and accepted by the presbytery as an independent church, with 209 charter members

1925
A second addition is added to the "Little Church" with space for Sunday school and offices, costing $60,000

January 15, 1928
Alice Bloomfield gives $160,000 ($2.3 million in today's dollars) for a larger church building to be built

February 2, 1930
The new sanctuary is built and dedicated

1937
SCAPC purchases first manse for the Land family

1950's
Nursery School is established

June 15, 1959
John Samuel Land retires. He grew the church from 209 members to over 1500.

December 6, 1959
Frederick Vaughn Poag is called as the Second Senior Pastor

1964
Poag accepts call to be Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg

1965
Kenneth Galloway Phifer elected as third Senior Pastor
September 9, 1964
Hurricane Betsy hits New Orleans

1966
Church purchases 1535 State Street later to be renamed and dedicated as the Land Building as a space for church meetings and mission.

1974
Phifer runs for moderator of the Presbyterian Church. He does not win, but the Church is proud and supportive of his dedication to the denomination.

1979
Stained glass windows are added to the chapel in memory of Earl Mathes

June 10 1983
PCUS and UPCUSA merge forming the PCUSA- one large denomination no longer separated by geographical divides.

August 26, 1984
James Leighton Carter is called as the fourth Senior Pastor

1977
SCAPC becomes founding partner in STAIR (from the Land Building) and as a GED site

1986
Steven Blair Blackmon is hired as Director of Music

1992
Jim Carter accepts call as Senior Pastor of House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul Minnesota

Sept 11, 1994
Donald Roy Frampton called as 5th Senior Pastor of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church

April 4, 2021
In-Person Service returns on Easter Sunday

August 29, 2005
Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans, Sanctuary sustains serious wind and flood damage and is closed for repair

Fall- 2005
Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston becomes a temporary work-site and worship space for SCAPC until it is safe to return back to New Orleans

October 2005
RHINO is established and begins organizing PCUSA response in New Orleans

October 30 2005
Church resumes in the Fellowship Hall

December 2006
Children's Christmas Service is hosted at Temple Sinai

March 7, 2007
Sanctuary is restored and re-dedicated for worship incorporating the same music as the original dedication in 1930.

2009
SCAPC presented with public service award by PCUSA

November 27, 2011
Capital Campaign begins for renovations, expansion and relocation of the Chapel, columbarium, renovated Fellowship Hall, adjacent meeting rooms

2012
Camp RHINO begins
January 20, 2013

Newly renovated property is dedicated and opened

2015
Church votes to approve use of church property for same-gender marriage

February 17, 2019
Don Frampton retires

Spring 2019
Michael Jinkins, former president of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary begins serving as Interim Senior Pastor

March 2020
COVID19 shutdown begins, SCAPC moves immediately to online services

December 2020
100 year anniversary celebration is postponed indefinitely due to COVID19

April 2021
Church is able to return to in-person worship

August 29, 2021
Hurricane Ida hits New Orleans

September 5 2021
Thomas Christian Currie is called as Sixth Senior Pastor of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, and preaches virtually from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary due to Hurricane Ida

August 2025
20th Anniversary of Katrina + Rhino is celebrated at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian, celebrated with a day of service, special worship services, and the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home

November 2, 2025
SCAPC celebrates 105 years!