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MISSISSIPPI BOMBINGS SINCE JUNE 16, 1964

- June 16: Philadelphia: Mt. Zion Baptist Church burns to ground. Fire starts soon after Negro mass meeting adjourns.
- June 21: Brandon: Molotov cocktail explodes in basement of Sweet Rest Church of Christ Holiness.
- McComb: Homes of two civil rights workers planning to house summer volunteers bombed. One damaged extensively. Seven dynamite sticks left on lawn of third home.
- June 23: Knights of Pythias Hall firebombed in Moss Point. Used for voter rallies.
- June 25: Ruleville: Williams Chapel firebombed. Damage slight.
- June 26: Clinton: Church of Holy Ghost arson. Kerosene spilled on floor and lit after local white pastor speaks to Negro Bible class.
- July 3: So So: "The Greasy Spoon," a Negro grocery and teen spot, is bombed. Damage minor.
- July 6: Jackson: McCraven-Hill Missionary Baptist Church damaged by kerosene fire.
- Raleigh: Methodist and Baptist churches burned to ground.
- July 7: Vicksburg: Bovina Community Center burns.
- July 8: SNCC Freedom House bombed; two workers injured. McComb.
- July 11: Canton: Small firebomb thrown onto Freedom House lawn.
- Vicksburg: Amateur bomb thrown through window of Negro cafe; no damage other than broken window.
- Browning: Pleasant Plan Missionary Baptist Church burns to ground. Whites tried to buy it, Negroes wouldn't sell.
- July 12: Jerusalem Baptist and Bethel Methodist churches burned to ground. Home of Negro contractor firebombed. Natchez.
- July 14: Laurel: Gas bomb thrown at local Negro's home.
- July 17: McComb: Mount Zion Hill Baptist Church in Pike County bombed or burned to ground.
- July 19: Canton: Christian Union Baptist Church burned.
- July 22: McComb: Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church burned.
- July 24: McComb: Amite County's Rose Hill Church burned to ground.
- July 25: Hattiesburg: Home of two local FDP leaders bombed.
- July 26: McComb: Two bombs thrown at home of local civil rights leader.
- July 29: Meridian: Mount Moriah Baptist Church burned to ground.
- July 30: Brandon: Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church burned to ground.
- Aug 10: Gluckstadt: Mt. Pleasant Church burned to ground. It had been used daily as Freedom School site.
- Aug 12: Brandon: St. Matthews Baptist Church burned to ground.
- Aug 14: McComb: Supermarket across street from Freedom School bombed.

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- Aug 14: Natchez: Tavern next door to Freedom House bombed.
- Aug 18: McComb: Gasoline-filled jar found smoking under house of woman whose daughter active in civil rights movement.
- Aug 21: Itta Bena: Perry's Chapel burned to ground.
- Aug 23: Tupelo: Arsonists set afire the COFO office, gutting attic.
- Aug 27: Jackson: Bomb damaged office of The Northside Reporter; editor is known to be a white moderate.
- Aug 28: McComb: Bomb exploded at home of family active in civil rights movement.
- Sep 1: Meridian: Molotov cocktail explodes next door to mother of James Chaney, murdered civil rights worker.
- Sep 6: McComb: Clergyman's home bombed in nearby Summit.
- Sep 11: Aberdeen: Daniel Baptist Church partially burned.
- Sep 14: Natchez: Two stores owned by mayor bombed; mayor earlier told journalist Natchez is armed arsenal controlled by extremist whites.
- Sep 16: Natchez: St. John's Baptist Church burns to the ground.
- Sep 17: Canton: Cedar Grove Baptist Church burns to the ground.
- Sep 20: McComb: Two children injured when bomb explodes at home of Mrs. Aleyaenne Quinn, leader in local civil rights movement.
- Sep 20: McComb: Explosion almost completely destroys Society Hill Baptist Church in Baertown section.
- Sep 22: Meridian: Fire heavily damages Battlefield Church.
- Sep 24: McComb: Bomb slightly damages home of Ardis Garner, who was enroute Washington to testify before the Civil Rights Commission. Another bomb explodes near home of Matthew Jackson.
- Sep 25: Natchez: Homes of Mayor John Nossier and Negro Contractor Willie Washington bombed; mayor had advocated hiring Negro white-collar workers for new shopping center.
- Sep 27: Jackson: Bomb destroys car of I. S. Saunders, who had housed civil rights workers this summer.
- Sharon: Bomb explodes at store-and-postal-station. Wife of store's owner had protested police treatment of a Negro.
- Sep 26: Holly Springs: Two-alarm fire completely destroys two-story building on grounds of old Baptist College; building had recently been used by group of Negroes trying to organize union.
- Oct 4: Vicksburg: Dynamite bomb wrecks Freedom House, destroying 8000-volume library; two of fourteen in building receive minor cuts.

Addition: Meridian--church in Battlefield (near Meridian) burned to the ground on or around Aug. 20.