

Jack H. Ballard

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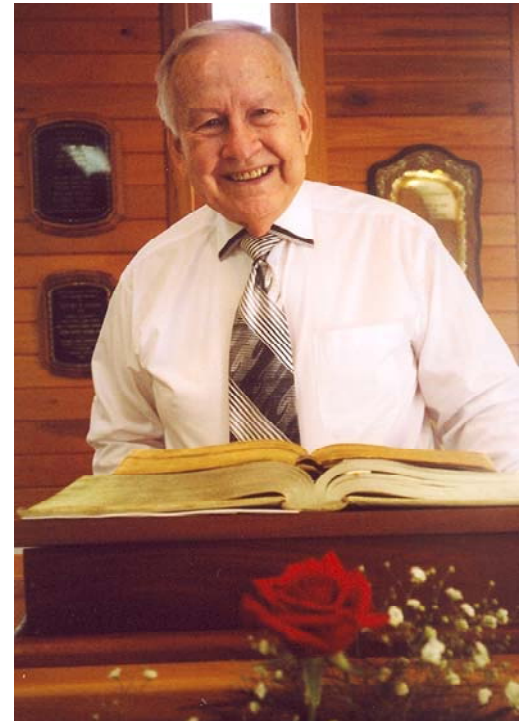
For the almost 79 years he was on earth, Jack Ballard made a difference in the lives of a lot of people. The primary venue for his efforts was being a minister of the Gospel. For more than four decades he was minister of the Mount Carmel Christian Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia. In that role he embraced causes that were meaningful to many. He organized Church Builders, a volunteer group that built churches across the country. He supported a mission in India. He was the chairman of the board of CCFH Ministries for twenty years.

His interest in this disability ministry started when he and Jim Pierson, president of CCFH, drove through northern Georgia on a Saturday, a year after the ministry started. The focus of the day was Jack's statement: "Tell me about your dream, Jim." A few days after the trip, Jack sent Jim this note:

*A vision without a task is nothing but a dream.
A task without a vision is simply drudgery.
A vision and a task can be used to help others for
the glory of God.*

*Jim, that's my commitment to you . . . to use your
vision and this challenging task in helping others
and glorifying God.*

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Jack Ballard is pictured here as he preaches what would be his last sermon on October 1, 2006, at Ballew Lake Chapel in Blairsville, Georgia. At the conclusion of his sermon, he baptized four people. Note the Bible on top of the pulpit Bible. It was the one Jack used when he started preaching at the age of 18.

The vision became a reality. Adults with developmental disabilities are receiving residential care in a Christian environment. More sites are being planned. Churches are provided with materials to assist in starting ministry to people with disabilities. Jack was proud of the launch of an online training program in disability ministry last fall.

Every step of the way, Jack encouraged the staff, raised money, prayed, spoke on behalf of the ministry, wrote books to help fundraising, chaired meetings, attended events, adored the residents of our facilities, cared about their families, and was always available. Pierson says that Jack's parting words always included, "Call me if you need me." He was always responsive.

Indeed, Jack Ballard's life made a positive difference in the hundreds of people he touched with the Gospel message of Jesus' love. CCFH Ministries is a better organization because Jack was a part of it. As long as CCFH exists, Jack's influence will be felt.

We thank his wife, Charlotte, children, Pam and John, and his entire family for sharing him with us.

With gratitude to God, we remember Jack for his many contributions to CCFH Ministries and for enriching our lives with his wisdom, encouragement, and sharing of the Gospel.