

# ATHERTON TIMELINE

## WELCOME

Welcome to the celebration of Atherton's centennial! We are both pleased to have you with us and honored that you chose to celebrate with us this signal event.

100 years does not impress a Sequoia tree, but it covers nearly 45% of our nation's history. From the time when Hannah Atherton Baldwin made her initial \$40,000 donation to begin the ministry we call Atherton until now we have witnessed non-stop crises and challenges, and with them heart-melting examples of God's faithfulness.

In our early days we saw the near failure of the Atherton project as the Burbank campus did not prove serviceable nor successful. The purchase of 1.5 acres of land in Alhambra must have seemed a last ditch effort to many. Yet, it proved to be the perfect solution for our community.

Through the '40s we saw steady, but modest, growth and addition of units and adjoining parcels of land. The '50s brought increases in units from 24 to 86, development of a 10 bed "infirmary," incorporation as a stand-alone organization, and the hiring of Pearl Hudson who only went to be with the Lord a few weeks ago! Sam B. West, George Colby, and Jack Knighton added land and built buildings (e.g., The Villa, Irving Manor, Casa Colby, and the Dining Hall) while facing constant challenges of too little money and too many crises. Art Hyde added Irving Terrace and Bob Maase, while raising the funds to create the Sam B. West Health Care Center that we have today.

LeRoy Peterson and Tandy Sullivan faced the challenges of moving into the age of computers, asking the questions about a possible relocation of the entire enterprise, and adding Maloney Manor to the map of Atherton along with some very good people as staff.

A new century has witnessed the same kinds of renovations, expansions, and wrenching decisions, all taking place under the threat of frequent crises. Yet, through it all, the watchful loving care of an ever Provident Lord has seen us through our challenges and brought us to the point of looking to the decades ahead with expectancy and hope.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Dennis E. McFadden, President/CEO

## TESTIMONIALS



Reverend Cory and Reine Ishida  
ATHERTON CASA COLBY

### We wanted a future without ifs.

But you're too young to live in a retirement community is something we hear a lot. We just smile because we know living at Atherton while we are healthy and can enjoy it is a blessing. Life here is anything but slow! But here's what we appreciate most: Our children will never have to make difficult decisions for us. Moving to Atherton gave us the assurance of knowing our future is planned and in place.



Joy and Joe Forgatch  
ATHERTON COURTYARD

### We wanted less hassle.

Believe me. At my age, the last thing I wanted to think about was a leaking roof. When we moved to Atherton, Joy and I were delighted our new life didn't include those headaches. Now we live on our own without the stress and upkeep of everyday life. I knew moving to Atherton would make life easier. But I never imagined it would bring us so much closer to the things we love — including each other.



Rosemary Hampton  
ATHERTON IRVING TERRACE

### I wanted to keep exploring.

When my husband and I decided to leave our home 26 years ago, I wasn't ready. I thought it was too early to come to Atherton. Now that it's just me — I know moving here was more than right. It was smart. Everything is taken care of so I'm able to travel or pursue new interests. Moving here gave me much more than a home. It gave me freedom.

## ATHERTON

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### Renewing the Call

**2011**  
Dedication of the Courtyard

**2001**  
Maloney Manor dedicated

**2001**  
Seventh CEO – Dr. Dennis McFadden

**2000's**  
Renovation of buildings throughout the campus

**1997** – Renovation of West Health Care Center

**1996**  
Sixth CEO – Tandy Sullivan

**1995**  
Wholly Grounds opened

**1990**  
Fifth CEO – Leroy Peterson

**1990's**  
Addition of computer technology to the campus

**1987**  
Renovation and addition of Sam West Health Care Center

**1985** – Thompson pool added to campus

**1984**  
Irving Terrace dedicated

**1978**  
Fourth CEO – Art Hyde

**1977**  
Casa Colby and Kresge Dining Hall dedicated

**1974**  
Irving Manor dedicated

**1970**  
Third CEO – Jack Knighton

**1962**  
Purchase of Washington Place

**1961**  
Building of 33 unit Villa

**1960's**  
Purchase of 24 lots which are now part of Atherton campus

**1957**  
Second CEO hired – George Colby

**1956**  
Building of Fox Hall

**1952**  
Name changed to Atherton Baptist Homes

**December 1950**  
Hannah's 1915 letter discovered which changed Atherton policy and allowed laity to call Atherton "home"

**1950**  
First CEO hired – Sam West

**1945**  
Beginning of Nursing Care (Mary-Martha Cottage)

**1944**  
Mrs. Bertha Milner – 1st nurse employed at Atherton

**1937**  
Purchase of Crandall Triangle (\$7.5K from SCBC / \$7.5K from City Society)

**1937**  
Building of duplexes (Lime's duplex and Belkin's duplex)

**1926**  
Name change to Atherton Court

**1923**  
Purchase of one and one-half acres in Alhambra

**1914**  
Atherton Villa in Burbank

**March 3, 1914**  
Hannah gifts to Southern CA Baptist Convention her proposal to build a home for supporting and aiding retiring Baptist ministers, missionaries and their spouses.

2014  
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2004  
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1994  
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1984  
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1974  
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1964  
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1954  
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1944  
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1934  
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1924  
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The Courtyard is completed in 2011



Retired Ministers and Missionaries  
April, 2004



John Heck  
emcees the  
Country Fair



Jeanette and  
Dennis McFadden



Sam B. West Health  
Care Center.  
Completed in 1987



Tandy Sullivan



Leroy Peterson



Thompson Pool



Kresge Dining Room 1977



Joslyn Personal Care Facility



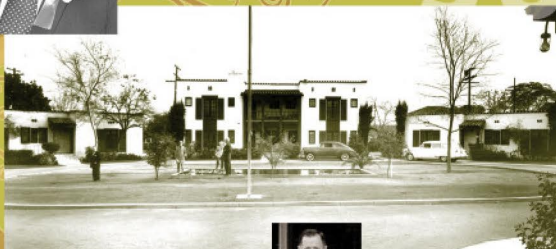
Art Hyde and  
Jack Knighton



Jack Knighton



George Colby and newly built residence



Front view 1950, Alhambra



Panorama of original campus in Alhambra



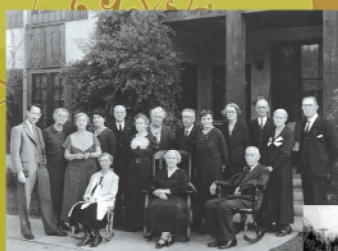
Sam B. West



George Colby



Early  
nursing staff  
at the  
Mary-Martha  
Cottage  
1945



1935 Group Portrait



Atherton Villa, Burbank 1914



The start of a dream

Hannah Atherton Baldwin 1914

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